

# Norfolk & Norwich Festival 09

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## Full Programme Announced



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### Oldest city festival reveals strongest ever programme

Norfolk & Norwich Festival reveals its line up for May 2009 confirming it as *the* international arts festival to visit this summer. With world premieres, Festival commissions and rare appearances by globally renowned artists as well as spectacular outdoor free events and an exuberant children's programme, the East of England is the place to be this spring.

Headline names including **Philip Glass**, **Ute Lemper**, **Dawn Upshaw** and **Wendy Cope** perform across the medieval city of Norwich in venues as diverse as the cathedral and the first ever Spiegeltent to be erected in the region.

The **classical music** programme is exceptionally strong this year. Dawn Upshaw, one of the world's greatest sopranos, performs Osvaldo Golijov's mesmerising song cycle, *Ayre*. Universally acclaimed Jonathan Dove debuts his Festival commission *There Was a Child*. The world premiere of Roxanna Panufnik and Wendy Cope's *The Audience* is performed by The Endellion String Quartet. Other highlights include the critically acclaimed violinist Nicola Benedetti, the Tallis Scholars, the debut performance by the Retrospect Ensemble (formerly the King's Consort) and the Philharmonia Orchestra with soloist Jennifer Pike, the youngest ever winner of BBC Young Musician of the Year Award.

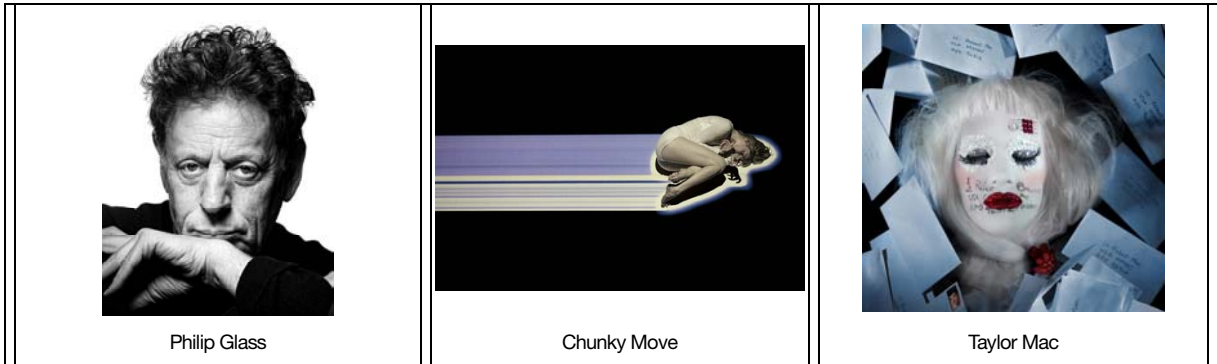
Philip Glass, one of today's most influential figures in music, headlines the **contemporary music** programme. Performing a solo concert in the UK for the first time in two years, the iconic musician will play a range of Etudes and other solo works for piano – a rare opportunity to experience his compositions first hand. British jazz sensation Gwilym Simcock performs the world premiere of his new work *I Prefer the Gorgeous Freedom*, Andy Sheppard presents tracks from his brand new album for ECM, Polish trumpeter Tomasz Stańko performs from his repertoire and jazz singers Claire Martin and Ian Shaw provide a stellar collaborative recital.

The **contemporary performance** programme this year is a cosmopolitan cocktail of acts from across the globe. Melbourne-based Chunky Move present a beguiling encounter between dance and technology while Belgian dance ensemble, les ballets C de la B perform their latest work, *Ashes* and award-winning Balletboyz bring their *Greatest Hits!* to Norwich Theatre Royal. Other highlights include Australian circus maestros Circa, who have remade their acclaimed show *The Space Between* for the Spiegeltent, Gob Squad reconstructing Warhol's film *Kitchen*, Ontroerend Goed with the award-winning *The Smile Off Your Face*, New York City performance artist Taylor Mac presents the UK premiere of his show *The Ladies of...* and Martin Amis reads from his soon to be published novel, *The Pregnant Widow*.

Finally the **children's** programme this year is bigger than ever. The UK premiere of Architects of Air's *Luminarium, Levity III* promises to bring a sensory world of colour and light to the heart of Norwich. For those with a taste for more high octane entertainment Circ Pánic from Barcelona join forces with UK-based Chipolatas for a double bill performance of acrobatics, circus and all things madcap. Other highlights include stand up for kids by Ian Billings, the gruesome tale of *Sweeney Todd* with puppets, a joyous melange of music and comedy by French troupe Les Grooms and a family concert featuring poet Roger McGough. For those with an appetite for more there's also a free Garden Party packed with surprises... and everyone's invited.

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“In scale and in ambition, this ancient Festival is now one of the top five city festivals in the UK,” said artistic director, Jonathan Holloway. “Our line up boasts the very best of talent from all over the world. But what makes us unique is where we are placed: Norfolk, with its breath-taking scenery and vibrant culture and Norwich, rich in history and architectural beauty make this a festival of extraordinary work in extraordinary places.”



## Ticket Sales Information

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## Editor's Notes

### Norfolk & Norwich Festival

Norfolk & Norwich Festival, whose principal sponsor is National Express East Anglia, is the international arts festival for the East of England and one of the regional leaders in creative learning, contemporary performance and visual arts. It is one of the most significant festivals in the UK, with a reputation for innovative and inspirational programming presenting great art, high profile commissions, collaborations and premieres from around the world in extraordinary contexts.

Norfolk & Norwich Festival is underpinned by year-round creative learning and community engagement. In 2009 Norfolk & Norwich Festival will deliver Norfolk & Norwich Festival 09 in early May, Norfolk Open Studios in late May, Contemporary Art Norwich 09 in July and August and Creative Partnerships throughout the year.



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