

Norfolk & Norwich Festival 09

1 -16 May 2009

Highlights Announcement

Tickets on sale from 9th Jan 09

Full programme announced 25th Feb 09



Ute Lemper

Headline events including Ute Lemper offer strongest ever line-up for the international arts Festival for the East of England

Norfolk & Norwich Festival, the world-class music and performing arts festival, announces four headline performances for May 2009. Some of the biggest names in music, dance, and cabaret are confirmed, including one of the greatest ever song and chanson divas, **Ute Lemper**, the four-time Grammy Award winner soprano **Dawn Upshaw**, a world premiere by the acclaimed award-winning composer **Jonathan Dove**, and leading dance ensemble **les ballets C de la B**.

Consolidating its position in the international festival calendar, Norfolk & Norwich Festival features world premieres and new commissions across classical music, jazz and large-scale performance; an all inclusive programme that also reinforces Norwich's status as one of the UK's leading cultural centres.

In a rare UK appearance, Olivier Award winning Ute Lemper will perform *Angels over Berlin and the World*. The repertoire will include songs by Weill, Piaf, Brel, Astor Piazzolla as well as a selection of her own work taken from her recent album *Between Yesterday and Tomorrow*.

Co-commissioned by the Festival, the world premiere of Jonathan Dove's new large-scale choral work, *There was a Child* will be performed by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, the Norfolk & Norwich Festival Chorus and children's choir, and will be conducted by David Parry.

Dawn Upshaw performs with the Brodsky Quartet and the Andalucian Dogs in the magnificent setting of Norwich Cathedral. This will include the first UK performance of Osvaldo Golijov's mesmerising song cycle *Ayre* since its acclaimed London premiere in 2004. Finally, as part of a major European festival tour Belgian dance collective, les ballets C de la B will perform its latest work, *Ashes*, at Norwich Theatre Royal.

Jonathan Holloway, artistic director commented, 'Norfolk & Norwich Festival is on a remarkable upward trajectory. These four shows form part of what is shaping up to be the most ambitious programme in our 236 year history. Our reputation for bringing extraordinary events and performance into the UK firmly establishes the organisation as *the* international arts festival for the East of England.'



Jonathan Dove



les ballets C de la B



Dawn Upshaw

Ticket Sales Information

Ticket Sales:	Telephone: 01603 766 400	Dates for Ticket Sales:	Friends of NNF: From Monday 15th December 08
	Online: www.nnfestival.org.uk		General Public: From 9th January 09

Editor's Notes

Norfolk & Norwich Festival

Norfolk & Norwich Festival 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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