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Dancing, Launceston

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INTRODUCTION

The Tasmanian Dance Company was established in Launceston in 1981 as Australia's first dance-in-education company. The formation of the company followed discussions between the State Government and the Commonwealth funding authority regarding a new direction for dance in Tasmania. Among their considerations were the importance of fostering future audiences for dance and the need to encourage the development of arts-in-education programs.

The dance-in-education team was to offer dance education activities through the education system and to be capable of theatre-based performance as well as regional community and school performances. It was envisaged that the dance education program would bring the majority of Tasmanian students in contact with dance and gain greater acceptance for dance. The Tasmanian Dance Company was governed by a board of directors.

Jenny Kinder, an experienced dancer, choreographer, teacher and director, was appointed artistic director of the Tasmanian Dance Company in May 1981. The company's base was the government owned premises at 197 Wellington Street, at that time in a very run-down condition. In 1985 the National Trust classified premises were extensively renovated by the government and officially opened in December that year.

The company's prime focus was dance-in-education. Its unique school residency program was launched with a shared residency between West Launceston Primary School, Trevallyn Primary School and Launceston Community College in September 1981. Visiting both primary and secondary schools, the company became renowned for its dedication and innovation both in education and artistic areas and soon the demand for the residency program far exceeded its capacity. The program involved student participation in movement workshops, observing the dance company class and rehearsal and seeing a performance of modern dance created especially for school audiences. Performances were tailored to various audience groups – primary schools, secondary schools and colleges, and adults.

In May 1987 the Tasmanian Dance Company changed its name to Tasdance to reflect the contemporary nature of the company's artistic policy and the vitality of a company devoted to working with young people.

After the first decade Tasdance broadened its role to include more activity in the areas of theatre-based performance, dancer development and community work. Two important outcomes of this broader operating brief were the ability of the company to dedicate itself more fully to choreographic development and also to develop audiences for contemporary Australian dance.

In 1992 Tasdance, in association with the Launceston City Council, presented *Illuminations* at the Cataract Gorge, its first large-scale community performance.

Due to the uncertainty of funding which threatened the viability of the company, Jenny Kinder resigned in 1994.

Karen Pearlman and Richard Allen, joint artistic directors from 1995 to 1996, introduced a range of works that often incorporated new media and text. They also made a number of works for film.

Annie Greig was appointed artistic director in 1997 and the company's name was changed to Tasdance.

The company has performed at various arts festivals in its home state and throughout mainland Australia. In addition it has undertaken a number of national and international tours, including Christchurch, New Zealand in 1990, China and Taiwan in 1994, New York in 1995, Korea in 2002 and India in 2003.

Since 1998 Tasdance has undertaken annual educational performance projects. School students from around the state are auditioned to become part of a student company working for a short time as dancers, then touring with their completed work to Launceston, Hobart and a centre on the north west coast.

The company has usually employed six full time dancers and others on a seasonal basis, nearly all coming from mainland Australia. Work has been commissioned from many distinguished Australian choreographers and the company has earned a national reputation for its repertoire of contemporary Australian work.

Tasdance is Tasmania's premier contemporary dance company. It provides opportunities for young dancers and emerging choreographers as well as recognised practitioners and contributes significantly to the development and understanding of contemporary dance in Tasmania.

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in 1995, 1996 and 2007. It is the company's intention to continue to donate its records to the Museum.

1. Legal Records

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2. Minutes of Board Meetings

2/1	Minutes of board meetings, nos 1-5	1981-1982
2/2	Minutes of board meetings, nos 6-8	1982
2/3	Minutes of board meetings, nos 9-11	1982
2/4	Minutes of board meetings, nos 12-15	1983
2/5	Minutes of board meetings, nos 16-19	1983-1984
2/6	Minutes of board meetings, nos 20-23	1984
2/7	Minutes of board meetings, nos 24-26	1984
2/8	Minutes of board meetings, nos 27-30	1985
2/9	Minutes of board meetings, nos 31-34	1985
2/10	Minutes of board meetings, nos 35-37	1986
2/11.1	Minutes of board meetings, nos 38-40	1986
2/11.2	Minutes of board meetings, nos 38-40	1986
2/12	Minutes of board meetings, nos 41-43	1986-1987
2/13	Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, minutes of board meetings, nos 44-46	1987
2/14	Tasdance, minutes of board meetings, nos 47-50	1987-1988
2/15	Minutes of board meetings, nos 51-53	1988
2/16	Minutes of board meetings, nos 54-57	1988-1989
2/17	Minutes of board meetings, nos 58-61	1989
2/18	Minutes of board meetings, nos 62-65	1989-1990

2/19	Minutes of board meetings, nos 66-68	1990
2/20	Minutes of board meetings, nos 69-71	1991
2/21	Minutes of board meetings, nos 72-75	1991
2/22	Minutes of board meetings, nos 76-79	1991-1992
2/23	Minutes of board meetings, nos 80-83	1992
2/24	Minutes of board meetings, nos 84-87	1993
2/25	Minutes of board meetings, nos 88-90	1993
2/26	Minutes of board meetings, nos 91-94	1993-1994
2/27	Minutes of board meetings, nos 95-98	1994
2/28	Minutes of board meetings, nos 99-102	1994-1995
2/29	Minutes of board meetings, nos 103-105	1995
2/30	Minutes of board meetings, nos 106-108	1996
2/31	Minutes of board meetings, nos 109-113	1996-1997
2/32	Minutes of board meetings, nos 114-117	1997
2/33	Minutes of board meetings, nos 118-121	1997-1998
2/34	Minutes of board meetings, nos 122-125	1998
2/35	Minutes of board meetings, nos 126-131	1998-1999
2/36	Minutes of board meetings, nos 132-137	1999
2/37	Minutes of board meetings, nos 138-141	1999
2/38	Minutes of board meetings, nos 142-145	1999-2000
2/39	Minutes of board meetings, nos 146-151	2000
2/40	Minutes of board meetings, nos 152-156	2000-2001
2/41	Minutes of board meetings, nos 157-166 NB Minutes of meeting no. 161 missing	2001
2/42	Minutes of board meetings, nos 167-170	2002
2/43	Minutes of board meetings, nos 171-176	2002

2/44	Minutes of board meetings, nos 177-182	2002-2003
2/45	Minutes of board meetings, nos 183-187	2003
2/46	Tasdance (minutes of board meetings, nos. 188-193) NB Minutes of meeting no. 191 missing	2003-2004
2/47	Minutes of board meetings, nos 194-196	2004
2/48	Minutes of board meetings, nos 197-201	2004
2/49	Tasmanian Dance Company, minutes of Company meetings	1984-1986
2/50	Tasmanian Dance Company, minutes of Company meetings	1987-1989
2/51	Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, minutes of Company meetings, 1990-1995, 1997; Tasdance Development Committee, minutes, 1998-1999	1990-1999
2/53	Papers of board meetings, including AGMs and correspondence, nos 202-207	2005
2/54	Papers of board meetings, including AGMs and correspondence, nos 208-213	2005
2/55	Papers of board meetings, including AGMs and correspondence, nos 214-220	2006
2/56	Papers of board meetings, including AGMs and correspondence, nos 221-224	2007
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3. Correspondence

3/1	Tasmanian Dance Company, correspondence	1981-1987
3/2	Tasdance, correspondence	1988-1994
3/3	Tasdance, correspondence re transfer of records to Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery	1995,1996, 2003
3/4.1	Correspondence	1995-1996
3/4.2	Correspondence	1995-1996
3/5	Correspondence	1997-1998
3/6	Correspondence	1999-2001
3/7	Correspondence, 10/1/2002-22/7/2004	2002-2004

4. Reviews/Reports

4/1	Tasmanian Dance Company, achievements for 1983	1983
4/2	Tasmanian Dance Company, [report]	1985
4/3	Shirley McKechnie, <i>Tasdance 1988: an historical perspective. A study of the Tasdance program in schools and communities</i> , Melbourne, 1988	1988
4/4	Tasdance, review, responses to review, vision statement, retrospective publicity review	1991
4/5	Tasdance in 1992; includes Company profiles	1992
4/6	Review 1991-1995 (includes company profiles 1993, 1994)	1995?
4/7	The year in review	1995
4/8	Two years in review	1996
4/9	1997 review	1997
4/10	[Report]	1998
4/11	Annual report	2002
4/12	Review of Tasdance	1991

5. Artistic Director's Reports

5/1	Tasmanian Dance Company, artistic director's reports	1981-1982
5/2	Tasmanian Dance Company, artistic director's reports NB Report for 1986 missing	1982-1985
5/3	Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, artistic director's reports	1987-1992
5/4	Tasdance, artistic director's report	1993
5/5	Artistic report	1995
5/6	Former artistic directors' report	1996

6. Administrator's Reports

6/1	Tasmanian Dance Company, administrator's reports	1984-1985
6/2	Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, administrator's reports	1986-1989
6/3	Tasdance, Administrator's reports	1990-1993

7. Strategic Plans

7/1	Tasdance strategic plans	1995-2002
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8. Projects/Prospectus

8/1	Tasdance, project packages and Annual prospectus & performance programs	1995-2003
8/2	Annual prospectus & performance programs	2007-2009

9. School Residencies

9/1	Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, correspondence; programs, information etc re school residencies, includes A W Barnett, 'A study of the Tasmanian Dance Company', 1985, re visits to primary schools	1981-2003
9/2	Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, school residencies in Southern region	1983-1988
9/3	Tasdance, school residencies in Southern region	1989-1994
9/4	Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, school residencies in North West and West Coast regions	1984-1988

9/5	Tasdance, school residencies in North West and West Coast regions	1989-1994
9/6	Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, school residencies in Northern region	1985-1995
9/7	Tasdance, school residencies in North Eastern region	1988-1992
9/8	Tasdance, teachers resource kit for primary schools	1992-1994

10.Performances

10/1	Tasmanian Dance Company, performances	1981
10/2	Tasmanian Dance Company, Moon Caves; Melbourne; Salamanca Arts Festival, etc	1982
10/3	Come Out 83, Adelaide; Launceston	1983
10/4	Seven New Works; King Island, Natone community performances; Salamanca Arts Festival	1984
10/5	Bicheno, Savage River, King Island community performances; Tasmanian tour; Melbourne tour; Salamanca Arts Festival	1985
10/6	Five by Five; Natone, Savage River community performances; Salamanca Arts Festival	1986
10/7	Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, Tasdance 87; Flinders Island, Bicheno, North West, West Coast community performances; Come Out 87, Adelaide; Salamanca Arts Festival	1987
10/8	Tasdance, Moving Pieces; West Coast, Winnaleah community performances; Salamanca Arts Festival	1988
10/9	A Trip to the Moon on Gossamer Wings; Ulverstone, Queenstown community performances; Tasdance 89	1989
10/10	Physical Affairs; George Town, Deloraine, Railton Bicheno community performances; Tasdance 90; World Youth Festival, New Zealand	1990
10/11.1	Illuminations, Turning 10; St Helens, Flinders Island community performances; Tasdance 91; Tasdance in Silk	1991
10/11.2	Sing the Past costume designs <i>Oversized item</i>	1991
10/12	Trespases; Illuminations	1992

10/13	Dancelines; Northern Territory tour; Twofold; Illuminations	1993
10/14	Faster than Photos; Motion, Mystique and Muscle; tour to Beijing and Taipei; Final Fling for 94	1994
10/15	What to Name your Baby	1995
10/16	Tasmanian Poetry & Dance Festival	1995
10/17.1	Thursday's Fictions	1995
10/17.2	Thursday's Fictions	1995
10/18	Tasmanian Poetry and Dance Festival	1996
10/19	Sam in a Pram	1996
10/20	New Life on the Second Floor	1996
10/21.1	Tasdance, Passionfruit	1997, 1999
10/21.2	By Chance' costume design <i>Oversized item</i>	1997
10/22	Tease	1997
10/23	Launceston Poetry Cup	1997
10/24	Fish Fingers	1998
10/25	Vital Expression	1998
10/26	Down Pat	1999
10/27	Obsession	1999
10/28	Skin Deep	1999
10/29	Story Lines	2000
10/30	Hyper Mobile	2000
10/31	Project 000; Festivale; Ross Festival of the Arts; Freycinet Lodge; Night in the Gorge	2000
10/32	Generations; Festivale	2001
10/33	Treasured Island	2001, 2003
10/34	Ripple Effect	2002

10/35	Festivale; X-tinct	2002
10/36	While You're Down There, Korea	2002
10/37	Fairgame	2003
10/38	Fresh	2003
10/39	India; Festivale; Launceston Cup; 'Taste and see', Liffey Falls; Christmas Parade	2003
10/40	Light and Shade; Wild Rice	2004

12. Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance Personnel

12/1	Personnel	A-B
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12/5	Personnel	K-L
12/6	Personnel	M-N
12/7	Personnel	O-P
12/8	Personnel	R-S
12/9	Personnel	T-V
12/10	Personnel	W-Z
12/11	Personnel, talent release/performers/video release forms, 1992, 1994-1996	1992-1996
12/12	Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, worker's compensation	1983-1993
12/13	Tasdance, employees superannuation, company profiles, list of employees, staff information kit	1990-2002
12/17	Workers compensation claims	2007

13. Newsletters

13/1	Tasdance Newsletter, June 1997; Tasdance News, Nov 1997, no.3, no.4, July 1998, no.5, Nov. 1998,	1997-2002
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14/1	Tasmanian Dance Company, information re 197 Wellington Street: proposed renovations, 1981; project brief; 1983; Functional, client brief; nd; landscape plan, 1985; letter re renovations, 1985; report on house and garden, nd; archival report by Lindy Scripps, 1995; Clive Lucas's opinion on significance; 1996; specification re repair and painting exterior, 1996	1981-1996
14/2	Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, permit licences for music	1981-1996
14/3	Tasmanian Dance Company, material relating to official opening of Wellington Street premises; Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, choreographic	1985-1993
14/5	Tasdance, Australian choreographers series, 1992-1994, 2002	1992-2002
14/6	Tasdance, workshops, 1984, 1990, 1995, 2000-2003, includes 2002 Hobart summer school	1984-2003
14/7	Tasmanian Dance School/Tasdance School of Performing Arts, notices, classes, 1995, 1999, 2001-2006, nd	1995-2006
14/8	Tasdance, inventory of costumes and props stored at Coats Patons; costume inventory, nd	1996
14/9	Tasdance, new Tasdance educational products and services; Virtual Reality Theatre: notes on videotape support material; Farley Consulting Group, Market Research and Analysis for Tasdance; Tasdance and Theatre North; Reckless Moments, Dancing on a Green Island: re-making & re-positioning Tasdance; Tasdance Donor Program brochure	1996-2000
14/13	Barbie Kjar, Tasdance 2000, 'Juxtapose', (calendar) <i>Oversized item</i>	2000
14/14	Tasdance, Tasdance Stage/trailer – plans <i>Oversized item</i>	2004
14/15.1	Tasdance portable dance floor plan <i>Oversized item</i>	nd
14/15.2	Tasdance portable dance floor performance <i>Oversized item</i>	nd

14/17 Tasdance, applications for position of artistic director, with associated correspondence 1996-1997

15. Programs

15/1 Tasmanian Dance Company, programs; includes typed list of Tasdance repertoire 1981-1996, listing title, choreographer and music; repertoire 1981-1993, listing title, date of premiere, choreography, music and performers 1981-1996, nd

15/2 Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, programs 1987-1992

15/3 Tasdance, programs 1993-1998

15/4 Tasdance, programs 1999-2004

15/5 Tasdance, programs 2005-2007

16. Ephemera

16/1 Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, letterheads; envelopes; invitations; business cards; with compliments cards; stickers; postcards; folders; certificate reseal endowment, Theatre Royal; certificates of appreciation; notices; Fourplay calendar, 1998?; etc 1982-2006

16/2 Ephemera donated to Tasdance from the estate of Kenneth Gillespie 1960s

16/3 Ephemera donated to Tasdance from the estate of Kenneth Gillespie 1950s-1960s

16/4 Ephemera donated to Tasdance from the estate of Kenneth Gillespie 1950s-1970s

16/5 Ephemera donated to Tasdance from the estate of Kenneth Gillespie 1950s-1970s

17. Media Coverage

17/1 Tasmanian Dance Company, media coverage 1981-1984

17/2 Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance, media coverage 1985-1988

17/3 Tasdance, media coverage 1989-1990

17/4 Media coverage 1991

17/5 Media coverage 1992

17/6	Media coverage	1993-1994
17/7	Media coverage	1995
17/8	Media coverage	1996
17/9	Tasdance, media coverage	1997-2003
17/10	Tasdance, media releases, 1985-1987, 1990-1996 (Some media releases are filed with the relevant performances)	1985-1996
17/11	Tasdance media file	1998
17/12	Tasdance media file	1999
17/13	Tasdance media file	2000
17/14	Tasdance media file	2001
17/15	Tasdance media file	2002
17/16	Tasdance media file	2003
17/17	Tasdance media file	2004
17/18	Tasdance media file	2005
17/19	Tasdance media file	2006
17/20	Tasdance media file	2008
17/21	Tasdance media file	2010
17/22	Tasdance media file	2011
17/23	Tasdance media file	2012
17/24	Tasdance media file	2013

18.Posters

18/1	Tasmanian Dance Company, TCAE auditorium, November <i>Oversized item</i>	1981
18/2	Rusden Dance Studio <i>Oversized item</i>	1982
18/3	Moon Caves <i>Oversized item</i>	1982
18/4	Seven New Works, two variant copies <i>Oversized item</i>	1984

18/5	Five by Five <i>Oversized item</i>	1986
18/6	Tasdance 87 <i>Oversized item</i>	1987
18/7	Moving Pieces <i>Oversized item</i>	1988
18/8	A trip to the Moon on Gossamer Wings <i>Oversized item</i>	1989
18/9	Physical Affairs <i>Oversized item</i>	1990
18/10	Turning Ten <i>Oversized item</i>	1991
18/11	Dancelines <i>Oversized item</i>	1993
18/12	What to name Your Baby <i>Oversized item</i>	1995
18/13	Tasdance, Passion Fruit <i>Oversized item</i>	1997,1999
18/14	Tease <i>Oversized item</i>	1997
18/15	Tasmanian Poetry and Dance Festival <i>Oversized item</i>	1997
18/16	Fish Fingers <i>Oversized item</i>	1998
18/17	Vital Expression <i>Oversized item</i>	1998
18/18	Down Pat <i>Oversized item</i>	1999
18/19	Obsession <i>Oversized item</i>	1999
18/20	Skin Deep <i>Oversized item</i>	1999
18/21	Hyper-mobile <i>Oversized item</i>	2000
18/22	Generations <i>Oversized item</i>	2001
18/23	Treasured Island <i>Oversized item</i>	2001, 2003
18/24	Ripple Effect, two different posters <i>Oversized item</i>	2002
18/25	X-tinct <i>Oversized item</i>	2002
18/26	Fair Game <i>Oversized item</i>	2003
18/27	Fresh <i>Oversized item</i>	2003
18/28	Light and Shade <i>Oversized item</i>	2004

18/29	Tasmanian Dance Company, Recent Works; at Princess Theatre, 20 March; Launceston, Burnie, Hobart, July-August; The Church, Hawthorn, October <i>Oversized item</i>	nd
18/30	Aurora Energy, Aurora and Tasdance <i>Oversized item</i>	nd
18/31	Tasdance, In the Frame <i>Oversized item</i>	2005
18/32	Tasdance, Microscope <i>Oversized item</i>	2005
18/33	Tasdance, Divine Harmonies <i>Oversized item</i>	2005
18/34	Tasdance, Dry as a bone <i>Oversized item</i>	2006
18/35	Tasdance, The Earth beneath our feet <i>Oversized item</i>	2006
18/36	Amalgamation Arts Festival, Able Bodied/Sound Mind <i>Oversized item</i>	2006
18/37	Amalgamation Arts Festival, The Big Night Out <i>Oversized item</i>	2006

22. Tasdance Friends

22/1	Friends of Tasdance, proposal for the establishment of The Friends of Tasdance, June 1990; Tasdance Friends, minutes of meetings, 1992-1994 complete; only 20/4, 27/6, 24/7, 22/8, 25/9/1995; 5/3/1996; 23/6, 28/7, 4/11/1997 held; report to Board 16/5/2003	1990-1997
22/3	Friends of the Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance Friends, correspondence, 1981-1997, 1999, 2001, 2002	1981-2002, nd
22/4	Friends of the Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance Friends newsletters: Friends of the Tasmanian Dance Company, 5 July, 15 October, 18 November 1982, 28 April, August 1983; 22 June, November 1984; Footnotes, no.1, October 1990; Tasdance Friends, vol.1, issue 1, nd; issue 1, June 1992, issue 2, October 1992; issue 3, June, issue 4, November 1993; issue 5, November 1994; issue 1, September 1995	1982-1995
22/5	Friends of the Tasmanian Dance Company/Tasdance Friends miscellaneous items: typed list, history 1982-1990; list of members, 1990, 1992; three photographs taken at cocktail party, 27/10/1990; ephemera: applications for membership; invitations; functions; stationary; miscellaneous items	1982-2003

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