



## american dance festival

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## 2012 AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL

**Week Five features Brian Brooks Moving Company, a co-presentation of Shen Wei Dance Arts by ADF and the North Carolina Museum of Art, Paul Taylor Dance Company and a Children's Saturday Matinee**

**Durham, NC, July 10, 2012** –The American Dance Festival (ADF) presents another exciting week of dance, featuring five works by **Brian Brooks Moving Company, Monday-Wednesday, July 16-18** at Reynolds Industries Theater. In collaboration with the North Carolina Museum of Art, the ADF presents the exhilarating new work by **Shen Wei Dance Arts on Wednesday and Thursday, July 18 & 19** at the NCMA. Wrapping up the fifth week, **Paul Taylor Dance Company** returns to ADF on **Friday and Saturday, July 20 & 21** with a program of his most famous and classic works, presented at the Durham Performing Arts Center. Additionally, on **Saturday, July 21** at 1:00pm, the ADF will host a **Children's Saturday Matinee at DPAC** featuring the **Paul Taylor Dance Company**, followed by a free Kids' Party at the DPAC outdoor plaza.

**Brian Brooks Moving Company**  
**Monday, July 16 - Wednesday, July 18 at 8:00pm**  
**Reynolds Industries Theater**

Since 2002 Brian Brooks has developed a rigorous and versatile movement vocabulary that builds momentum through his brilliantly intuitive use of space, motion, and music, establishing him as one of today's most riveting choreographers. His company will present *Big City* (2012), a powerful new work that examines the emotional and physical rebuilding that takes place after destruction. Brooks himself will perform his solo, *I'm Going to Explode* (2007), a hybrid of dance techniques, sports, parkour, street dance, and physics that investigates the body's intrinsic use of force when compelled by its surroundings. The performance will also feature the mesmerizing duet from *Motor* (2010), and *Descent* (2011), a work that explores the dependent relationship between bodies.

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**Shen Wei Dance Arts****Tuesday, July 17 at 7:00pm | Champagne Reception Immediately Following\*****Wednesday, July 18 and Thursday, July 19 at 7:00pm & 9:00pm****North Carolina Museum of Art**

In one of the most exciting collaborations of the summer, the American Dance Festival and the North Carolina Museum of Art will present Shen Wei's newest work, *Undivided Divided*, in the Museum's award-winning West Building. Having received critical acclaim around the world for his captivating work, Shen Wei continues to challenge audiences to experience his work in a new and unconventional way. During the 45-minute site-specific piece, traditional performer-viewer relationships are reconfigured as viewers are invited to stroll amongst moving "displays" of painted dancers and interactive installations. The piece is inspired by conscious and unconscious human impulses and interactions with the environment and set to a shifting electronic score by So Percussion. Shen Wei and his company members will join the champagne reception after the Tuesday evening performance.

*\*Limited Availability, \$150***Paul Taylor Dance Company****Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21 at 8:00pm****Durham Performing Arts Center**

As an artist whose career has spanned over five decades, Paul Taylor continues to challenge and mystify audiences with new repertory while his classic works remain just as powerful and relevant. In a program slated with classics, the Paul Taylor Dance Company will present one of his most famous works, *Aureole*, which was originally commissioned by the ADF and is now celebrating its 50th anniversary. Taylor shows the timelessness of his romantic and stunning choreography through this high-spirited work that is set to baroque music by George Handel. His 1970 work *Big Bertha*, not seen at the ADF since 1979, follows a happily married couple and their daughter through their visit to an amusement park. Yet, as with many of Taylor's works, beyond the surface level of this comedy lies a hair-raising exploration of life's deepest tragedies. The company will also perform *Gossamer Gallants* (2011), a hilarious glimpse into the mating rituals of insects, and *Piazzolla Caldera* (1997), a sizzling view of the social identities and attitudes found in the passionate tango.

**ADDITIONAL FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES**

On **Saturday, July 21st at 1:00 pm**, the ADF will host a one-hour **Children's Saturday Matinee** at DPAC, featuring a performance by the **Paul Taylor Dance Company**. The company will present *Aureole* and *Gossamer Gallants*. This interactive, family-friendly matinee is sure to excite children of all ages. Immediately following the performance, audience members are invited to join us for a free Kids' Party on the DPAC outdoor plaza for music, snacks, and additional entertainment.

**WAYS TO SAVE**

The ADF is pleased to provide several opportunities to save while still enjoying the performances and programs of this world-renowned Festival. Partial Series Subscriptions to both ADF@DUKE and ADF@DPAC offer patrons the opportunity to save 25% on their order when purchasing tickets to 4 or more performances at one venue. Full Series Subscriptions offer 35% off an order when purchasing tickets to every performance at one venue. Groups of 10 or more save 20% off regular-priced tickets and Seniors receive a \$3/ticket discount. Area students may take advantage of the ADF Student Rush program and save 50% on all tickets purchased one hour before each performance. *\*ADF@DPAC and ADF@Duke orders cannot be combined to secure a Partial or Full Series Subscription.*

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**For ADF@DPAC performances:**

[www.americandancefestival.org](http://www.americandancefestival.org)  
919.680.ARTS (2787)  
Durham Performing Arts Center Ticket Center  
The American Tobacco District  
123 Vivian St.  
Durham, NC 27701  
Tuesday-Friday 10 am-5 pm  
Saturday 10 am-2 pm

**For ADF@DUKE performances:**

[www.americandancefestival.org](http://www.americandancefestival.org)  
919.684.4444  
Duke University Box Office  
Bryan University Center  
Duke University West Campus  
Monday-Friday 11 am-6 pm

**For ADF@NCMA (Shen Wei Dance Arts) performance:**

[www.americandancefestival.org](http://www.americandancefestival.org)  
919-715-5923  
North Carolina Museum of Art East Building  
2110 Blue Ridge Road  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27607  
Tuesday–Thursday: 10 am-5 pm  
Friday: 10 am-9 pm  
Saturday–Sunday: 10 am-5 pm

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## 2012 ADF Week Five Event Calendar

DATE/TIME/LOCATION	COMPANY	REPERTOIRE
July 16-18 at 8 pm Reynolds Industries Theater	Brian Brooks Moving Company	<i>Big City</i> <i>I'm Going to Explode</i> <i>Motor</i> <i>Descent</i>
July 18-19 at 7 & 9 pm North Carolina Museum of Art	Shen Wei Dance Arts	<i>Undivided Divided</i>
July 20-21 at 8 pm DPAC	Paul Taylor Dance Company	<i>Aureole</i> <i>Big Bertha</i> <i>Gossamer Gallants</i> <i>Piazzolla Caldera</i>

<b>OTHER EVENTS/PERFORMANCES</b>		
DATE/TIME/LOCATION	EVENT	NOTES
July 21 at 1 pm DPAC	Children's Saturday Matinee featuring the Paul Taylor Dance Company with <i>Aureole &amp; Gossamer Gallants</i>	Ticketed Event
July 21 at 2 pm DPAC	Kids' Party on the outdoor plaza	Free!