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A BRIEF ENCOUNTER WITH... FREDDIE OPOKU-ADDAIE

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The Place: Robin Howard Dance Theatre

Tue 19 & Wed 20 October, 7pm



MIS-THREAD

Mis-thread uses elements of folk and ritualistic forms, games, sign language, and energetic, often jagged dance to explore notions of the group, the outsider and the individual. In a search to unlock the secrets of non-verbal communication and when we do not know all the rules, Mis-thread is structured around a set of unpredictable scenarios, which change with each performance.

Mis-thread is part of Dance Umbrella's Brief Encounters series, in which short works by talented new choreographers or established artists are performed prior to main stage shows.

Choreography Freddie Opoku-Addaie with performers Dancers Louise Tanoto, Chris Rook, Alessandra Ruggeri Music Sarah Shanson and Fried Dähn

Live music Fried Dähn Visual design Neil Wissink **Sculptures** Friedel Buecking Costume styling Vera Tussing

Lighting design / technical management Andy Hammond

Assistant Production Manager Jonathan Samuels



FREDDIE OPOKU-ADDAIE

Freddie Opoku-Addaie is a UK choreographer, performer, teacher and artistic director of Jagged Antics.

Born in east London and partly raised in Ghana, Opoku-Addaie took part in youth projects with East London Dance and The Place, before going on to study at London Contemporary Dance School and California Institute for the

He choreographed his first work, The Makin's of U, as part of Random Dance's AWOL in 2004. Opoku-Addaie's breakthrough came with the award-winning

Silence Speaks Volumes, which reached the Place Prize Finals in 2006. He went on to receive the prestigious Robin Howard Foundation Commission in 2009.

Opoku-Addaie, along with co-choreographer Frauke Requardt, has recently been named a finalist of the 2010 Place Prize. He has also performed with leading UK artists and companies, as well as choreographing and performing in the commercial sector.

Opoku-Addaie is currently Associate Artist of ROH2 at the Royal Opera House.

CREDITS

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Freddie Opoku-Addaie and Dance Umbrella would like to thank T.R.A.S.H Dance Company (Holland) for releasing Louise Tanoto to dance in tonight's performance.

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