Body Not Fit For Purpose

Jonathan Burrows and Matteo Fargion

The work of Burrows and Fargion radiates delight even as it makes the audience think. Over the past ten years the two artists have built a body of duets which mix the formality of classical music composition with an open and often anarchic approach to performance and audiences, bringing them a worldwide following.

Body Not Fit For Purpose is the duo's first overtly political work, taking as its starting point the inadequacy of the dancing body to express that which is of concern and at the same time the inherent radicality of the attempt. The performance unravels the link between meaning and action, raising questions in the midst of our laughter.

'There's a beguiling mix of the scholarly, the quizzical and the righteously indignant that is unique to Fargion and Burrows...the concentration of their work demonstrates how much expressive power even a small gesture, a tiny variation of tone or rhythm, can possess'

Judith Mackrell on Body Not Fit For Purpose, The Guardian London, 23rd June 2014

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