

# Press Release

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*Dance GB* - The UK's three national dance companies create work and perform together for the first time in 2012

Tickets now on sale

4 – 8 July, big top in grounds of Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich

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**'Dancers are the athletes of God.'** Albert Einstein

## PHOTO CREDIT

**English National Ballet Dancers (Nancy Osbaldaston, Ruth Brill, Barry Drummond and Nathan Young), launch *Dance GB*, which will be performed in the grounds of the Old Royal Naval College in Summer 2012.**

In 2012, ***Dance GB*** sees the three national dance companies of the UK – **English National Ballet, National Dance Company Wales** and **Scottish Ballet** – celebrating the Olympics in a unique creative collaboration. Echoing the British Olympic team, Team GB, *Dance GB* takes the Olympic ideals of “faster, higher, stronger” and translates them into an inspirational production performed in Glasgow, Cardiff and London. The tour will visit Glasgow’s Theatre Royal and Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff, the final performances will be part of a week long series of events in a Big Top tent in the historic grounds of the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich. *Dance GB* is one of the highlights of a summer of events at the Old Royal Naval College marking the London 2012 Olympics.

In a dance celebration which unites the nations, *Dance GB* sees each company commissioning some of the world’s great contemporary choreographers. The three new works are performed together in a display of the strengths and versatility of the dancers of the three companies, showcasing the enormous dance talent which is nurtured and developed within Britain today.

The three choreographers are: for Scottish Ballet, **Martin Lawrance**, who has created work for Richard Alston, Southbank Centre and The Place; for National Dance Company Wales, **Christopher Bruce**, whose affiliations include direction of Rambert Dance Company and Resident Choreographer at English National Ballet; and for English National Ballet, **Itzik Galili** whose work is performed by Dutch National Ballet, Batsheva Dance Company, Nederlands Dans Theatre II and Rambert Dance Company amongst others. *GB*.

*Dance GB* is proud to be part of the Cultural Olympiad

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