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“A deeply felt poetics of dance; the terrain of passion it covers is marked by elegance, empathy and wit...”—*ArtForum*

## **Tere O'Connor Dance: *Frozen Mommy* (World Premiere)**

New York, NY, November 2, 2004—After the critically acclaimed *Hi Everybody* (1999), Bessie Award-winning choreographer Tere O'Connor returns to The Kitchen with the world premiere of *Frozen Mommy*. A powerfully expressive work, *Frozen Mommy* documents the elusive nature of thought and memory. Performances are scheduled at **The Kitchen (512 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City), December 2-4** (Thu thru Sat) and **December 8-11** (Wed thru Sat) at **8pm**. A matinee performance will be held **December 4** (Sat) at **2pm**. Tickets are \$20 (\$16 for Students, Senior Citizens and Kitchen members).

After years of experimenting with elements such as text, acting and film, O'Connor moves towards a more abstract and poetic choreographic vision. Stripped bare of any theatrical spectacle or hidden narrative, *Frozen Mommy* sets greatly disparate movement elements into close proximity to create meaning, similar to the way the mind organizes thoughts. O'Connor's incredibly versatile performers—Hilary Clark, Erin Gerken, Heather Olson, Matthew Rogers and Christopher Williams—lead the viewer on an elliptical journey which transforms the present terrors of the world into a desperate, and at times humorous, outcry. An original musical score by O'Connor and longtime collaborator James Baker incorporates the dancers' voices into a spare choral soundscape, while Brian Mac Devitt's lighting design brings a willfully barren and artful design to the work.

### **FOR LISTINGS EDITORS:**

**WHO:** Tere O'Connor

**WHAT:** *Frozen Mommy*

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### **Biography**

Tere O'Connor has created over thirty works for his company. In addition to numerous New York spaces, the company has performed throughout Europe as well as South America and Canada. O'Connor has created many commissioned works for dance companies around the world. He recently completed a new solo entitled *Indoor Man* for Mikhail Baryshnikov. A 1993 Guggenheim Fellow, O'Connor has received numerous grants and awards including two "Bessie" awards. In 2003 he served as movement consultant for a new feature animation film by director Chris Wedge, entitled *Robots*, for Blue Sky Studios. His most recent work *LAWN* premiered at Yerba Buena in San Francisco, with subsequent performances in New York at Dance Theater Workshop. The work has continued touring around the country and in Berlin as part of the Tanz im August festival.

### **Funding**

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