

The Kitchen Center for Video and Music

press release

DANCE

ton simons

January 28-31 8:30pm
The Kitchen, 484 Broome Street
\$5.00/\$3.50 members/TDF+\$1
Reservations: 925-3615

On January 28-31, Dancing in The Kitchen will present TON SIMONS & DANCERS performing two works: Tally and Spread.

Tally, performed by Ellen van Schuylenburch and Ton Simons and designed by Mark Lancaster, premiered this past November as part of the Young American Companies Series of the Festival d'Automne in Paris. Tally is structured around a sequence of solos by the two performers. Each solo eventually "tallies" with all of the solos by the other in a series of duet combinations. The length and order of the solos and duets often alternate from one performance to the next, in keeping with Simons' interest in the development of dance constructions of variable scale and range.

Premiering with this performance, Spread is a series of dances choreographed for nine dancers, performed by Susan Alexander, Anne Bryan, Pat Cremins, Karin Fink, Ellen van Schuylenburch, David Dorfman, Rick Merrill, Zane Renkin and Ton Simons, and also designed by Mark Lancaster. In this work, movement phrases - "Van der Leck Starts I, II, III" "Hand-out (Echo)" "Run/Hit-Open Ends" etc. - are juxtaposed in shifting time and spacial relationships. Spread is partially sponsored by a grant from the Foundation for Contemporary Performance Arts.

TON SIMONS, originally from Beesel, Holland, is a former art student and student at the Rotterdam Dance Academy. On a grant from the Rotterdam Arts Council and the Dutch Ministry of Culture, he came to New York to study with Merce Cunningham for a year. Returning to Holland, he danced with the Rotterdam Werkcentrum Danscompany from 1975-1978, and has choreographed regularly for the company since 1975. His work has been performed in Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Denmark, Yugoslavia and New York, where, in addition to performing in his own pieces, he has appeared in productions by Robert Kovich and Jim Self, among others. Mr. Simons was featured in a film for Dutch VARA television, and portions of his Commonplace Quintet (1980) were aired on Dutch National Television.

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