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MBE FOR ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND ACCLAIMED CHOREOGRAPHER JASMIN VARDIMON



Jasmin Vardimon, acclaimed choreographer and artistic director of Jasmin Vardimon Dance Company, has been awarded the honour of MBE in The Queen's Birthday Honours.

A leading force in British dance theatre for over twenty years, Jasmin Vardimon has built a reputation for challenging, exciting and visually stunning dance theatre and continues to add to the body of critically acclaimed, artistically respected yet accessible work both for the company she formed in 1998 and for some of the leading organisations.

An Associate Artist at Sadler's Wells since 2006, Jasmin has her company based in Ashford, Kent since 2012 with a dedicated creative home due to open for the company later this year. In 2014 she was awarded an honorary doctorate from The Royal Holloway University and in 2018 she received an honorary fellowship from the Institute of the Arts Barcelona.

This autumn sees Jasmin lead the company in its move into a new purpose built home in Ashford Kent and its premiere of her adaptation of Lewis Carroll's *Alice In Wonderland*, which will tour across the country culminating in a run at Sadler's Wells in October.

The award has been made for services to dance.

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Sir Alistair Spalding CBE – Artistic Director and Chief Executive of Sadler’s Wells said,

“I’ve followed Jasmin’s career for a number of years, and I am very proud to be able to count her among Sadler’s Wells’ Associate Artists. This recognition of her work is so richly deserved. Congratulations, Jasmin!”

Suzie Leighton – Chair of Jasmin Vardimon Company and Founder Director of The Culture Capital Exchange said,

“I am thrilled to see Jasmin receive this richly deserved honour. For the last 25 years she has worked tirelessly to create opportunities for people all round the country to experience high quality dance theatre and has provided experiences enabling thousands of people to explore and express their creativity through workshops, residencies and creative education. It is particularly apt that she is to be honoured in the year the company opens its new creative space in Ashford, Kent. This space, a long held ambition of Jasmin’s will set JVC in the heart of the local community, supporting access to performance, creative education and creative expression to local people, professional artists and young people looking to develop their performing careers.”

Michael Hill OBE, Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services, Kent County Council said,

“I am delighted that Jasmin has been publicly recognised for her remarkable passion for and commitment to the Arts by being awarded an MBE in this year’s Queen’s Birthday Honours. Jasmin is a much valued and respected cultural leader in Kent, whose leadership of Jasmin Vardimon Company makes a vital contribution to the fabric of our cultural landscape. On behalf of the County Council, I send her my deepest congratulations.”

Jasmin Vardimon said,

“I’m delighted and honoured by the recognition. I would like to thank the team of individuals who make my company (on and off stage). This is also an acknowledgment of the extraordinary work of both the board and staff team who enable and deliver our goal of sharing unique artistic experiences and knowledge within Kent, the U.K. and the wider community.”

From everyone at Jasmin Vardimon Company, we would like to say a huge congratulations to Jasmin Vardimon on her MBE.