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Choreographer Presents The Satirical Ballet “Bowel Movement” In an Attempt To Disgust & Delight Every Man, Woman & Child.

*Jamie Benson Brings the Entertainment & Fine Arts Communities Together
While Carving Out a New Dance Niche.*

NEW YORK, NY – Choreographer [Jamie Benson](#) & Fashion Designer [Andrae Gonzalo](#) present the satirical ballet [Bowel Movement](#) as part of Triskelion Arts’ 3rd Annual Comedy in Dance Festival. Designed to confront one of the last taboos of man, *Bowel Movement* depicts a nightmarish dreamscape wherein a very refined lady battles her darkest fear, her own excrement. Frustrated with the Los Angeles dance scene, Benson recently moved to New York to carve out his own dance niche somewhere in between the realms of entertainment, fine art & experimental performance. This curated six-night festival will showcase 29 works by an arsenal of some of the funniest choreographers bringing on an assault of the goofy, daring, & not-so-serious sensibilities we all secretly crave. Detailed festival schedule at www.triskelionarts.org/comedy-in-dance-festival-2012

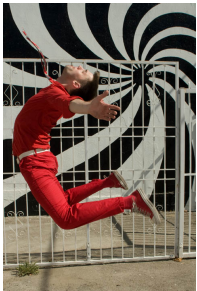
Title: “*Bowel Movement*” (as part of Triskelion Arts’ 3rd Annual Comedy in Dance Festival)

When: 8pm / Thursday, April 12th & Friday, April 13th, 2012

Where: Triskelion Arts Aldous Theater, [118 N. 11th St. 3rd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11249](#)

Cost: \$15

Tickets / Reservations: info@triskelionarts.org



[Jamie Benson](#), described as “one of the strongest, hottest contemporary dancers of his generation” by dance critic Lewis Segal, is a dancer, choreographer & Alumnus of Cornish College of the Arts. Benson first garnered critical attention originating the role of “Eldon” in LATC’s Ovation award winning production of *Shag with a Twist* in 2005. Back Stage West heralded Benson as “the most Chaplin-like” of this wordless production. Benson has also performed in the Film *Rent*, McDonald’s *Mario Art commercial*, Rei Aoo’s *Dance Planet*, on the television series *Dance360* & as a member of the *Rudy Perez Performance Ensemble*. For more visit jamienson.com.



Freelance Fashion Designer, Costume Designer & Visual Artist [Andrae Gonzalo](#) first drew national attention as one of the memorable cast members from the 2nd season of Bravo’s *Project Runway*. Today, he continues to design privately for individuals, garment manufacturers & theater events in Los Angeles & New York. Gonzalo also attended NYU’s Tisch School of Arts for Theater & taught the Creative Design curriculum at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising. He speaks on that subject at colleges around the country. For more visit andraegonzalo.com.



Shannon Grant has performed throughout the United States & internationally with companies including Ballet de Printemps, City Ballet of San Diego, Ballet New England, Ballet Magique, Media City Ballet, David Taylor Dance Theater & in New York with BalaSole. She danced in the musical *Shag With a Twist* & music videos for Velvet Revolver & Avenged Sevenfold. Shannon trained with Marat Daukayev, Ruben Tonoyen & Hasmik Amirian. In New York, she continued her training with Kirill Matveev, at Steps & Ballet Arts. Shannon is also pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in American Studies from Columbia University.

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