

Opening statement

Dear Friends,
As in years past, we are proud
to present the annual report
summarizing the Company's
activities together with the
financial statements submitted to
the Registrar of Nonprofits in June.

The first months of 2021 were the final months of a long period of social distancing.

The reality dictated by the Covid-19 pandemic led us to look for new ways of researching and creating art. One thing we knew for certain we would not stop working in the studio. And indeed, in this challenging period the Company worked on a new piece with Ella Rothschild, Ohad created an adaptation of *Decadance* with the Ensemble, the dancers made works for the digital realm for Batsheva Creates Online, the Company's in-house photographer Ascaf captured a series of artistic portraits of the dancers, Roee Shaltiel began working on a documentary series that provides a glimpse into the dancers'

private lives, and YAG – the Movie was screened online.

We packed all these actions into a platform titled *Ex-tension*, in which we pushed the boundaries of thought, heart, and creativity, and alleviated the tensions brought about by uncertainty and social isolation. We formulated a different creative space for ourselves, within which we maintained the flexibility of body and mind.

In March we finally got back on stage. We were thrilled to once again meet an enthusiastic and devoted audience that filled the halls to capacity, giving us a tailwind that underscored the vitality and importance of our work. We performed 2019, created just before the pandemic, and were blown away by the demand for tickets - 26 sold-out shows, which received non-stop enthusiastic responses; we hosted a variety of choreographers as part of Girlanda; we renewed the Kamuyot performances at schools and in Arab communities as part of the Company's agenda for dance and audience education; we opened the third class of Batsheva Dance School; and we restaged pieces from our repertoire.

At the same time, we continued to tirelessly advance our campus project, which will be built on the platforms of the old Central Bus Station. The landscape design of the entire square has undergone revisions that improved the green public space we plan to create on campus, and the entire project has moved to Ezra and Bitzaron, the executive arm of the Tel Aviv-Yafo Municipality in the field of public construction — a sign that construction is approaching.

This is the place to thank each and every one of the staff of the Batsheva Company, the dedicated members of the Board of Directors, the Public Council, and the Circle of Friends and supporters of the Company. The creative abundance that took place during and after the Corona period was made possible thanks to the support, loyalty, and friendship of all of you.

Respectfully,

Gili Navot Artistic Director **Dina Aldor**Executive Director

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Summer Snow By Ella Rothschild

Premiere: May 4th, 2021 Suzanne Dellal Center, Tel Aviv "The wonderful Batsheva dancers get a chance to showcase their dramatic abilities..."

Tal Levin, Ynet, June 2021



Girlanda
Works by Noa Eshkol (arranged by
Mor Bashan), Talia Beck, Noa Zuk
and Ohad Fishof, Nava Frankel,
and Nadav Zelner.

Premiere: April 21st, 2021

Photo by Tom Marshak

Suzanne Dellal Center, Tel Aviv

"A fascinating and thought-provoking evening"

Tal Levin, Haaretz, April 2021



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By Sharon Eyal Performed by the Batsheva Ensemble

A short piece inspired by Sigalit Landau's "Barbed Hula". An original production for the Israel Festival's "Inspirational Connections" project, in which artists present original work in response to Israeli artists who have influenced them. Premiere: June 10, 2021, Jerusalem Theater





Restaged Works

Decadance #21

By Ohad NaharinPerformed by the Batsheva Ensemble 16 performances

Three

By Ohad NaharinPerformed by the Batsheva Ensemble 3 performances

Hora

By Ohad NaharinPerformed by the
Batsheva Company
12 performances

Kamuyot

By Ohad NaharinPerformed by the
Batsheva Ensemble
7 performances

Yag

By Ohad NaharinPerformed by the Batsheva Company 4 performances

Decale

By Ohad Naharin Performed by the Batsheva Ensemble 4 performances

George & Zalman, Black Milk

By Ohad Naharin

The Look

By Sharon EyalPerfomed by the Batsheva Ensemble 6 performances



Awards

The award for the best
"Live Performance Capture"
at the San Francisco Dance
Film Festival for
"YAG: The Movie" (2021)

In December 2021, as part of the annual conference, the company dancer Eri Nakamura was awarded the Yair Shapira Prize for outstanding dancer.

SFDFF SAN FRANCISCO DANCE FILM FESTIVAL 2021 WINNER BEST LIVE PERFORMANCE CAPTURE

Young Audience Engagement

Kamuyot By Ohad Naharin

The Batsheva Ensemble's morning performance in schools has long been regarded throughout the world as an exemplary model of arts education.

As part of the performances in the community, this year we held 7 performances in the Arab-Jewish Community center in Jaffa, of which one performance was fully subsidized by the Company and was designated to hosting students from Jaffa.

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Dancers from the Batsheva Ensemble at the Arab Jewish Community Center in Jaffa

Batsheva Hosts

A unique performance series held in the intimate Varda Studio during which the Company hosts former Batsheva dancers who have embarked on their own creative paths, as well as independent artists from the dance and performance field. In 2021, the series presented Homework-Gestures: a dance composition by Noa Eshkol, performed by the Chamber Dance Group founded by Noa Eshkol.



Artistic Director: Hillel Kogan Photo by Natasha Shakhnes

The Dancers

Batsheva is an international company whose dancers come from Israel and around the world.

During the 2020 - 2021 season, the company included dancers from Israel, Italy, the USA, South Africa, South Korea, The Netherlands, Japan, Mexico, and Canada. Both the Company and the Ensemble rehearse every day in the company's studio spaces at the Suzanne Dellal Center. We cultivate dancers as performing artists, train them to become teachers and encourage them to create independent work in varied frameworks. The dancers' welfare is of fundamental importance to us, and to that end, we ensure an optimal physical work environment and provide an entire professional and personal support system.

"Ohad Naharin attracts the best dancers in the world ...I have never seen such a combination of beauty, energy, and technique." Mikhail Baryshnikov in an interview for Haaretz, 2011.

2019 by Ohad Naharin Photo by Ascaf



Eri Nakamura

Company dancer Recipient of the 2021 Yair Shapira Prize for Outstanding Dancer

Eri Nakamura was born in Japan in 1984 and graduated from The Australian Ballet School in Melbourne in 2002. From 2003-2007 she danced with the Victor Ullate Ballet Company in Madrid, and from 2007-2008 with Les Grands Ballet Canadiens de Montreal in Canada under the artistic direction of Gradimir Pankov. Eri joined the Batsheva Dance Company in 2011. In 2015, she designed the costumes for Last Work by Ohad Naharin and And Still by Danielle Agami. In 2016, she designed the costumes for Three, Yag/Adam, and subsequently for Venezuela, Hora, and 2019 by Ohad Naharin.

Ohad Naharin on Eri Nakamura: "I rarely meet an artist who has so many qualities as Eri Nakamura. She is a dancer with the highest abilities, with a Prima Ballerina ballet technique alongside a capacity to move with freedom, agility, and animalistic elegance. Her translation and interpretation of my work have amazed and thrilled me. She is generous, funny, admired by everyone who has met and worked with her, knows how to support others - and is always willing to help. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award and I am delighted that she received it."

Tom Nissim

A dancer in the Batsheva Ensemble

Tom Nissim is a graduate of the Jerusalem Academy for Music and Dance. He danced in "Hora Jerusalem," continued his training in the Batsheva Dance Company excellence program (2014-2015), and then studied for a year in the Maslool - Professional Dance Program Bikurey Ha'ltim directed by Naomi Perlov and Ofir Dagan. After his service in the IDF (recognized as an "outstanding artist"), Tom joined the Batsheva Ensemble in 2017 as an apprentice, and as a dancer in 2018.

"As a dancer in the Ensemble, I experience many unique and meaningful moments. I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to arrive daily at the studio and move with friends, be playful, surrender and discover invigorating worlds of movement, and explore what animates and excites me on a daily basis. In addition to the studio routine, the performances in Israel and abroad and the work with Ohad enrich me as a dancer and a person and have helped my work grow and expand – paving ways for me to fulfill many dreams."



Dancers of the Batsheva Dance Company

2021 - 2022 season

"The dancers soar, contract, roll, flick, shake, all with split-second timing in ways rarely seen before... all 18 are phenomenal."

The Dominion Post, New Zealand



Billy Barry USA



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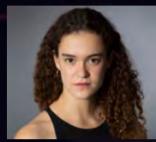
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Ben Green USA



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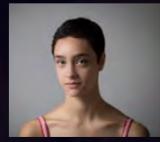
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Amalia Smith Canada



Hani Sirkis Israel

Dancers of The Batsheva Ensemble

2021 - 2022 season

"At certain moments, the dancers sit on the benches together with the spectators. At other moments, they are leaping in, into the arena. There are moments when movement stops... there are moments of explosion"

(Noa Limone, Haaretz)



César Brodermann Mexico



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Guy Davidson Israel



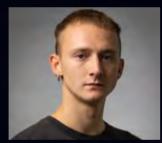
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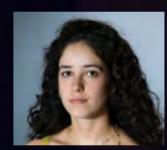
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Tom Nissim Israel



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Roni Milatin Israel



Adi Schwarz Apprentice, Israel



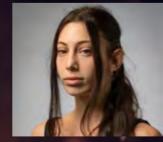
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Dance School
In 2021 the school opened its third

class with 25 young dancers between

the ages of 15-18 from across Israel.

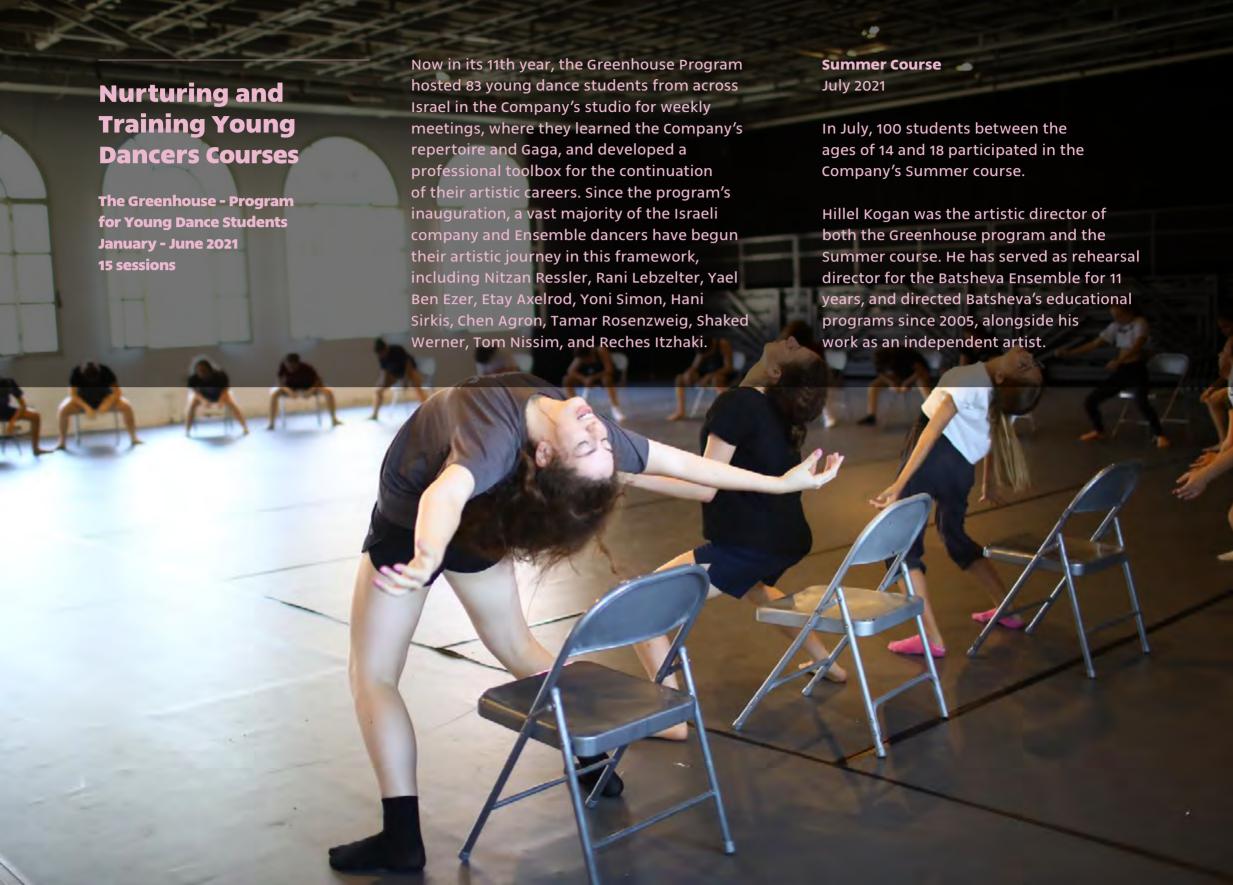
School principal: Lior Avizoor

Alongside its artistic activity, the company has considered the nurturing and training of young dancers and creators as part of its core mission and works tirelessly to promote dance education. Batsheva continues to inspire the younger generation of dancers and provides them a framework for growth and development.

Batsheva's dance school, envisioned by Ohad Naharin, has been a turning point in the Company's ongoing effort to cultivate and train young dancers and creators. The school is a unique place for talented dancers, a greenhouse in the spirit of the Batsheva company that offers

exposure to a diverse faculty and a wide range of artistic experimentation. It is a framework that enriches the world of students as dancers, performing artists, and citizens of the world. The program consists of regular classes including classical ballet, Gaga, and repertoire, as well as enrichment sessions, meetings with artists, and lectures. "Gaga," developed by Naharin, is fundamental to the school- not only as a movement languagebut as a professional toolbox through which students can research, interpret and refine their movement skills and other forms of dance. This is the third year the school has partnered with the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, which has generously awarded 15 partial scholarships to students at the school.







Extension

Batsheva's Online Channel



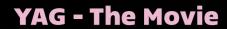
Docu-dancers

House video artist and editor Roee Shalti is working on a series that documents the dancers and provides a glimpse into their personal world, their work in the studio, and their experience as Batsheva dancers.

DANCER: Yael Ben Ezer







YAG- The Movie, performed by the Company's dancers, is Ohad Naharin's first dance film- an adaptation of "YAG" to the screen

Online screenings took place between the 29th - 31st of January with 3,236 viewers

International screenings (live and online) were shown in the United States, Italy, Poland, Romania, and Georgia.





Hybrid Dancers

Ascaf, the Company house photographer, created in collaboration with the company dancers portrait series artistic that presents them as creature-plant hybrids.

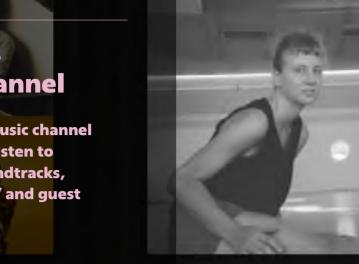




★ Inspiration ■ Yael...

Batsheva's Spotify channel

Batsheva's first music channel allows people to listen to performance soundtracks, as well as dancers' and guest artists' playlists.

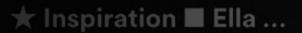


★ Inspiration ■ Nao... Playlist by Naomi Tyrnpu, dancer



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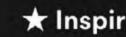




★ Inspiration ■ Yoni...

Playlist by Vani Ciman

★ Inspiration ■ Sea...



Dlaylist by Coon House Dlavillat L

Batsheva Online

24,200 active club members

8.6 (68%+) million YouTube views

121,000 (63%+)Instagram
followers

86,600 (84%+) Facebook followers 67% of ticket purchasing is online

Nathan Chipps and Danai Porat from **Three** by Ohad Naharin Photo by Ascaf **Numbers**

128 performances

38,840 Audience members Annual Budget: \$6.1 million



Three by Ohad Naharin photo by Ascaf

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