

## Drastic Action

**Aviva Geismar (choreographer/performer)** is the artistic director of Drastic Action. Her dances have been presented by many well-known venues in North America including Jacob's Pillow's Inside/Out series, the Millennium Stage at The Kennedy Center, Dance Theater Workshop, and Symphony Space. In 2004 she was featured in Dance Magazine's "25 to Watch" article which recognized 25 up and coming dancers and choreographers from across the US. Her dances have been commissioned by several companies and universities including Dancing in the Streets, The University of Maryland, Rutgers University and James Madison University. She was an artist-in-residence at HERE Arts Center and at the Djerassi Resident Artists Program. Aviva holds a BFA from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and an MFA from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Geismar will be a Visiting Artist at Ursinus College in the '07-'08 academic year.

**Sophie Bortolussi (performer)** is a native of France and moved to New York in 2002 to study at the Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance as a scholarship student. She has danced with The Martha Graham Dance Ensemble and The Martha Graham Dance Company in its New York season at City Center. Sophie has also danced in several projects by Springlake Productions/Martha Clarke and with AMDaT and Tyson dance. Sophie practices yoga, butoh and contact improvisation. She holds a BA in Philosophy from University of Paris 8, France. Sophie began working with Drastic Action in 2006.

**Alessandra Larson (performer)** graduated summa cum laude from Washington University in St. Louis with a BA in dance and psychology. She has performed with Debra Wanner & Amy Larimer, Matthew Westerby, Dance St. Louis and in works by Trinetta Singleton, Bebe Miller and David Dorfman, among others. She began working with Drastic Action in 2005.

**Angharad Davies (performer)** holds an advanced degree in Dance from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. While living in New York she performed with several companies including Drastic Action, Ivy Baldwin Dance, Ze'eva Cohen, and Gina Gibney Dance. She has taught for the Lincoln Center Institute, and at universities including George Washington, Yale, and Princeton. In 2006, Angharad relocated to Berlin, Germany where she has performed with Hanna Hegenscheit, Livia Patrizi, and Mariano Pensotti. She also teaches profitraining at Tanzfabrik, and is a teaching artist for the TanzZeit:Zeit für Tanz in Schulen program.