

PerfectED Menu

Motionhouse's 2005/06 production **Perfect** has been chosen as one of the set pieces for the National GCSE Dance Curriculum in England and Wales. To help teachers familiarise themselves with *Perfect* and to deliver the best possible teaching for their students, Motionhouse offers a selection of tools:

PerfectED Education Pack is an unmissable tool for anyone teaching GCSE dance and its contents link directly to the curriculum. The pack includes:

- An analysis of *Perfect*
- Ideas for how to use *Perfect* as a part of a programme of study especially at GCSE level (but also useful for A Level Dance and Performance Studies courses)
- Resource materials (which can also be ordered separately): DVD of *Perfect*, DVD of *Perfect* choreography, CD soundtrack of *Perfect*, CD of *Perfect* photographs, Transcript of interviews with Artistic Director Kevin Finnan, Press reviews of *Perfect*, Comparison of three Motionhouse works: *Volatile – Perfect – Driven*
- Background and contextual information
- An analytical framework for evaluating dance
- Background information about Motionhouse, the dancers and collaborators

Motionhouse also offers a **Workshop Menu** to teachers, schools and other dance educators, with a **range of tailored workshops**:

For students:

1) Key Motifs in *Perfect*:

- Warm up to introduce the company STYLE of movement
- Introduction of KEY MOTIFS used in *Perfect*:
- A series of clear motifs and short phrases taken from *Perfect*
- Differentiation and development
- Development of these through creative exploration
- Sharing of work created
- Q & As about *Perfect*

2) Using *Perfect* repertoire:

- Warm up to introduce the company STYLE of movement
- Teaching of REPERTOIRE from *Perfect*
- Taught motifs and short phrases from *Perfect*
- Linked thematic brief – using the same source as originally used to create the rep
- Sharing of work created
- Q & As about *Perfect*

3) Using Contact to make choreography:

- Warm up to introduce the company STYLE of movement
- Basic CONTACT SKILLS
- Creative development – using contact in choreography
- Sharing of work created
- Q & As about *Perfect*

4) Choreography for Performance in Duo/Group:

- Over a series of sessions members of the company can choreograph this performance in collaboration with the candidates including 3 clear links with *Perfect* for example: Choreographic style, Dance style, Subject matter/themes, Accompaniment, Motif/action, Use of character/relationships, Staging/setting/use of props

All workshops can also be adapted to target boys only or girls only if required!

For teachers:

1) Presentation (non practical) about *Perfect*:

- Concept/theme
- Structure
- Use of set
- Use of music/accompaniment
- Use of costume
- Use of film
- Relationships in *Perfect* –
 - Narrative
 - Dancer/dancer
 - Set/dance
 - Accompaniment/dance
- Q & As about *Perfect*

2) Using Key Motifs in *Perfect*

- Warm up to introduce the company STYLE of movement
- Introduction of key motifs used in *Perfect*
- Suggested teaching approach including differentiation
- Development of motifs through creative exploration
- Sharing of work created
- Q & As about *Perfect*

3) Using *Perfect* repertoire with your students

- Warm up to introduce the company STYLE of movement
- Teaching of repertoire from *Perfect*
- Linked thematic brief for use with students – using the same source as originally used to create the rep
- Sharing of work created
- Q & As about *Perfect*

4) Teaching Contact to make choreography

- Warm up to introduce the company STYLE of movement
- Basic CONTACT SKILLS
- Teaching contact safely
- Creative development – using contact in choreography
- Sharing of work created
- Q & As about *Perfect*

5) Simple starting points:

- Warm up to introduce the company STYLE of movement
- Using clear briefs taken directly from the creation of *Perfect* to allow students to make their own material
- Sharing of work created
- Q & As about *Perfect*

If you are interested in a *Perfect* workshop contact Motionhouse on 01926 887052 or email info@motionhouse.co.uk

You can order the PerfectED Education Pack and other education resources from Motionhouse website www.motionhouse.co.uk