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REVIEW

Of Oil and Water, Siobhan Davies Dance Company
Playhouse, 29th-30th September

Commissioned by the Oxford Playhouse, Siobhan Davies' second full-length work is a collaboration with the award-winning composer, Orlando Gough. The world premier on Friday night seemed to be a great success. The eight dancers received much applause for their extremely disciplined and taxing dancing. There were a few puzzled faces however.

It was a difficult piece to interpret. True to its title, *Of Oil and Water*, nothing seemed to mix or resolve. The dancers started off on the floor, emerging like primitive life forms on a post-nuclear planet. The extraordinary musical medley of world sounds - a 112 year-old Transvaal woman's voice, an Estonian folk singer, a Berber woman's fierce shouting - was romantic, aged and identifiably pre-nuclear by contrast. Fusing these primal sounds was the intimate and breathy voice of Melanie Pappenheim, an Oxfordshire singer, which was harmonious in a way that the dance was not. Deliberately unsynchronised, and attempting to break out of habitual forms, the dancers experimented with pulsating, staccato movements. The result was mostly mechanical and alienating, all rotating arms and hands. Only in the duets did the pieces become warmer, evoking a kind of combative urban love. Some of the solo performances were also strong, bracing displays of how an individual might feel in a free but lonely landscape.

The wonderfully simple set reinforced the urban message. A film about everyday things - roads, pigeons, houses, leaves, clouds, shadows - was projected in a keyhole shape onto the back wall. Its constant and seemingly random travelling was mesmerising, so much so in fact, that it occasionally distracted from the performance. Part of the floor moved too, so it seemed the dancers could not have stood still even if they had wanted to. Tropical green and orange lights, and an unusual diffused cloud effect softened the bare stage, adding a sense of forlorn romanticism.

Siobhan Davies intended the piece to be deliberately open-ended, to allow each person to make his own interpretation. Something definitely worth doing, I thought, if not for the dance itself, then for the amazingly haunting music alone.

Aruna Wittmann
29 / 9 / 00

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