



International Dance Day: 29 April 2009

Event at UNESCO, 30 April 2009, noon, with Akram Khan

International Dance Day Message 2009

Akram Kahn

This very special day, International Dance Day, is dedicated to the one language that everybody in this world can speak, the inherent language of our bodies and our souls, of our ancestors and of our children.

This day is dedicated to every god, guru and grandparent that ever taught and inspired us.

To every song and impulse and moment that's ever moved us to move.

It is dedicated to the little child that wishes it could move like its star. And to the mother who says, 'you already can'.

This day is dedicated to every body of every creed, colour and culture that carries the traditions of its past into stories of the present and dreams of the future.

This day is dedicated to Dance, to its myriad dialects and its immense power to express, transform, unite and delight.