

# EXPLAINING DANCE

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**Modern dance speaks**



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## presentation

The **Explaining Dance** project began in 2002 after sensing the audience's need to know and understand dance in general better; especially modern and contemporary dance.

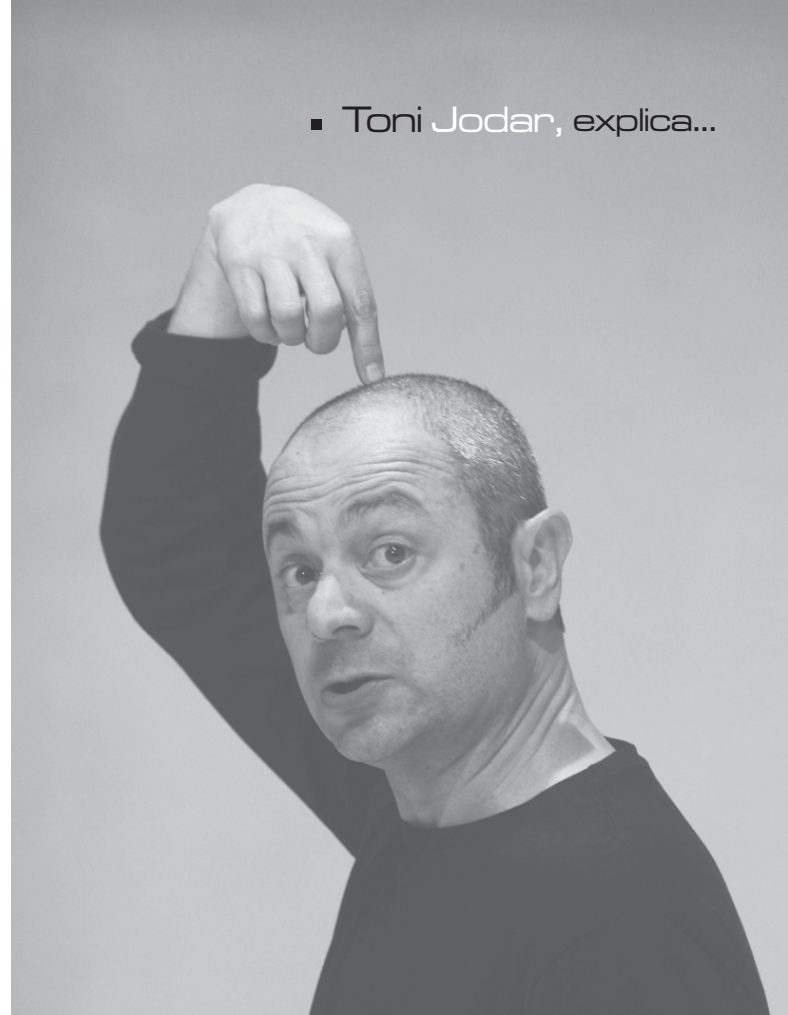
### Ten key points on Explaining Dance

- 1.** It's a project specialised in the development and creation of new audiences. Its mission is to professionalise activities for audiences.
- 2.** It transmits distinctive dance values: educational, social, and emotional.
- 3.** It seeks to bring about transformations through art and the elements of dance: space, time, and body.
- 4.** It provides tools and keys for understanding to be a 'better audience' and to be able to reflect, inviting debate on dance.
- 5.** It has an 'educational performance' format; it lies at the intersection between the conference and the show.
- 6.** It performs the function of mediation between dance and the public.
- 7.** It customises each performance. It creates flexible proposals to be able to act on stage formats (theatres, auditoriums, multipurpose halls) or in informal contexts (schools, colleges, universities, libraries, etc.).
- 8.** It's a project that is co-directed by a dancer, Toni Jodar, and an artistic manager, Beatriu Daniel. Toni Jodar acts as a 'danceteller', as a senior on stage sharing his experience.
- 9.** It's a project with almost 15 years of experience behind it, but it's always evolving with the will to develop according to the needs of different audiences. The internationalisation of the project continues.
- 10.** It is intended for a diverse audiences, but it can be adapted to specific audiences.





■ Toni Jodar, explica...



## aims

### **Distribute**

the language of dance using tools and content that facilitate the interpretation and identification of the different elements that make up a choreography and a performance.

### **Explain**

basic knowledge of modern and contemporary dance history to understand how other vocabulary has been developed on a parallel to ballet.

### **Get to know**

movement and choreography as intelligible and significant language, be it narrative or abstract, with the aim of familiarising the audience with contemporary concepts.

### **Perceive**

the possibility of expressing social and personal ambitions through dance. Recognise that we all own a body and that it is susceptible to movement.

### **Transmit**

different values of dance. **Educational value:** the search for creative solutions, inventiveness, flexibility, resistance, discipline, effort, constancy, dedication, concentration. **Social Values:** respect, help, gratitude, silence. **Emotional Values:** survival, complex-free, trust, confidence, personal development, self-esteem. **Spiritual values:** happiness, silence.



## what does the activity consist of? what are the tools that we use?

Activity for children  
of 12 years and over

We start off with a basic format that we later adapt to suit each commission and collects the following information:

### 1.- Theoretical information

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### 2.- Kineseological Knowledge

(physical demonstration of a concept through static and moving images demonstration inserted into a choreographic phrase)

### 3.- Visual information

(through the dancer/performers body photographs video images)

### 4.- Practical Information:

a workshop where the aforementioned concepts are incorporated.

The general need within cultural society to obtain information about dance lead us to develop this project. We have created and formalized different applications, which now form part of our flexible repertory and are modified upon the demands of each client.





## credits

Concept and script:  
**Toni Jodar and Beatriu Daniel**

Performance:  
**Toni Jodar**

Stage adaptation and support:  
**Víctor Molina and Ana Teixidó**

Image:  
**Toni Roura**

Management:  
**Silvia Lorente / Nats Nus**

Production Assistant:  
**Mariona Galter**

Project director:  
**BdDANSA-Beatriu Daniel**





## Biography Toni Jodar

**Artist** and dance teacher for over 25 years. He broadened his studies through several stays in the USA. He combines physical training of actors, work on postural awareness, speciality in jazz dance, and the holding of different movement workshops for students, professionals and artists from all spheres.

During his artistic career he has given over 900 performances worldwide. As a **dancer** it is important to highlight his collaboration with **Gelabert-Azzopardi (1989-2000, 2005-12)**. One of his particularities are his interventions as a **performer** in shows directed by: **Albert Vidal (1978-83)**, **Carles Santos (1984-85, 1998-12)**, **Jerome Savary (1986-87)**, **Magda Puyo-Marta Carrasco (1997-98)**, Joan Baixas & Jordi Sabatés **(1998)**. He has also collaborated with **Dagoll Dagom**, **Comediants** and **La Fura dels Baus**, among others.

**He is currently assistant director with the Gelabert-Azzopardi dance company and has collaborated, since 2000 with the Companyia Carles Santos**, for which he has taken on choreographic responsibility.

**He habitually collaborates with the** Auditori de Barcelona's Education Service. **He has choreographed** Metàl·lics **for** Spanish Brass Luur Metalls, **as part of the "L'Escola va a l'Auditori" and "Concerts en Família" cycles. He has acted as narrator at the "Orquestra per a joves" concert by Britten. In 2006 he was stage director for the project "El poble de vent i de fusta".**

He combines his choreographic work with interventions as a performer. He created the spoken action: **Toni Jodar, Explains: modern and contemporary dance**, designed to raise awareness about dance and for which he received a Stage Arts Special Mention at the Ciutat de Barcelona Prize of 2002 and the APDC Prize of 2006.



## Beatriu Daniel

Arts producer and cultural manager, specialized in dance.

B.A. In Philosophy- Fine Arts by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. She gets her skills as cultural manager through experience and training with the Group Xabide (Vitoria), among others. She broaden her knowledge with studies of coaching and NLP (Neuro-Linguistic Programming). In the 1970s, as co-Director of the Magazine **DANSA-79**, she had an key role in the development and creation of a contemporary dance scene in Catalonia, documenting all the activities of that period.

She has worked with **Gelabert-Azzopardi**, Dance Company (she started the company together with Cesc Gelabert and Lydia Azzopardi in 1985), among others. Together with Catherine Allard, she started the project for the **IT Dansa** (Young Dance Company of the Institut del Teatre de Barcelona). Also, she coordinated the project **TotDansa** for the Bureau for Arts Promotion of the Diputació de Barcelona (City Council), as well as **Ballarins a Palo Alto** for TV3, Catalonia National Television.

She has been Director of Administration of La Caldera; Centre for Dance and Stage Arts (2005-11), and member of the board of the Association of Dance Professionals of Catalonia (2005-11).

As a producer she has worked on projects by **La Fura dels Baus**; on the **Olympic and Paralympic** ceremonies of **Barcelona'92** (Ovideo-Bassat-Esport), and on the **International Puppet Festival** (Institut del Teatre de Barcelona).

In the visual arts field she has worked with the artist Frederic Amat. She has also worked in cinema and TV for Ovideo Productions.

Currently she is co-Director with Toni Jodar of the project **Explaining Dance**.





**A teaching** tool,  
specialising in **dance**,  
for **educational** programmes  
and training audiences highly flexible  
**adaptable to all spaces** and situations.

**The explanation** in this  
“spoken action”  
is made **accessible**  
for diverse audiences

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