



## SFIAF 2003

### Review Quotes

*“Founding director Andrew Wood wanted to show us that the dance world is no longer an easily categorizable landscape and he succeeded magnificently. The San Francisco International Arts Festival...heralds remarkable times to come [and] has brought an excitement to the local scene that merits serious attention from audiences and funding agencies....No previous attempt at a general arts festival in this city ever promised or accomplished so much..... Let the buzz build.”*

**Allan Ulrich, Voice of Dance.**

*“Ignoring naysayers and skeptics, producer Andrew Wood..... plowed ahead to realize his dream of the San Francisco International Arts Festival. The performances by the three companies he brought to the Bay Area – Quasar Dance, Akram Khan Company, and Compagnie Salia ni Seydou – were spectacular successes.”*

**Rita Felciano, Bay Guardian.**

*“Kaash (Akram Khan Company) was the antepenultimate in a brief, brilliant series, the San Francisco International Arts Festival.”*

**Paul Parrish, DanceView Times.**

*“At times the Bay Area can seem like a cultural backwater, stagnating like a swamp. Then suddenly a hurricane sweeps through”*

*“I feel fortunate to have seen..companies from such diverse places performing...in such different styles and yet sensing they are all grappling with the same issue of living in the world and seeking, if not answers, at least new ways of looking at the problems.”*

**Aimee Ts’ao, Dance Insider**

*“More, please, more!”*

**Renee Renouf, Ballet.Co.UK**