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Made By
Katie
Green

Katie Green announces the recipient of the first Made By YOU commission

Katie Green is pleased to announce that 19 year old Alex Mason from Ashbourne in Derbyshire has been selected from a group of talented young choreographers to create a new duet for Made By Katie Green in August 2011.

The Made By YOU young choreographer project has been designed by Katie in collaboration with the Youth Dance England (YDE) partners in the East Midlands. The scheme provides an opportunity for young choreographers in the region to learn new skills through a series of open workshops and then to apply for the chance to work with award-winning contemporary dance company Made By Katie Green. The opportunity was open to all young choreographers aged 15 – 19. Interested applicants had the challenging task of putting together a one minute video demonstrating their ideas for the duet they wanted to create with the professional dancers from Katie's company.

Successful choreographer Alex Mason will spend two weeks in rehearsal with the dancers in August, and the ten minute duet she will create in that time will go on to be performed as a curtain-raiser accompanying Katie's forthcoming work *Matters of Life and Death* (which will tour Autumn 2011 and Spring 2012 subject to funding).



Photo: Brian Pickering; choreographic workshop at Déda

Katie explains why the Made By YOU project is so important to her: *"Having worked as a YDE Young Creatives mentor for several years, I noticed that there were comparatively few choreographers applying to the scheme from the East Midlands: the region in which I grew up. The Made By YOU idea developed because of this observation and also as a result of my ongoing commitment to creating a range of dance participation projects through the learning strand of my company, green bean dance."*

On receiving the news of her success from Katie, Alex was thrilled: *"This is brilliant news! I'm so excited to start work on my duet"*. After her work with Made By Katie Green over the summer, Alex is heading off to University College Falmouth to begin studying for her BA (Hons) Degree in Choreography. Special mention must also be made to Made By YOU finalist Georgina Donohue (from Derby), whose application also impressed Katie and the project partners. Georgina will start her first year at the Scottish School of Contemporary Dance in September this year.

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