

**Jason Beechey** is since 2006, the Rector of the Palucca Hochschule für Tanz Dresden, Germany. Having trained at Canada's National Ballet School, the Vaganova Ballet Academy St. Petersburg and the School of American Ballet in New York, he danced as a soloist for the London City Ballet and then fifteen years with Charleroi/Danses in Belgium. Parallel to this, he was the Pedagogical Director for the Choreographic Centre of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels, founded and ran his own studio, The Loft, and was the creator/coordinator of the D.A.N.C.E. Program under the Artistic Direction of Frédéric Flamand, William Forsythe, Wayne McGregor and Angelin Preljocaj. Joining the Prix de Lausanne as a Member of the Artistic Committee in 2009, he continues his role there as an Artistic Advisor and is also a regular jury Member of the Youth America Grand Prix.