

Monday, January 4, 2016

Torobaka

Company: Akram Khan & Israel Galván
Venue: BAM Howard Gilman Opera House
Location: Brooklyn, NY

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In a circle of deep-hued light, dance artists Akram Khan and Israel Galván square off, flanked by four musicians. Exploding into a volley of sharp movements—angles and arcs, mirrored and refracted—they unfurl an electrifying evening-length work that is equal parts dialogue and duel.

Torobaka is rooted in the vocabularies of kathak, the classical South Asian dance form at the center of Khan's movement practice, and the contemporary flamenco of Galván, an innovator celebrated for his mastery of the form and exuberant transgression of its boundaries. Negotiating a new, shared language—marked by percussive footwork, expressive musicality, and powerful, articulate gesture—these two figures come together, confronting and mirroring one another in a muscular, sinuous exchange.

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