

Washington University performing arts department **pad** presents



Marcus Residency Dance Artist 2012 **KIRSTIE  
SIMSON**

*Internationally renowned improvisation dance artist*

Kirstie Simson will perform her solo, *Somewhere*,  
and a new improvisational performance with  
Performing Arts Department Professor of the Practice and  
resident artist *David Marchant*

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Screening of an excerpt from the  
2010 documentary film ***Force of Nature***  
about improvising dance artist, Kirstie Simson, by award-winning  
Scottish director *Katrina McPherson*

***Tuesday 2.7.12 / 7:30 pm***

***Annelise Mertz Studio 207*** / Mallinckrodt Center

***Free Admission***

***Kirstie Simson*** has been a continuous explosion in the contemporary dance scene, bringing audiences into contact with the vitality of pure creation in moment after moment of virtuoso improvisation. Called "a force of nature" by the New York Times, she is an award-winning dancer and teacher who has "immeasurably enriched and expanded the boundaries of New Dance." according to Time Out Magazine, London: "Simson's eternal subject is freedom, as she dares to go beyond the boundaries of form and structure to create movement out of the rhythm of life itself." In 2010/11 she taught workshops for Sasha Waltz and Guests, Germany, Cloud Gate Theater Company, Taiwan and Scottish Dance Theater, United Kingdom. Kirstie Simson is on the faculty of the Dance Department at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, where she is a full-time teacher of Dance Improvisation.

**The Marcus Residency is made possible by a fund established by the late Dr. Morris D. Marcus in memory of his wife, Margaret.**