



## BROKEN CHORDS

**Direction & Design**  
**Composer**  
**Additional Music**

**Charlotte Vincent**  
**Alex Catona**  
**John Avery**  
**Colin Elliot**  
**Johann Sebastian Bach**  
**Heinrich von Biber**  
**James Harrison**

**Lighting Design**

Set amongst rows of wooden chairs, with a huge chandelier hanging overhead, **Broken Chords** is a visually striking, hilarious portrait of breaking up and breaking down, performed by an international, multi-tasking ensemble of performers.

Heartbreaking in its honesty, full of dark humour, sublime dancing and playful theatricality, **Broken Chords** shifts effortlessly between the bleakly comic and the beautifully tragic, charting the director's devastating divorce with rebellious and hysterical results.

For this breathtaking production dancers Janusz Orlik (PL), Eleanor McDonald (UK), Darren Anderson (AUS), Valentina Formenti (I), Jerwood Award Winner Rachel Krische (UK) and National Dance Award Nominee Lee Clayden (UK) are joined by cellist Stefano Fogher (I) and violinist Patrycja Kujawska (PL).

Teasing the audience at every turn and cutting against the grain of British dance, **Broken Chords** represents Vincent Dance Theatre's coming of age as a company that has consistently surprised, challenged and delighted audiences for over twelve years.



## PRESS REVIEWS

'**Broken Chords** was about the most harrowing yet inspiring transmutation of personal pain into artistic achievement that I have encountered.'  
New York Times

'Vincent pulls off a powerful feat – creating a moving portrait of grief while making us laugh.'  
The Guardian

'Hewn from the heart, it's a work of rare beauty... if there is a good part to breaking up, then **Broken Chords** has it nailed.'  
Metro

'Brave, intelligent entertainment... slips easily between laughter and pain, loaded with clever post-modern ironies.'  
The Times

'Virtuosic... audacious... strongly affecting. The result is extraordinary.'  
The Independent

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**Broken Chords** was originally commissioned in 2005 by Sheffield Theatres and the Nuffield Theatre Lancaster and funded by Arts Council England and the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation.

**Broken Chords** was devised by TC Howard, Lee Clayden, Alex Catona, Aurora Lubos, Janusz Orlik, Eleanor McDonald, Darren Anderson and Patrycja Kujawska.

This tour is funded by Arts Council England. Vincent Dance Theatre is regularly funded by Arts Council England, Yorkshire.

## WEBSITE

For more information about the **Broken Chords** tour, including video clips, dancers' diaries, image gallery and the chance to win an iPod Nano, visit our special tour website: [www.brokenchords.info](http://www.brokenchords.info)

## MAILING LIST

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### TOUR DATES SPRING 2007

**Friday 19 & Saturday 20 January** 7.30 pm  
**Northern Stage (Stage One), Newcastle**  
Tickets £20, £15, £5 (E15, E10)  
Tel 0191 230 5151  
[www.northernstage.co.uk](http://www.northernstage.co.uk)

Vincent Dance Theatre is in residence at Northern Stage from 16-20 January 2007. **Broken Chords** is programmed alongside **Test Run** (new work) and a series of screenings, workshops and talks. For details visit [www.brokenchords.info](http://www.brokenchords.info)

**Wednesday 31 January** 8.00 pm  
**DanceXchange**  
The Patrick Centre, Birmingham Hippodrome  
Tickets £10 (£7.50) advance, £12 (£9.50) on door  
Tel 0870 730 1234  
[www.danceexchange.org.uk](http://www.danceexchange.org.uk)

**Tuesday 6 February** 8.00 pm  
**Gardner Arts Centre**  
University of Sussex Campus, Falmer, Brighton  
Tickets £12.50 (E10)  
Tel 01273 685861  
[www.gardnerarts.co.uk](http://www.gardnerarts.co.uk)

**Saturday 10 February** 7.30pm  
**The Lemon Tree, Aberdeen**  
Tickets £9 (E6)  
Tel 01224 642230  
[www.lemontree.org](http://www.lemontree.org)

**Thursday 15 February** 7.30 pm  
**The Carriageworks, Leeds**  
Tickets £12 (E9, E7.50 groups)  
Tel 0113 224 3801  
[www.carriageworkstheatre.co.uk](http://www.carriageworkstheatre.co.uk)

**Wednesday 28 February** 7.45 pm  
**Gulbenkian Theatre**  
University of Kent, Canterbury  
Tickets £14 (E12)  
Tel 01227 769075  
[www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk)

**Thursday 8 - Saturday 10 March** 8.00 pm  
**Robin Howard Dance Theatre**  
The Place, London  
Tickets £5 - £15  
Tel 020 7121 1100  
[www.theplace.org.uk](http://www.theplace.org.uk)

**Thursday 22 & Saturday 24 March** 7.30 pm  
**Sunday 25 March** 3.00 pm  
Alexander Kasser Theatre  
Montclair State University, New Jersey, USA  
Tickets \$25 (\$20, \$10, free to MSU undergrads)  
Tel 973.655-5112  
[www.peakperfs.org](http://www.peakperfs.org)

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'Absorbing, touching and very funny'

The Guardian

'A playful, dark comedy of truth, artifice, recovery and redemption'

The Times



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**Artistic Associate**  
**Soundtrack**

**Additional Music**

**Lighting Design**

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**Alex Catona with**  
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**Johann Sebastian Bach**  
**& Heinrich von Biber**  
**James Harrison**

Set amongst rows of wooden chairs, with a huge chandelier hanging overhead, **Broken Chords** is a dark and humorous look at love and loss by a multi-tasking, multi-national ensemble of performers. Shifting between the bleakly comic and the beautifully tragic, **Broken Chords** is a visually stunning production which chronicles the intimate relationships that shape our lives.

Dark humour, exquisite dancing and a sublime live soundtrack thread together in this compelling new production. Artistic Director Charlotte Vincent is joined by Polish dancers Aurora Lubos and Janusz Orlik, Darren Anderson (AUS), Eleanor McDonald (UK) and UK National Dance Award nominee Lee Clayden, with Polish violinist Patrycja Kujawska and Romanian cellist and composer, Alex Catona.

Intense, passionate and heartbreaking in its honesty, **Broken Chords** represents Vincent Dance Theatre's coming of age as a company that has consistently surprised, challenged and delighted audiences for over ten years.



## PRESS REVIEWS

'Delicious and melancholic... a rich, embraceable work, to which the performers give their all.'  
Donald Hutera, Dance Europe

'A fierce, dark, yet edgily-funny production from a multi-talented, multi-national company celebrating 10 successful years of the show going on, regardless'  
The Herald \*\*\*\*\*

'The dancers bring an infectious humour and technical prowess to their performance. Characters such as these are theatrical gold dust, tugging at the heartstrings with unrequited enthusiasm.'  
The Scotsman

'An extraordinary work from the outset... emotionally bold and physically remarkable. Charlotte Vincent's multi-task vision is fresh and engaging, the dialogue tightly effective and the dance element elastically watchable.'  
Independent on Sunday

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Commissioned by Sheffield Theatres and Nuffield Theatre Lancaster. Funded by Arts Council England and the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation.

Vincent Dance Theatre is regularly funded by Arts Council England, Yorkshire with additional support from the Foyle Foundation.

## TRAILER

To view video excerpts from Broken Chords, plus an interview with Artistic Director Charlotte Vincent, visit [www.article19.co.uk/interview.php](http://www.article19.co.uk/interview.php)

## WIN AN IPOD

For the chance to win an Apple iPod Shuffle, visit [www.eflier.co.uk/brokenchords](http://www.eflier.co.uk/brokenchords)

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Bowen West Theatre, Bedford  
Tickets £10, £7 (£8, £5)  
Tel: 01234 219333 [www.bowenwest.co.uk](http://www.bowenwest.co.uk)

**Friday 10 February** 2.00pm  
British Dance Edition  
Carriage Works Theatre, Leeds  
(International Promoters Platform, Delegates only)

**Tuesday 14 & Wednesday 15 February** 7.45pm  
Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield  
Tickets £14, £12 (Tues 16-26 yrs £7.50)  
Tel 0114 249 6000 [www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk)

**Friday 17 February** 7.30pm  
Harrogate Theatre  
Tickets £12, £10, £8 (£10, £8, £6)  
Tel 01423 502116 [www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk](http://www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk)

**Tuesday 21 February** 7.30pm  
The Theatre at Headington, Oxford  
Tickets £12 (£10, school groups £7)  
Tel 01865 759138 [www.headington.org](http://www.headington.org)

**Wednesday 22 February** 8.00pm  
The Junction, Cambridge  
Tickets £10 (£7)  
Tel 01223 511511 [www.junction.co.uk](http://www.junction.co.uk)

**Thursday 23 February** 7.45pm  
The Corn Exchange, Newbury  
Tickets £10 (£8, u25s £6.50)  
Tel 01635 522733 [www.cornexchangenew.com](http://www.cornexchangenew.com)

**Tuesday 28 February** 8.00pm  
Nottingham Playhouse  
Tickets £16, £14 (£14.50, £12.50, Sch. £7)  
Tel 0115 941 9419  
[www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk)

**Thursday 2 March** 7.30pm  
Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre, Taunton  
Tickets £7.50 (£5, schools £3.50)  
Tel 01823 414141 [www.tacchi-morris.com](http://www.tacchi-morris.com)

**Tuesday 7 - Saturday 11 March** 8.00pm  
Robin Howard Dance Theatre  
The Place, London  
Tickets £5 - £15  
Tel 020 7387 0031 [www.theplace.org.uk](http://www.theplace.org.uk)

**Tuesday 14 March** 8.00pm  
Weston Studio  
Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff  
Tickets £12, £10  
Tel 08700 402000 [www.wmc.org.uk](http://www.wmc.org.uk)

**Tuesday 21 March** 7.30pm  
Mercury Theatre, Colchester  
Tickets £15, £14, £13, £10  
Tel 01206 573948 [www.mercurytheatre.co.uk](http://www.mercurytheatre.co.uk)

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