## Introductory Workshop – Topics Introduced Moscow – January 27-31, 2010

## Laban Movement Analysis

- Overview
  - Body Effort Shape Space Relationship (BESS-R)
- Body
- Body organization
- Body parts used or held
- Body actions
- Initiation
- Sequencing: Simultaneous, Sequential, Successive
- Effort / Movement Dynamics (Antrieb)
  - Effort factors: Flow, Weight, Space (attention), Time
  - Effort qualities: Free/Bound Flow; Light/Strong Weight (active); Limp/Heavy Weight (passive); Indirect/Direct Space; Quick/Sustained Time
  - Effort loading: States & Drives (e.g. Action Drive)
  - Exertion—Recuperation
- Shape
- Opening/Closing
- Shape Flow Support: Growing/Shrinking
- Modes of Shape Change: Shape Flow, Directional, Carving
- Shape Qualities: Rising/Sinking, Advancing/Retreating, Spreading/Enclosing
- Still Forms: Wall, Ball, Pin, Screw, Tetrahedron
- Space
- Kinesphere, reach space, psychological kinesphere
- Approach to Kinesphere: Central, Peripheral, Transverse
- Dimensions: Vertical, Sagittal, Horizontal
- Planes: Vertical, Sagittal, Horizontal
- Diagonals, Transversals, spirals
- Crystalline forms: octahedron, cube, icosahedron
- Relationship
  - Phrasing
  - Shared Kinesphere
  - Interrelationship of aspects within the system
  - Self—Other

## **Bartenieff Fundamentals**

- Patterns of Total Body Connectivity (PTBC)
  - Breath Connectivity
  - Core-Distal Connectivity
  - Head-Tail Connectivity
  - Upper-Lower Connectivity
  - Body-Half Connectivity
  - Diagonal Connectivity
  - Developmental aspects
- Change is fundamental "Constant change is here to stay"
  - Steps in the change process
- Relationship & Connectivity are fundamental
  - Inner—Outer expressivity and support
  - Between parts of the body
  - Between part and whole: Whole—Part—Whole
  - Between whole human beings
  - Lively interplay between changing relationships
- Grounding
  - Kinetic chains
  - Flow
  - Stability—Mobility
- Principles (from *Making Connections*, by Peggy Hackney)
  - Total Body Connectivity
  - Breath Support
  - Grounding
  - Developmental Progression
  - Intent
  - Complexity
  - Inner—Outer
  - Function—Expression
  - Stability—Mobility
  - Exertion—Recuperation
  - Phrasing
  - Personal Uniqueness