

the DANCE i n s i d e r

For the Love of Murray... and Danny

... Speaking of Danspace Project at St. Mark's Church, this lord of downtown dance theaters tonight hosts a tribute to two venerated choreographers and dancers by Janis Brenner & Guests, to open Brenner's 25th anniversary season, running at Danspace Project through Sunday.



Janis Brenner & Guests in Murray Louis's *Porcelain Dialogues*.
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Before she was Janis Brenner, choreographer, she was Janis Brenner, performer, for the Murray Louis Dance Company, in which capacity she danced with, among others, the late Danial Shapiro. For this season, in addition to her own work, Brenner is featuring a revival of Louis's 1974 *Porcelain Dialogues*, which she'll perform with four of her Louis company contemporaries: Betsy Fisher, Sara Pearson, Michael Blake, and Robert Small. Before he passed away, she was also looking forward to dancing with Danny again. Instead, tonight's performance will include a tribute to him, as well as a special presentation to Louis and two selections from Monk's *Songs from the Hill*, sung by the composer (on video) and Brenner.