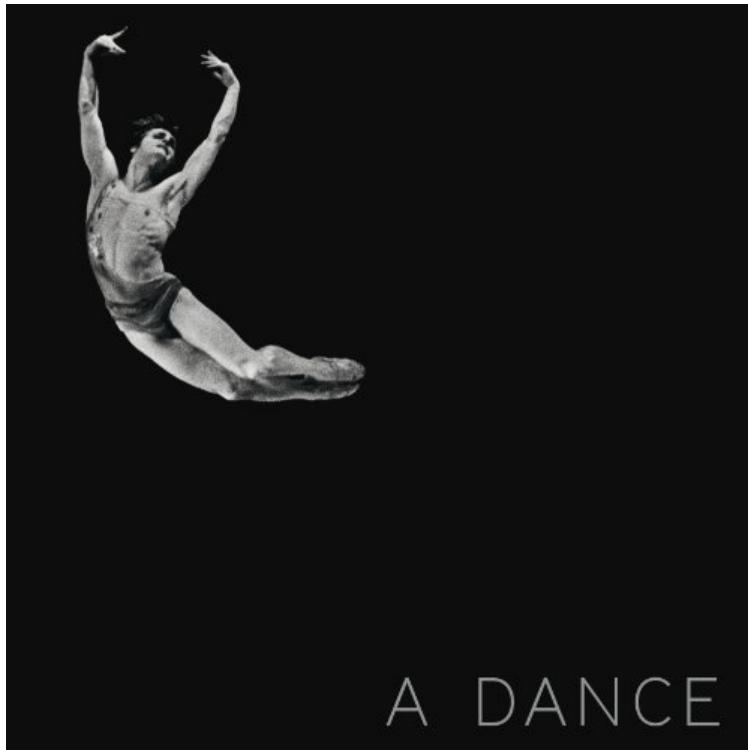


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**About the Author** Alexander Barabanov is a leading authority on dance who lives in Moscow and London. He opened a gallery for new Russian art in London and is an adviser on the Diaghilev centenary events in Moscow.