

**The Honorands of
The 2003 Commencement**

**Mark Morris
Doctor of Fine Arts**

Mark Morris has been a creative force in the world of dance for more than 20 years as a dancer, a choreographer, and a director of dance, theater, and opera performances around the world. In 1980 he founded the Mark Morris Dance Group and has since created more than 90 works for the Dance Group and more than a dozen commissions for ballet companies, including the San Francisco Ballet and the American Ballet Theatre. He is the co-founder (with Mikhail Baryshnikov) of the White Oaks Dance Project (1990).

From 1988 to 1991 he was the artistic director of the Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie in Brussels. For his creative genius, Mark Morris has been named a MacArthur Foundation Fellow and a Guggenheim Fellow. In 1984 and 1990 he received the New York Dance and Performance Award.