

Guided by his idol George Balanchine, Hans van Manen has striven all his life to create meaning in his choreography. Alongside conversations with colleagues and collaborators, in the documentary *Moving to Music*, van Manen talks about his life and work, and from where his inspiration came in ballets that are charged with drama and eroticism. Also included are three complete works from Dutch National Ballet – the early *Metaforen*; *Adagio Hammerklavier*, which presents the slow movement of Beethoven's Op. 106 sonata performed live on stage with three couples in various configurations; and *Frank Bridge Variations*, a late masterpiece that plays with balance and counterpoint to music by Benjamin Britten.

# Hans van Manen

## Moving to Music

A film by Reiner E. Moritz

### Hommage à Hans van Manen

**Metaforen** for 12 dancers (1965)

**Adagio Hammerklavier** for 6 dancers (1973)

**Frank Bridge Variations** for 10 dancers (2005)

Dutch National Ballet

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