

Live and kicking

Hold on to your hats! The *Time Out Awards 1996* are here, celebrating the year's finest live dance, comedy, music and theatre – and they've been as hotly contested as ever. Here, our critics justify their love and, on the pages that follow, pick out some of London's live highlights up until the New Year. Photography **Ginger**

'Genesis Canyon' wins Best Production. No one who saw this site-specific event at the Natural History Museum (and all five of its performances were chock-a-block) can be in any doubt about the special excitement generated by this vibrant Dance Umbrella commission. Created by American choreographer Stephan Koplowitz with 40 UK dancers, a score by Jonathan Stone and designs by Craig Givens, 'Genesis Canyon' was truly a magical moment. This award goes to each and every person involved.