The University Musical Society The University of Michigan

Presents



MARCEL MARCEAU

and his partner

PIERRE VERRY

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 16, 1971, AT 3:00

POWER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

PROGRAM

Mr. Marceau will select his program from the following repertoire:

STYLE PANTOMIMES

The Kite
The Man and His Boat
The Magician
The Cage
Circus Performer
The Dream
The Hands
The Painter
Creation of the World
Walking Against the Wind
The Staircase

The Tight Rope Walker
The Sculptor
The Public Garden
The Mask Maker
Youth, Maturity, Old Age and Death
The Four Seasons
The Park
The Bill Poster
Contrasts
The Trial
Remembrances

BIP PANTOMIMES

BIP as a Concert Performer
BIP as a Matador
BIP dreams he is Don Juan
BIP goes traveling
BIP in the Subway
BIP as a Baby Sitter
BIP as a Violin Virtuoso
BIP at a Society Party
BIP commits Suicide
BIP as a Lion Tamer

BIP as a Painter
BIP takes an Ocean Voyage
BIP hunts Butterflies
BIP plays David and Goliath
BIP, the Street Musician
BIP as a Fireman
BIP looks for a Job
BIP as a Professor of Botany
BIP in the Modern and Future Life

Presentation of Cards
Pierre Verry

Staff for Marcel Marceau

Administrative Director Alain Mangel

Stage Manager Antoine Casanova

MARCEL MARCEAU

Marcel Marceau—the world's greatest living exponent of the Art of Mime—was born in Strasbourg, France. In 1946 he enrolled as a student at Charles Dullin's School of Dramatic Art in the Sarah Bernhardt Theatre in Paris where he studied with the great master Etienne Decroux. Soon the already successful Jean-Louis Barrault made him a member of his Company, and cast him in the role of Arlequin in the pantomime entitled "Baptiste," which won him such acclaim that he was encouraged to present his first "mimodrama," entitled "Praxitele and the Golden Fish."

As a style pantomimist, Marceau has been acknowledged without peer. In 1947 Marceau created "Bip," the clown who has become his alter-ego. In 1949, following his winning the previous year of the Deburau Prize, Marceau formed his Compagnie de Mime Marcel Marceau—the only company of pantomimists in the world. In 1952 he made his initial television appearance via the BBC, and during the next three years made four tours of Europe. His first tour of the United States was in 1955-56, following his North American debut at the Stratford (Ontario) Festival. Marceau has, in addition to his regular seasons at the Ambigu and his appearances in the European capitals, toured extensively in Latin America, the Far East, Israel, Australia, Greece, Russia, Scandinavia, Thailand, and Ceylon.

Marceau's art has become familiar to millions of Americans through television. His versatility was proven in his latest motion picture, First Class, in which he assumes seventeen different roles. He recently created for the Ballet Company of the Hamburg Opera a mimodrama entitled "Candide." Marceau directed this work and portrayed the title role. The French Government recently awarded Marceau one of their highest honors when they made him a Chevalier de la légion d'honneur."

PIERRE VERRY

Pierre Verry joined the Compagnie de Mime Marcel Marceau in 1951 and has, since that period, appeared in major roles in each of the mimodramas produced annually. He has accompanied Marceau on nearly every world tour. For the past few years, however, he has often remained in Paris, heading Marceau's International School of Mime.

"Mime is as ancient as civilization, and yet is one of the least practiced and most difficult of dramatic forms. It has always had its interpreters, but since the days of the pantomimists of the Commedia dell'Arte, and later, the great 19th century French mime, Deburau, there have been few who have devoted themselves exclusively to its study and performance. It has been employed as an adjunct, more or less, to the arts of acting and dance. Great ballet dancers must know the Art of Mime to round out those areas of silence which occur in every play or every ballet that has a story. Mime is a universal art."

MARCEL MARCEAU

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