The University Musical Society The University of Michigan

Presents

THE ROYAL WINNIPEG BALLET

ARNOLD SPOHR, Director

NEAL KAYAN, Musical Director RICHARD RUTHERFORD, Associate Director EUGENE SLAVIN, Ballet Master

CHRISTINE HENNESSY SHEILA MACKINNON ALEXANDRA NADAL WALTER BOURKE WINTHROP COREY

Teresa Bacall Ana Maria de Gorriz Maria Lang
Petal Miller Louise Naughton
Salvatore Aiello Attila Ficzere Craig Sterling Terry Thomas

Madeleine Bouchard, Kathleen Duffy, Marina Eglevsky, Frank Garoutte, Peter Garrick, Veronica Graver, Bill Lark, Michael Manning, Jim Mercer, Janek Schergen, Patti Ross, Edward Traskowski, Patricia Wilson

Wednesday Evening, November 10, 1971, at 8:00 Power Center for the Performing Arts

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet has previously appeared in Ann Arbor on February 4, 1967, and March 15, 1970.

PROGRAM

PAS DE DIX

Choreographer GEORGE BALANCHINE

Music A. GLAZOUNOV

Costumes E. CONSTANCE OFFICER

A storyless classical ballet. A strong Hungarian dance flavor touches the traditional steps. First produced by New York Ballet in New York on November 9, 1955, it entered the Royal Winnipeg Ballet's repertoire in the 1961–62 season.

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INTERMISSION

SEBASTIAN

Choreography: John Butler Scenario: Gian-Carlo Menotti

Music: Gian-Carlo Menotti Costumes: Stanley Simmons

Decor: LAWRENCE SCHAFER

Sebastian WINTHROP COREY
The Courtesan Louise Naughton
The Prince Salvatore Aiello
The Two Sisters Teresa Bacall, Maria Lang

Madeleine Bouchard Marina Eglevsky Veronica Graver
Petal Miller Patti Ross Trish Wilson
Peter Garrick Frank Garoutte Bill Lark
Michael Manning Jim Mercer Edward Traskowski
Terry Thomas Janek Schergen

The ballet is set in 17th-century Venice.

The Moorish slave, Sebastian, secretly loves the Courtesan who is loved by the Prince. The two sisters of the Prince attempt to kill the Courtesan by witchcraft, stabbing her effigy, over which they have placed one of her cloaks But Sebastian, out of his love for her, takes her death for himself.

INTERMISSION

RONDO

A Ballet after an idea of Manfred Gräter

Choreography and Costumes . . . John Neumeier

Music 1A Convention Found
"Ah Robin, Gentle Robin" . WILLIAM CORNYSHE

2B Breaking Convention "Bolos" IAN BARK, VOLKA RABE

3A Convention Spoiled
"Ich bin der Welt
Abhanden gekommen" . . Gustav Mahler

4C Destroying Convention "Some of These" . . . JAN MORTENSON

5A Convention Desired "Scarborough Fair" . SIMON AND GARFUNKEL

Principal Girls

Ana Maria de Gorriz Maria Lang Louise Naughton

Principal Boys

SALVATORE AIELLO JIM MERCER CRAIG STERLING

Cathy Duffy Marina Eglevsky Veronica Graver
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"Rondo" takes its title from the formal arrangement of its diverse music. The five pieces, from various periods and of contrasting styles, are put together to achieve something like the classic rondo form: A-B-A-C-A—all "A" or theme sections being vocal, the "B" and "C" sections developmental and instrumental. The ballet has no "story"; the five movements, however, acquire unity by exploring in pure dance terms and images a common theme: conventions; the invisible frontiers of a culture and their influence on individuals.

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The principal figure is simply "a person" whose qualities, feelings, and ideas are represented by six dancers. This complex figure is confronted and changed (partly in reality, partly in thought and memory) by the world around him. Events, crises, and signs of the time, which one cannot ignore, affect and change him. In the end, however, he moves on, even if altered by the currents of his experience.

STAFF FOR THE ROYAL WINNIPEG BALLET

J. Sergei Sawchyn, General Manager to the Company
Jim Cameron, Assistant General Manager
Peter Hawkins, Production Director
Gloria P. Samoluk, Business Manager
Doreen Macdonald, Director of Wardrobe
John Stammers, Technical Director
Bill Riske, Stage Manager
Linda Lee Thomas, Principal Pianist

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INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS-1971-72

PRAGUE STRING QUARTET Tuesday, November 10
Quartet in C major, Op. 54, No. 2, Haydn; Quartet No. 2, Janacek; Quartet in G major, Op. 106, Dvorak
SHIRLEY VERRETT, Mezzo-soprano Thursday, November 18
"Komm Süsser Tod," Bach; "Il mio bel foco," Marcello; Three Spirituals; Vier ernste Gesange (Four Serious Songs) Op. 121, Brahms; Zigeuner Melodien (Gypsy Songs) Op. 55, Dvorak
*SWINGLE SINGERS from Paris Friday, November 19
CHORICA DANCE THEATER from Athens
Choreography is closely interwoven with speech and music in these presentations, with excerpts from Ancient Greek tragedies, comedies and satiric drama providing material for the dramatic expressions of this group. Two performances in Power Center:
Classical Greek Drama Saturday, November 20 Byzantine Medieval Liturgical Drama Sunday, November 21
*NATIONAL BALLET of Washington, D.C. (aft. & eve.) Saturday, November 27
THE MESSIAH—Handel's great oratorio Friday and Saturday, December 3 and 4 (afternoon) Sunday, December 5
Donald Bryant conducts the 325-member Choral Union, Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra, and soli in this traditional event of the Christmas season. Soloists are Helen Boatwright, Soprano; Batyah Godfrey, Contralto; Dan Marek, Tenor; and Donald Bell, Bass.
CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA, PIERRE BOULEz, conductor Wednesday, December 8
Jeux, Debussy; The Miraculous Mandarin, Bartok; Symphony No. 3, Schumann

All programs in the evening, unless otherwise noted.

* Sold out.

The annual May Festival will be held May 4, 5, 6 and 7. Programs and soloists for the five concerts will be announced December 1, when series orders will be accepted.

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