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# Martha Graham Dance Company

60th Anniversary Season

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Costumes: Martha Graham, Halston

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> Company Rehearsal Director: BERT TERBORGH Assistant Rehearsal Director: DAVID HOCHOY

Saturday Evening, February 7, 1987, at 8:00 Power Center for the Performing Arts Ann Arbor, Michigan

The Musical Society gratefully acknowledges the generosity of Ford Motor Company Fund for underwriting the costs of this house program. This performance is supported in part by Arts Midwest's members and friends, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

Cameras are not allowed in the auditorium.

#### PROGRAM

#### PLAIN OF PRAYER

Choreography and Costumes: Martha Graham Set: Jean Rosenthal Music: Eugene Lester Lighting: Beverly Emmons after Jean Rosenthal Choreography copyright 1977 by Martha Graham First performed: May 29, 1968

There is a plain of prayer in Tibet.

Maxine Sherman Julian Littleford

Lyndon Branaugh, Mario Camacho, Floyd Flynn, Steve Rooks, Kenneth Topping Kathy Buccellato, Debra Kantor, Denise Vale

This revival commissioned by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

#### INTERMISSION

#### CAVE OF THE HEART

Choreography: Martha Graham
Set: Isamu Noguchi Music: Samuel Barber\*
Original Lighting: Jean Rosenthal
Choreography copyright 1976 by Martha Graham
First performed: May 10, 1946

In Greek legend, Medea was a Princess of Colchis, renowned as a sorceress. She fled from her home with the hero Jason to Corinth where she lived with him as wife and bore him two children. But Jason was ambitious, and when Creon, the King, offered him the hand of his daughter in marriage, he abandoned Medea. Maddened with jealousy, Medea sent the Princess a wedding gift: an enchanted crown. When the Princess placed the crown upon her head, it brought down upon her a terrifying death. Medea then murdered her own children and fled Corinth in a chariot drawn by dragons, returning to her father, the Sun.

The Sorceress, Medea: Christine Dakin Jason: George White, Jr. The Victim, Creon's Daughter: Debra Kantor The Chorus: Sophie Giovanola

Originally commissioned by the Alice N. Ditson Fund, Columbia University, New York City.

\*Medea Ballet, Op. 23, used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc., publisher and copyright owner.

#### **ACTS OF LIGHT\***

Choreography: Martha Graham Music: Carl Nielsen\*\*
Costumes: Halston Lighting: Beverly Emmons
First performed: February 26, 1981

Conversation of Lovers

Peggy Lyman Donlin Foreman

Lament

Jacqulyn Buglisi

Lyndon Branaugh, Mark Borneman, Mario Camacho Floyd Flynn, Kenneth Topping

Ritual to the Sun

Chief Celebrants: Peggy Lyman, Donlin Foreman

Kathy Buccellato, Sophie Giovanola, Joyce Herring Debra Kantor, Theresa Maldonado, Kim Stroud, Denise Vale Mark Borneman, Lyndon Branaugh, Mario Camacho, Christopher Dolder Floyd Flynn, Pascal Rioult, Kenneth Topping

Commissioned in part by Edward H. Michaelsen.

#### About the Artists

The Martha Graham Dance Company is in the midst of celebrating its 60th Anniversary Season, dating from April 18, 1926, when Martha Graham gave her first dance concert on her own — one that started her career as one of history's greatest dancers and choreographers. She has been compared to Picasso and Stravinsky because of her unquestionable dominance of her art. Her original movement technique and her monumental body of dance works — 176 ballets — have been called the most significant contribution to dance in this century and include many classics of American modern dance.

During its sixty years, the Martha Graham Dance Company has received acclaim from audiences in over fifty countries. It has performed at opera houses in New York, London, and Paris, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., as well as at the base of the Great Pyramids of Egypt, and the ancient Herod Atticus Theatre on the Acropolis in Athens, Greece. In addition to live performances, the company has also produced several films and videotapes that are telecast on the PBS network and then around the world.

The Martha Graham School in New York trains students in the Graham Technique, preparing them to become professional dancers in the Graham Company and other major dance companies throughout the world. The school's alumni include choreographers Paul Taylor, Merce Cunningham, and Twyla Tharp. Through a course entitled "Movement for Actors," actors including Bette Davis, Kirk Douglas, Tony Randall, Rip Torn, Lorne Green, Eli Wallach, Joanne Woodward, and Woody Allen have studied with Martha Graham. The School is presently establishing a school in Florence, Italy, in response to the many requests from the cultural ministers throughout Europe for an authorized Martha Graham School in Europe.

The three concerts in Ann Arbor this weekend represent the company's only performances in the United States this year, prior to its full schedule of engagements abroad. Miss Graham continues to lead her company through engagements in the United States and abroad, as well as making dances, rehearsing, and teaching at her studio in New York City. The number of Ann Arbor concerts given by the Graham Company under Musical Society auspices total 16, including the three this weekend.

<sup>\*&</sup>quot;Thank you for all the Acts of Light which beautified a summer now passed to its reward." Taken from a letter by Emily Dickinson (No. 951) to Mrs. J. Howard Sweetser, Late Autumn 1884.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Pan and Syrinx, Bier of the Young Artist, Helios Overture. Music used by arrangement with Magnamusic-Baton, Inc. for Edition-Wilhelm Hansen, publisher and copyright owner.

## Martha Graham Dance Company Tomorrow afternoon, 3:00 p.m., Power Center

Appalachian Spring (1944) Temptations of the Moon (1986) The Rite of Spring (1984)

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## **Coming Concerts**

KIRI TE KANAWA, Soprano	Tues. Feb. 10
Guarneri String Quartet	Fri. Feb. 13
Vienna Philharmonic/Claudio Abbado	Γues., Wed., Mar. 3, 4
Vienna Symphony Virtuosi	Fri. Mar. 6
Maurice André, Trumpet	Sat. Mar. 14
HUNGARIAN STATE FOLK ENSEMBLE	Tues. Mar. 17
New York City Opera National Company	Thurs. Mar. 19
Puccini's Madama Butterfly	
FACULTY ARTISTS CONCERT (free admission)	Sun. Mar. 22
JAMES GALWAY, Flutist	Fri. Mar. 27
THE CAMBRIDGE BUSKERS	
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF EUROPE	
LORIN MAAZEL, Conductor; FRANK PETER ZIMMERMANN, Violi	nist
GARY KARR, Double Bass/Eliot Fisk, Guitar	Sun. Apr. 5
JEAN GUILLOU, Organist	Sun. Apr. 12
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# 1987 Ann Arbor May Festival — April 28-May 1

The Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra
Kurt Masur, Music Director and Conductor
The Festival Chorus, Donald Bryant, Director
Pinchas Zukerman, Violinist Peter Rösel, Pianist
Marilyn Horne, Mezzo-Soprano
Arleen Augér, Soprano Vinson Cole, Tenor
Susanne Mentzer, Mezzo-Soprano Paul Plishka, Bass

Tuesday Beethoven: Violin Concerto (Zukerman); Dvořák: Symphony No. 9

("From the New World")

Wednesday Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 1 (Rösel); Beethoven: Symphony No. 5

Thursday Mahler: "Kindertotenlieder" (Horne); Bruckner: Symphony No. 4 ("Romantic")

Friday Beethoven: Choral Fantasy (Rösel), Symphony No. 9, with Final Chorus on Schiller's

"Ode to Joy" (Augér, Mentzer, Cole, Plishka)

Series tickets now on sale; single tickets available March 9.

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