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Presents

Pennsylvania Ballet

SANDRA APPLEBAUM DANA AREY KAREN BROWN ALBA CALZADA GREGORY DROTAR TOAN COOPER JOANNE DANTO Marcia Darhower DAVID KLOSS KIMBERLY DYE TAMARA HADLEY DAVID JORDAN MICHELLE LUCCI DANE LAFONTSEE BARRY LEON SHERRY LOWENTHAL Anya Patton LESLIE PECK JAMES MERCER EDWARD MYERS CONSTANCE ROSS BARBARA SANDONATO REVA PINCUSOFF LAWRENCE RHODES JANEK SCHERGEN JERRY SCHWENDER GRETCHEN WARREN ROBIN WELCH LINDA ZETTLE MISSY YANCEY

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FIONA FUERSTNER, Ballet Mistress Nicholas Cernovitch, Lighting Designer with the

PENNSYLVANIA ORCHESTRA

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 27, 1974, AT 3:00
POWER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

EIGHT MOVEMENTS IN RAGGED TIME

Choreography by John Jones
Music by Scott Joplin
Orchestrations by Maurice Kaplow
"Maple Leaf" and "Entertainer"
Orchestrated by Gunther Schuller
Costume Design by Bernard Johnson
Set Design by Dolphus Smith
Lighting by Nicholas Cernovitch

Ragtime is a formal, almost neoclassical musical expression in which the melody is free to wander from the strong to the weak rhythm, to delay or anticipate, or to drop unpredictably. It was seriously accepted and fared far better in Europe than at home where its very name was an epithet, a scornful, belittling term with strong racial overtones. But, Brahms envisioned a ragtime project just before his death; Debussy experimented in the medium with two piano pieces, "Golliwog's Cakewalk" and "General Levine"; Stravinsky followed not too long after with his "Piano Rag Music." "Eight Movements in Ragged Time" attempts to recapture the fresh, free movement generated throughout America at the turn of the century.

Introduction BARRY LEON
Maple Leaf LESLIE PECK, KAREN BROWN, ROBIN WELCH,
ANYA PATTON, DANE LAFONTSEE, BARRY LEON,
DAVID JORDAN, GREGORY DROTAR, JERRY SCHWENDER
Euphonic Sound Robin Welch and Barry Leon
Pleasant Moments Anya Patton, David Jordan, Gregory Drotar
Solace KAREN BROWN and DANE LAFONTSEE,
LESLIE PECK, ROBIN WELCH, ANYA PATTON,
DAVID JORDAN, GREGORY DROTAR, BARRY LEON
Stoptime BARRY LEON, DAVID JORDAN, GREGORY DROTAR,
Jerry Schwender
Entertainer Dane LaFontsee
Bethena LESLIE PECK, KAREN BROWN, ROBIN WELCH,
ANYA PATTON, DANE LAFONTSEE, BARRY LEON,
DAVID JORDAN, GREGORY DROTAR, JERRY SCHWENDER
Elite Syncopation Leslie Peck, Karen Brown, Robin Welch,
ANYA PATTON, DANE LAFONTSEE, BARRY LEON,
DAVID JORDAN, GREGORY DROTAR, JERRY SCHWENDER
Piano Soloist KARL FOGMEG

INTERMISSION

SERENADE

Choreography by George Balanchine
Music by Peter I. Tchaikovsky
Costume Design by Karinska
Lighting by David K. H. Elliott

Of this ballet, Balanchine has written, "I choreographed to the music with the pupils I happened to have at a particular time. Later . . . I elaborated on the small accidental bits I had included in class and made the whole more dramatic, more

theatrical, in synchronizing it to the music with additional movement, but always using the little things that ordinarily might be overlooked. . . . Many people think there is a concealed story in the ballet. There is not. There are, simply, dancers in motion to a beautiful piece of music. The story is the music's story, a serenade, a dance . . . in the light of the moon."

Alba Calzada Marcia Darhower Joanne Danto Jerry Schwender Gregory Drotar

and

Sandra Applebaum Dana Arey Karen Brown Joan Cooper Kimberly Dye Tamara Hadley Linda Karash Sherry Lowenthal Anya Patton Leslie Peck Reva Pincusoff Constance Ross Angela Schmidt Robin Welch Missy Yancey Linda Zettle

David Jordan Edward Myers James Mercer Janek Schergen

INTERMISSION

AN AMERICAN RHAPSODY

Choreography by Robert Rodham
Music by George Gershwin
"Three Preludes"
"Rhapsody in Blue"
Sets by Robert Mitchell
Lighting by David K. H. Elliott
Costumes by Hal George
Piano Solo — Karl Fogmeg

"I heard it as a sort of musical kaleidoscope of America—of our vast melting pot, of our unduplicated national pep, of our blues, our metropolitan madness."

- George Gershwin

The young composer-pianist was only twenty-five when he performed the world première of his kaleidoscope, "Rhapsody in Blue." The world première of "Three Preludes" followed two years later. Now, these American musical masterworks are heard again in "An American Rhapsody" commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the birth of the composer, George Gershwin.

Three Preludes Marcia Darhower and Edward Myers Rhapsody in Blue Robert Rodham

and

Karen Brown
Mark Hochman

Anya Patton
James Mercer
Leslie Peck
Constance Ross
Missy Yancey

MICHELLE LUCCI and DANE LAFONTSEE
BARBARA SANDONATO, JERRY SCHWENDER, REVA PINCUSOFF
JOANNE DANTO and GREGORY DROTAR

In collaboration with the University's Dance Program of the School of Music, these three dance concerts and related events constitute a half-week dance residency project, receiving support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Michigan Council for the Arts. It is the second of three dance residencies in the 1974–75 season under the sponsorship of the University Musical Society, concluding with the Paul Taylor Dance Company, March 12.

INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS-1974-75

PENNSYLVANIA BALLET (8:00) Sunday, October 27 Concerto Barocco; After Eden; Zig Zag; Eight Movements in Ragged Time
SLASK, FOLK COMPANY, FROM POLAND Wednesday, October 30
Jacques Loussier Trio, Jazzmen "Play Bach" Saturday, November 2
Andre Watts, Pianist
(Rescheduled from October 16)
NATIONAL CHINESE OPERA THEATRE Sunday, November 10
CLEVELAND STRING QUARTET Wednesday, November 13
CARLOS MONTOYA, Guitarist Tuesday, November 19
Soviet Georgian Dancers and
TBILISI POLYPHONIC CHOIR Sunday, November 24
Juilliard String Quartet Tuesday, December 3
Handel's Messiah Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
December 6, 7 & 8
Guarneri String Quartet and Gary Graffman, Pianist . Wednesday, January 8
MARCEL MARCEAU, Pantomimist Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
January 10, 11 & 12
Detroit Symphony Orchestra Saturday, January 11
Syntagma Musicum from Amsterdam Thursday, January 23
Tokyo String Quartet Sunday, February 2
American Symphony Orchestra Sunday, February 9
Moscow Chamber Orchestra Tuesday, February 11
GOLDOVSKY GRAND OPERA THEATER Thursday, February 13
Jean-Pierre Rampal, Flutist, and
Robert Veyron-La Croix, Keyboard Tuesday, February 18
HARKNESS BALLET Thursday, February 20
CHHAU, MASKED DANCE OF BENGAL Saturday, February 22
Moscow Balalaika Ensemble and Ludmila Zykina . Monday, February 24
PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY Wednesday, March 12
STRASBOURG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Saturday, March 15
QAWWALI MUSIC FROM PAKISTAN Sunday, March 16
VLADIMIR ASHKENAZY, Pianist Wednesday, March 19
ARS ANTIQUA DE PARIS Saturday, March 29
BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Saturday, April 5
PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND Wednesday, April 9
SPANISH RTV SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF MADRID Friday, April 11
EMIL GILELS, Pianist Sunday, April 13

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