



# THE UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

# Cloud Gate Dance Theatre

LIN HWAI-MIN, Artistic Director
TINA YUAN, Guest Artist

FAN MAN-NONG, Music Director

Hou Chi-ping, Lighting Designer

## Artists

Cheng Shu-gi
Lin Hsiu-wei
Wang Yun-yu
Veh Tai-chu

Chen Wei-cheng Liou Shaw-lu Wu Hsiu-lieng

Du Bih-tau Quo Mei-hsung Wu Hsing-kuo Ho Huei-chen Wang Lieng-chih Wu Su-chung

Hong Ting-tsai Shih Ho-li Hsiao Pai-yu Su Li-ying Huang Huei-tsung Tsu Deh-li

Lo Ma-fie Teng Yu-lin

Yan Min-fong

SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 4, 1979, AT 8:00
POWER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

#### PROGRAM

## REVENGE OF A LONELY GHOST

Choreography: Lin Hwai-min Music: Shih Wei-liung

Set and Costume Design: Lin Hwai-min

Lighting Design: Hou Chi-ping

This is an adaptation of the Chinese opera Wu Peng Chih. The ghost of a murdered man wants revenge. A good-hearted old man takes him to appeal to the Heavenly Justice and the murderers are punished. To Chinese a ghost can be very humane or even cute.

The Ghost	Wu Hsing-kuo
The Murderers Liou	Shaw-lu, Wang Lieng-chih
The Old Man	Ho Huei-chen
The Guards	Shih Ho-li, Hong Ting-tsai

#### RED KERCHIEF

Choreography: Cheng Shu-gi

Music: Lai De-ho

Costume Design: Cheng Shu-gi

Lighting Design: Hou Chi-ping

"Will he be a gentle and tender husband, or a brute?" worries an old-fashioned maiden over her future on the eve of her wedding. Comforted by her friends, she accepts a red kerchief, traditional headgear for a bride, and steps into the marriage arranged by her parents.

The Bride-To-Be	Cheng Shu-gi
Her Dream	Chen Wei-cheng, Wang Yun-yu
Her Fear	Teng Yu-lin, Du Bih-tau
Her Friends	Wu Hsiu-lieng, Huang Huei-tsung

#### ON THE HORSEBACK

Choreography: Lin Hsiu-wei

Music: Lee Tai-hsiung

Costume Design: Lin Hsiu-wei

Lighting Design: Hou Chi-ping

The music for this dance owes its motif to a Chinese folk song "Love of the Horseman."

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#### INTERMISSION

#### THE TALE OF THE WHITE SERPENT

Choreography: Lin Hwai-min

Music: Lai De-ho, commissioned by
Hung's Foundation of Education

Costume Design: Lin Hwai-min

Lighting Design: Hou Chi-ping

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The Tale of the White Serpent is one of the most popular Chinese folktales. Falling in love with a young scholar named Hsu Hsien, the spirits of White and Green Serpents transformed themselves into a young lady and her maid. With her magic the White Serpent caused it to rain and seduced Hsu Hsien while he was offering her his umbrella. After their marriage, however, the White Serpent revealed her original form by accident. Terrified, Hsu Hsien fled to seek help from a Buddhist monk, Fa Hai. It was not until Fa Hai captured the White Serpent with a Buddhist spell and imprisoned her under a pagoda that the remorseful Hsu Hsien realized that he had betrayed his beloved and was caught in the chaos of his own fate.

White Serpent	. Tina Yuan
Green Serpent	Lin Hsiu-wei
Hsu Hsien	
Fa Hai	Liou Shaw-lu

#### MILKWAY

Choreography: Lin Hwai-min, commissioned by Mrs. Nancy Ing

Costume Design: Lu Fong-chi Lighting Design: Hou Chi-ping

Music: Hsu Po-yun

The Chinese believe there are Gods or Goddesses on every star.

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# NU WA

Choreography: Lin Hwai-min Music: Lee Tai-hsiung

Costume Design: Shih Song and Lu Fan-chi

Lighting Design: Hou Chi-ping

This dance is inspired by the Chinese myth of Nu Wa. Nu Wa, a mysterious Goddess whose lower body was in the form of a serpent, created human beings with mud. When an angry God knocked down one of the pillars that supported the heavens, she mended it with jade to save her children from disaster. To the Chinese, Nu Wa is therefore looked upon as the mother of mankind.

#### TINA YUAN

#### THE CROSSING OF BLACK WATER

Choreography: Lin Hwai-min Music: Traditional, arranged by Chen Yang

Property and Costume Design: Lin Hwai-min Lighting Design: Hou Chi-ping

An excerpt from the dance drama, Legacy, a tribute to the heroic pioneers of Taiwan, who immigrated from China Mainland three hundred years ago in search of freedom and prosperity. This is equivalent to the Chinese version of the crossing of the Mayflower.

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## About the Artists

The Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan, an ensemble of 20–25 dancers, is the first truly modern dance company in Taiwan. It was founded in 1973 by choreographer Lin Hwai-min and is devoted to creating a new dance style which combines Western technique with Chinese themes and costumes. Its repertoire ranges from dance dramas based on Chinese myths and legend to contemporary themes. After making a tremendous impact on the dance scene in Taiwan, the company made its first tour in 1975 to enthusiastic reviews.

Lin Hwai-min, artistic director of the Cloud Gate Dance Theatre, came to the United States in 1971 and after studying with Martha Graham returned to Taiwan to create a new dance climate in his native country. He studied classical court dance in Korea and Japan in 1974 and most recently won the "Best Choreographer of the Year" award in the Republic of China. Tina Yuan, guest artist, has performed in Ann Arbor several times as a leading dancer with the Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre. Born in China and raised in California, she was trained in classical Chinese dance and ballet. Prior to joining the Ailey company, Miss Yuan appeared with the companies of Pearl Lang and Yuriko.

#### **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY MonWed. Nov. 5-7
Dresden Staatskapelle / Herbert Blomstedt Sun. Nov. 11
Wagner: Overture to Die Meistersinger; Beethoven: Symphony No. 8;
Strauss: "Ein Heldenleben."
New World String Quartet
("Bonus" concert for Chamber Arts Series subscribers)
Fred Waring Show Fri. Nov. 16
Syntagma Musicum Tues. Nov. 20
NINA BEILINA, Violinist Tues. Dec. 4

# Handel's "Messiah"

Friday & Saturday, November 30 & December 1, at 8:30 Sunday Afternoon, December 2, at 2:30

in Hill Auditorium

The University Choral Union and U-M Symphony Orchestra Donald Bryant, Conductor

ELIZABETH PARCELLS, Soprano VICTORIA GROF, Contralto

DAVID EISLER, Tenor DONALD BELL, Bass

Tickets from \$2 to \$6.

# Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" Ballet

This all-time Christmas favorite is performed by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, December 13, 14, 15, at 8:00

Saturday & Sunday, December 15 & 16, at 3:00

Power Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets from \$5.50 to \$9.

LES GRANDS BALLETS CANADIENS Sun. Jan. 20
Alfred Brendel, Pianist
Music of Haydn, Beethoven, and Bartók.
Concord String Quartet Sun. Jan. 27
Featuring world première of George Rochberg's String Quartet No. 7 with Voice, Leslie Guinn, <i>Baritone</i> .
GLINKA CHORUS OF LENINGRAD
THE FELD BALLET FriSun. Feb. 1-3
Orpheus Ensemble Fri. Feb. 8
LEONTYNE PRICE, Soprano Sat. Feb. 9
ZURICH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Fri. Feb. 15
JEAN-PIERRE RAMPAL, Flutist; ALEXANDRE LAGOYA, Guitarist Mon. Feb. 18
Music of Scheidler, Telemann, Sanz, Paganini, Shankar, Villa-Lobos,
Sor, Giuliani.
ALDO CICCOLINI, Pianist
FOUNDERS DAY CONCERT
The Festival Chorus, Donald Bryant, Conductor; Handel's Israel in Egypt.
CUBAN FOLK ENSEMBLE
Krasnayarsk Dance Company, Siberia Fri. Feb. 29
ELLY AMELING, Soprano Wed. Mar. 12
ROYAL DANCERS & MUSICIANS, BHUTAN Sat. Mar. 15
Jury's Irish Cabaret of Dublin Tues. Mar. 18
YEHUDI and HEPHZIBAH MENUHIN, Violinist & Pianist Wed. Mar. 19

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