



THE UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The Feld Ballet

Gloria Brisbin Timothy Cronin Judith Denman Stephanie Foster Jennifer Grissette Christopher Hoskins Christopher Johnson

Cheryl Jones Thomas Lemanski David Lukcso Megan Murphy Paulo Manso de Sousa Mary Randolph Michael Schumacher

James Sewell Marcia Sussman Joan Tsao Catherine Ulissey Paul Vitali Allison Wade Cynthia Westaway

Ballet Masters TIMOTHY CRONIN, ELIOT FELD, CATHERINE ULISSEY

PETER LONGIARU, Company Pianist DAVID ROSENBERG, Production Stage Manager MARK MONGOLD, Technical Director CORA CAHAN, Executive Director

Saturday Evening, February 9, 1985, at 8:00 Power Center for the Performing Arts ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

Since The Feld Ballet's official première in 1974 at the New York Shakespeare Festival's Newman Theater, the company has affirmed its promise of a decade ago. It has premièred 21 of the 44 ballets choreographed by Eliot Feld, its motivating genius, and maintains a New York season as well as extensive tours through the United States. In 1976 The Feld Ballet represented the United States in a Bicentennial nine-week tour of Mexico and Central and South America, and in 1979 it made its European debut in Paris, followed by a five-city tour of northern Italy. Also in 1979, the Ballet was featured in the public television series "Dance In America."

The Feld Ballet studios are located at 890 Broadway, which also houses The New Ballet School and the company's administrative and technical offices. The School opened in 1978 as a tuition-free, professional ballet training program for gifted and talented children in New York City's public schools. The School's annual enrollment is 260.

The Ballet and School are supported by the non-profit Original Ballets Foundation, Inc. This group recently acquired and renovated an old movie house in New York City into The Joyce Theater, which is now the permanent home of The Feld Ballet. A handsome, intimate theater designed solely for dance, The Joyce also provides national and regional dance companies with an "Off-Broadway" theater for New York City engagements.

The Ballet's two concerts this weekend bring to a total of eleven their performances in

Ann Arbor.

The activities of the Feld Ballet have been made possible in part by The Shubert Foundation, The National Corporate Fund for Dance, the Emma A. Sheafer Trust, and with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

This program is made possible in part by a grant from the Great Lakes Arts Alliance, with the support of the Michigan Council for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

PROGRAM

PLAY BACH (1981)

Choreography: ELIOT FELD Costume Design: STANLEY SIMMONS *Music: Johann Sebastian Bach PETER LONGIARU, Pianist

Jennifer Grissette Judith Denman Stephanie Foster James Sewell Christopher Hoskins Christopher Johnson David Lukcso Allison Wade Cynthia Westaway Joan Tsao Paul Vitali

*Partitas No. 1 in B-flat major and No. 5 in G major

Play Bach was made possible with public funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and by The Rockefeller Foundation.

INTERMISSION

AGAINST THE SKY

(Preview prior to New York spring première)

Choreography: Eliot Feld *Music: Béla Bartók

Costumes: WILLA KIM

Michael Schumacher Gloria Brisbin Stephanie Foster Jennifer Grissette Judith Denman Marcia Sussman Joan Tsao Allison Wade Cynthia Westaway Catherine Ulissey

*The first and third movements of Music for Strings, Percussion, and Celeste, and the second, third, and fourth movements of the Fourth String Quartet.

INTERMISSION

A FOOTSTEP OF AIR (1977)

Choreography: ELIOT FELD Costumes: WILLA KIM Lighting: ALLEN LEE HUGHES

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (Irish and Scottish Folk Songs) Orchestration: SOL BERKOWITZ

Stefanie Foster Jennifer Grissette Mary Randolph Marcia Sussman Joan Tsao Catherine Ulissey Allison Wade Christopher Hoskins Christopher Johnson Thomas Lemanski Paulo Manso de Sousa Michael Schumacher James Sewell Paul Vitali

Ye Shepherds of this Pleasant Vale The Company

Music, Love and Wine The Company

Behold My Love, How Green the Groves Michael Schumacher

The Pulse of an Irishman
Christopher Johnson Stephanie Foster Jennifer Grissette Catherine Ulissey

Peggy's Daughter

Mary Randolph Michael Schumacher

and The Company

Put Round the Bright Wine
Christopher Hoskins James Sewell Paul Vitali

That Mischief Woman
Stephanie Foster Jennifer Grissette Joan Tsao
and All the Men

Sally in our Alley Catherine Ulissey

Fill, Fill My Good Fellow All the Men

Since Greybeards Inform Us That Youth Will Decay
The Company

Musical Note: Most of Beethoven's folk song arrangements, which number more than 170 all told, were commissioned by George Thomson (1757-1839), who saw it as his life's work to collect Scottish, Irish, and Welsh folk songs. He enlisted the aid of distinguished poets and well-known composers, among them Beethoven, who accepted this work from 1809 until 1823 in order to improve his financial position. Originally scored for violin, cello, and piano, these songs are danced to a transcription for chamber orchestra by Sol Berkowitz.

A Footstep of Air was made possible with funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Coming Concerts

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GUARNERI STRING QUARTET
KATIA & MARIELLE LABÈQUE, <i>Duo-pianists</i>
ROYAL PHILHARMONIC / YEHUDI MENUHIN
NETHERLANDS WIND ENSEMBLE (newly announced)
New York City Opera National Company Tues. Mar. 5 Verdi's Rigoletto
Kodo Thurs. Mar. 7
ST. LUKE'S CHAMBER ENSEMBLE Fri. Mar. 8 Mozart: Divertimento; Zwilich: Double String Quartet; Mendelssohn: Octet (strings)
PAUL BADURA-SKODA, <i>Pianist</i>
ACADEMY OF ANCIENT MUSIC
NATIONAL SYMPHONY / MSTISLAV ROSTROPOVICH
FACULTY ARTISTS CONCERT (free admission) Sun. Mar. 24 Ruggiero Ricci, Violinist; Harry Sargous, Oboist, and School of Music String Ensemble, performing Bach Concertos
SHERRILL MILNES, Baritone Fri. Mar. 29
POLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Ann Arbor May Festival 1985

Wednesday-Saturday, May 1, 2, 3, 4

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

The Festival Chorus, Donald Bryant, Director

Guest Conductors

SIXTEN EHRLING PHILIPPE ENTREMONT SIR ALEXANDER GIBSON

Itzhak Perlman, Violinist Philippe Entremont, Pianist

Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Soprano

Henry Herford, Baritone Anne Martindale Williams, Cellist

Wednesday — Ehrling and Perlman: Nielsen: Maskarade Overture, Symphony No. 5; Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto

Thursday — Entremont and Williams: Rimsky-Korsakov: Russian Easter Overture; Bloch: Schelomo — Hebrew Rhapsody; Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 17, K. 453; Ravel: Rapsodie espagnol

Friday — Gibson, Festival Chorus, and Herford; Berlioz: Roman Carnival Overture; Mozart: Symphony No. 40; Walton: Belshazzar's Feast

Saturday — Gibson and Te Kanawa: Handel: Overture in D, Arias from Rinaldo and Samson; Elgar: In the South; Britten: Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes; Strauss: Four Last Songs

Series tickets still available at \$65, \$50, \$40, \$30. Single concert tickets, from \$9 to \$21, available beginning March 1.