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## The Feld Ballet

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> FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 1, 1980, AT 8:00 POWER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

#### PROGRAM

### THE CONSORT (1970)

Choreography: ELIOT FELD Music: DOWLAND, MORLEY, NEUSIDLER and Anonymous Composers Arranged and Conducted by: MICHAEL JAFFEE THOMAS SKELTON Lighting: MILO MORROW and GARY JONES Costumes executed by: KAY JOHNSON LINDA MILLER MEGAN MURPHY GLORIA BRISBIN MARY RANDOLPH JOHANNA BAER CHARLES KENNEDY GREGORY MITCHELL KENNETH HUGHES REMUS MARCU TIMOTHY CRONIN **IEFF SATINOFF** 

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The three performances of The Feld Ballet this weekend comprise a dance residency under the Dance Touring Program, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Michigan Council for the Arts.

#### INTERMISSION

# THE GODS AMUSED (1971)

Choreography: ELIOT FELD

Music: CLAUDE DEBUSSY (Danses sacrée et profane)

Linda Miller Catherine Ulissey Richard Fein

PAUSE

#### LA VIDA (1978)

Choreography: ELIOT FELD Music: AARON COPLAND (El Salon Mexico) Costumes: WILLA KIM Lighting: THOMAS SKELTON

#### PATRICK CEA

Kay Johnson Catherine Ulissey Mary Randolph Kenneth Hughes Timothy Cronin Jeff Satinoff

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#### A FOOTSTEP OF AIR (1977)

Choreography: ELIOT FELD Music: LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN (Irish and Scottish Folk Songs) Orchestration: Sol BERKOWITZ Costumes: WILLA KIM Lighting: THOMAS SKELTON

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#### SONGS

Ye Shepherds of this Pleasant Vale Music, Love and Wine Behold My Love How Green the Groves The Pulse of an Irishman Peggy's Daughter Put Round the Bright Wine

Could This Ill World Have Been Contriv'd Sally in Our Alley Duncan Grey Charlie is My Darling Come Fill, Fill My Good Fellow Since Greybeards Inform Us That Youth Will Decay

Musical Note: Most of Beethoven's folk song arrangements, which number more than 170 all told, were commissioned by George Thomson (1757–1839), for many years secretary to the "Board for the Encouragement of Arts and Manufactures in Scotland," who saw it as his life's work to collect Scottish, Irish, and Welsh folk songs. He enlisted the aid of distinguished poets (Burns, Lord Byron, Hogg, Scott) and well known composers (Haydn, Koseluh, Pleyel, and Beethoven). Beethoven accepted this work from 1809 until 1823 in order to improve his financial position. In view of the simplicity of existing melodies, Beethoven was careful to keep as much variety to the ritornelli and accompaniments. Thus he often took a potent motive from the melody and developed it to both the prelude and postlude to a song. Sometimes he illustrated the meaning of the words with melodic figures of symbolic significance. These songs were originally scored for violin, cello, and piano. The company is dancing to an orchestration by Sol Berkowitz for chamber orchestra.

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

#### About the Company

Since its debut in 1974, The Feld Ballet has earned the reputation as America's newest major classical ballet company. In addition to its New York seasons, which are sold-out well in advance, the company has performed in 29 of the United States and was the official U.S. Bicentennial representative in a nine-week tour of Mexico and Central and South America. Last year The Feld Ballet made its Canadian debut at Ottawa's National Arts Centre in February, and in November made its European debut at the Theatre des Champs Elysees in Paris, followed by a five-city tour of northern Italy. Associated with The Ballet is The New Ballet School, a tuition-free professional ballet training program started in 1977 for children from New York City public schools. This project came to fruition in 1979 when nine advanced students of The New Ballet School made their performing debut with The Feld Ballet in *Papillon*.

In 1967, seven years prior to the company's debut, the first ballet choreographed by Eliot Feld, *Harbinger*, had its première, an event which prompted New York *Times* reviewer Clive Barnes to call Feld "the most talented choreographer of his generation." He has created ballets for the American Ballet Theatre, American Ballet Company, Royal Danish Ballet, The Joffrey Ballet, The National Ballet of Canada, The Royal Swedish Ballet, The Royal Winnipeg Ballet, and The Feld Ballet, totaling 30 since 1967.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Feld began performing at age twelve. At sixteen he joined the Broadway cast of "West Side Story" and appeared as Baby-John in the movie version. He has appeared on television on the Gary Moore and Ed Sullivan shows; on Broadway in "I Can Get It For You Wholesale" and "Fiddler on the Roof"; with the dance companies of Pearl Lang, Sophie Maslow, Mary Anthony and Donald MacKayle; and with the American Ballet Theatre and American Ballet Company.

This is The Feld Ballet's second visit to Ann Arbor, enabling area ballet aficionados to enjoy a total of thirteen creations by this gifted choreographer and his company.

The FELD BALLET
"Harbinger" (Prokofiev); "A Soldier's Tale" (Stravinsky);
"Half Time" (Gould)
The Feld Ballet Sun. Feb. 3
"The Real McCoy" (Gershwin); "Intermezzo" (Brahms);
"Half Time" (Gould)
ORPHEUS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
Grieg: Holberg Suite; Mozart: Serenade No. 12 for Woodwinds, K. 388,
and Symphony No. 29; Stravinsky: "Dumbarton Oaks" Concerto.
LEONTYNE PRICE, Soprano Sat. Feb. 9
ZURICH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Boyce: Symphony No. 3; Moret: Suite (1979); Stravinsky: Apollon
Musagète; Pergolesi: Concertino No. 2. Non Feb 18
JEAN-PIERRE RAMPAL, Flutist; ALEXANDRE LAGOYA, Guitarist . Mon. Feb. 18
ALDO CICCOLINI, Pianist
Music of Satie, Debussy, and Liszt.
FOUNDERS DAY CONCERT
The Festival Chorus, Donald Bryant, Conductor; Handel's Israel in Egypt.
Carlotta Wilsen, Soprano; Rosemary Russell, Contralto; John McCollum, Tenor; Willis Patterson, Bass; with members of University Symphony
Orchestra.
CUBAN FOLK ENSEMBLE
CODATA TODA DATABAL

#### **Important Concert Change**

The Krasnayarsk Dance Company from Siberia, scheduled for February 29, has cancelled its tour to the United States. We're pleased to announce the following attraction as a *replacement on the same date:* 

Massenkoff Russian Folk Festival—Nikolai Massenkoff, bass, and his California-based ensemble of folk dancers and balalaika players, all of Russian heritage, in a program spanning a thousand years of Russian history—ballads, war songs, love songs, and dances—Friday, February 29 at 8:30, in Hill Auditorium.

Krasnayarsk tickets should be used for admission to the Massenkoff Folk Festival. Additional tickets are also available, from \$4 to \$9. Ticket exchanges, if desired, may be made up to two days prior to the performance.

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