WINTER DANCE
Feb. 23-25 at 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 26 at 2 p.m.

STEVENS CENTER

George Balanchine
CHOREOGRAPHER

Shen Wei
CHOREOGRAPHER

Claudia Schreier
CHOREOGRAPHER

Darrell Grand Moultrie
CHOREOGRAPHER

PRESENTED BY
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2022-23 PERFORMANCE SEASON
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SERENADE

Music: “Serenade for Strings” by Peter Ilyich Tschaikovsky
Choreographer: George Balanchine
Stager: Margaret Tracey
Costume Design: Karinska
Lighting Design: Ronald Bates
Lighting Design Remount: Taylor Gordon
Rehearsal Directors: Akua Parker and Laura Martin
Sound Technician/Sound Console Operator: Chris Fulcher

FEBRUARY 23 & 25
Sophia Johnson, Ava Grace Williams, Ruiko Jacobs
   with
Elliott Mumm and William Whitney
Logan Byrd, Tess Cogley, Aimee Le, Chloe Milling
Nadia Avery, Alea Brown, Audrey Cannon, Ella Carbrey, Reese Dailey
   Avery Davis, Anna Horton, Vivi Hughey, Samantha Ladner
   Anela Mosqueda, Abigail Pontius, Daria Prokhnitski, Kiley White
Harry Cooper, Nate Nettles, Karl Pil, Evan Ray

FEBRUARY 24 & 26
Bailey Goss, Katherine Pearsall-Finch, Vanessa Meikle
   with
William Whitney and Gabriel Ramirez
Evelyn Beard, Olivia Boutin, Lilith Marchetti, Amanda Ovitt
Frances Boyd, Reese Dailey (Feb. 24), Cora Marie Kirk (Feb. 26)
   Luci Dodge, Ria Finn, Reagan Hammond
Sophie Kanzler, Sarah Ladner, Ava Lanzas, Katherine Nettles
   Nifa Omondi, Allie Roos, Tatum Smith, Chloe Webster
Harry Cooper, Noah Braun, Karl Pil, Evan Ray
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RE-III

(2009) [1 of 3 sections of the Triptych Re- (I, II, III)]
Choreographer: Shen Wei
Stager: Kate Jewett
Music: Sound Recorded on China’s Silk Road - Shen Wei
Composer: David Lang
Violin: Todd Reynolds
Costume Design: Shen Wei
Lighting Design: Jennifer Tipton
Lighting Remount: Taylor Gordon
Assistant to Stager: Trish Casey
Student Assistants: Giovanni Castellon and Charlee George
Sound Technician/Sound Console Operator: Chris Fulcher

NOTES

Joint Commission and premiere at Lincoln Center Festival (Alice Tully Hall) and American Dance Festival (Durham Performing Arts Center).

“The dance’s movement vocabulary is inspired by the dialogue between the individual and the collective, the past and the future. In the making of Re-(III), I drew upon the images of rural communities along the Silk Road and my impressions of a radically transformed Beijing, which I encountered while choreographing the 2008 Olympics. Unlike the other dances in the Triptych, I wanted an original score for this dance. Something new, unheard before.” —Shen Wei

WEI CAST: PERFORMANCE 1 & 3
Grace Bethune
Amaya Burnett
Aly Candland
Devon Drybread
Mason Gaddis
Jarrod Harrell
Skyler Herrick
Helena Hoermann
Meghan Lensmeyer
Charlie McVickers
Will Meeks
Rachel Mooney
Julianna Pittman

SHEN CAST: PERFORMANCE 2 & 4
Macy Alday
Nick Buynitzky
Isabella Campbell
Jack Cerminaro
Caroline Felkins
Maeve Friedman
Naya Gonzalez
Addy Harris
Courtney Holbrooks
Paisley Kupka
Madsyn Montgomery
Kate Moorhouse
Sophia Pielet
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FIRST IMPULSE

Choreographer: Claudia Schreier
Stager: Clara Monk
Music: Concerto Grosso Op. 5 (1956)
Composer: Eino Tamberg
Costume Design: Sylvie Rood
Lighting Design/Set Design: Nicole Pearce
Lighting Director: Dominick Z. Riches
Assistant to the Stager and Choreographer: Keith Thomas
Sound Technician/Sound Console Operator: Chris Fulcher

NOTES

“First Impulse” was commissioned by Atlanta Ballet for the Company’s 2019/2020 Season. The ballet for 16 dancers is set to Concerto Grosso Op. 5 (1956), an orchestral work by Estonian composer Eino Tamberg. The score is notable for its defiant use of the saxophone, an instrument that had been banned and labeled “decadent” by the Soviet regime in 1949. The juxtaposition of neoclassicism and modern athleticism is at the core of the choreography, set, and costume design, all of which are inspired by early and mid-20th century art movements. “First Impulse” was named a Standout Performance of 2019 by Pointe Magazine.

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Dana Sheldon, Chandler Davidson
Alayna Hamade, Liam Hutt
Margaux Beller, Emma Cilke, Skylar Eads, Kayla Estipular
Elsa Herr, Natalie Taylor, Harry Cooper, Nik Darrough, Julian Pecoraro
Evan Ray, Zac Snyder, Sam Stutz

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Kaylie Beard, Gabriel Ramirez
Madeleine Smith, Graham Wissinger
Margaux Beller, Liv Cacanindin, Emma Cilke, Skylar Eads
Wendy Proeschel, Jayla Thacker, Harry Cooper, Nik Darrough
Karl Pil, Evan Ray, Zac Snyder, Sam Stutz

BRIEF PAUSE
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VITAL GROUND

Choreographer: Darrell Grand Moultrie
Music: from “Flight”
  Dance I: First Movement, “Air Waltz,”
  Dance II: Second Movement
Composer: Oliver Davis
Music: Piano Quintet
  Dance III: Third Movement, Lively
Composer: Jonathan Dove
Costume Design: Marissa McCullough
Lighting Design: Isabelle Flores
Rehearsal Assistant: Ashley Lindsey
Sound Technician/Sound Console Operator: Chris Fulcher

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Lily Chan
Camille Pettiford
Kayla Jackson
Claire Schiffer
Mariella Saunders
Quetzali Hart
Elizabeth Russell

Jen Kim
Adianna Valentine
Traci Angel Woodard
Hikaru Smith
Nik Darrough
Tianyu Wang
Vincent Jackson

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Santina Leone
Camille Pettiford
Camryn Varney
Hayden McCann
Kyriaki Christoforou
Spencer Fitzgerald
Gigi Rood

Candace Vann
Caroline Bonnette
Aniyah Wilkinson
Sierra Loren Chapman
Zac Snyder
Nyah Banks
Vincent Jackson
PRODUCTION STAFF

Production Manager ................................................................. Kayli D. Kimerer
Assistant Production Manager .................................................. Vallye Catelynn Adams
Director of Production ................................................................. Natasha Ramos
Production Stage Manager ........................................................... Kat Denning Ramos
Assistant Stage Managers ....................................................... Olivia Kurima, Eva Schramm
Production Assistant ...................................................................... Max Vincent
Lighting Director for “Serenade” and “Re-III” ............................. Taylor Gordon
Lighting Director for “First Impulse” ........................................ Dominick Z. Riches
Lighting Designer for “Vital Ground” .......................................... Isabelle Flores
Associate Lighting Designer ....................................................... Malcolm Foster
Assistant Lighting Designer ......................................................... Bill Nowlin
Production Electrician ..................................................................... Jacob Grebber
Head Electricians ........................................................................ Rocco Turano, Noelle Logenberger
E3 .................................................................................. Trevor Kirschenheiter
Electrics ........................................................... Jade Caric, Eli Dills, Isaiah Gray
 ........................................................... Frankie Guerra, George Janikula, Trey Mazza
 .............................................................. Chris Mendell, Kallie Miller, Anna Newlin
 ..................................................... Sari Powers, Lexi Roth, Cameron Toler, Noah Welby
Fly Rail Operator ................................................................. Graham Savage
Charge Artist ............................................................................... Tessa Hager
Lead Artist ............................................................................. Sarah Ruth Glasl
Paint Team ............................................................................ Lauren Eckard, Gamma Lister, Renee Losee
 .................................................................................. Ad Merson, Olivia Venable
Dance Costume Shop Director/Wardrobe Supervisor ................ Marissa McCullough
Costume Shop Drapers/First Hands ................................. Robin Ankerich, Kelsey Burns
Stichers ........................................................................ Sarah Horvath, BreAnne Servoss
Costume Work Study .................................................. AJ Helms, Marquita Horton, Santina Leone
Costume Volunteer ................................................................. Carolyn Fay
Programmer ........................................................................ Greysen Nicholson
Deck Electricians .................................................. Trevor Kirschenheiter, George Janikula, Lexi Roth
Spot Light Operators .................................................. Noelle Longenberger, Petko Novosad
Sweep and Mop Crew ................................................................. Max Grendaier, Kallie Miller, Téa Olson

SPECIAL THANKS

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BIOGRAPHIES

GEORGE BALANCHINE

George Balanchine, born on January 22, 1904, in St. Petersburg, Russia studied ballet and music in Russia before making his way to the United States. He gained notoriety as a young choreographer and co-founded the American Ballet. Balanchine was the co-founder, artistic director and chief choreographer of the New York City Ballet, and nearly every ballet company in the world has performed his work.

In addition to ballet, Balanchine choreographed Hollywood movies and Broadway musicals. He is known for his connection to Igor Stravinsky; Balanchine created many ballets to his work, some in collaboration with the composer. He made more than 465 works, which have been performed by nearly every ballet company in the world.

KATE JEWETT

Kate Jewett is a dancer, dance maker, director, stager and educator. She joined Shen Wei Dance Arts in 2005 and was named the company’s education director in 2008. She took on the role of rehearsal director from 2009-2018. Jewett has performed original roles in “MAP,” “Re-I,” “Re-III,” “Connect Transfer II,” “Undivided Divided,” “Limited States”, “Collective Measures,” “In Black White & Gray;” “Neither,” and most recently assisted Shen Wei in China for the creation of “Integrate” as well as the creation of “Summary” at the American Dance Festival.

Jewett has graced numerous stages and conducted master classes and workshops all over Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas. She staged works at Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal, Marymount Manhattan, Mason Gross School of the Arts, University of the Arts, the American Dance Festival and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

In 2017, Jewett founded Moving Minds, a mind-body learning and leadership program for organizations. Moving Minds has conducted workshops throughout Japan, China, and the US and was accepted to present at SXSW EDU in 2019.

CLARA MONK

Clara Monk studied on the Artistic Director’s Scholarship at Berkeley Ballet Theater under Sally Streets before dancing with the School of Oregon Ballet Theatre and OBT II. She then danced at Columbia University and Barnard College, performing works by George Balanchine, August Bournonville, Claudia Schreier, Durante Verzola, Amy Hall Garner, Mari Meade, Marika Brussel and others. Monk was the Artistic Director of Columbia University Ballet Ensemble where she directed full length productions of “Coppélia” and “Swan Lake” with casts of over 70 dancers.

In 2018, Monk founded Columbia Repertory Ballet where she restaged works by Gerald Arpino, Claudia Schreier, Duncan Lyle, Durante Verzola, and others. Since graduating, she has collaborated with Claudia Schreier at Columbia University, Dance Theater of Harlem and UNCSA as repetiteur and rehearsal director.
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Monk completed her degree in economics and education studies and is passionate about education equity. She is a recent graduate of the FAO Schwarz Fellowship in Social Impact and is currently an M.P.A. candidate at Baruch College and Community Engagement Manager at Reading Partners New York.

DARRELL GRAND MOULTRIE


CLAUDIA SCHREIER

Claudia Schreier has choreographed, directed, and produced for dance, opera, and film across the U.S. and internationally. Born in New York, Schreier trained at the Ballet School of Stamford under the direction of Stephanie Marini and received a B.A. in sociology and secondary degree in dramatic arts from Harvard University.

She is the recipient of the Princess Grace Award for Choreography and was a 2017 Toulmin Fellow at the Center for Ballet and the Arts at NYU. Schreier is the Choreographer in Residence at Atlanta Ballet and has choreographed over 45 works for various companies and organizations, including San Francisco Ballet, Boston Ballet, Miami City Ballet, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Vail Dance Festival, Juilliard Opera and Guggenheim Works & Process. Her ballet for Dance Theatre of Harlem, “Passage,” is the subject of the 2019 Emmy Award-winning (Capital Region) PBS documentary “Dancing On the Shoulders of Giants.” She has served as Associate Choreographer/Producer to Damian Woetzel and has contributed to programs including the Jazz at Lincoln Center premiere and U.S. Tour of SPACES by Wynton Marsalis, the 2016 White House Turnaround Arts Program Talent Show, hosted by Michelle Obama, and the 2017 Kennedy Center Honors.

MARGARET TRACEY

Margaret Tracey enjoyed a celebrated 16-year stage career with the NYCB corps de ballet. A principal dancer from 1991 until her retirement in 2002, she excelled in the Balanchine repertoire, appearing frequently in such core works as “Apollo,”
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“Allegro Brilliante,” “Ballo della Regina,” Concerto Barocco,” “Serenade” and many others. She originated roles in works by William Forsythe, Richard Tanner, Ib Andersen, Trey McIntyre and Peter Martins, including Martins’s “Les Petit Riens,” “Fearful Symmetries,” “Zakouski” and his production of “The Sleeping Beauty,” in which she appeared both as Princess Aurora and Princess Florine.

Since retiring from New York City Ballet in 2002, Tracey has become an admired and dedicated teacher and arts advocate. In addition, Tracey committed to commissioning underrepresented voices in choreography by amplifying the work of women and BIPOC choreographers such as Jill Johnson, Lia Cirio and Ja’ Malik, among others. Tracey continues to dedicate her efforts as a dance educator with a strong commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access to champion change. Tracey's work as an international arts educator continues as she serves on the organizing committee for World Ballet School Day (2020 and 2021), an event that brings together students from across the globe to highlight their voices and support the next generation of inspiring dance artists.

SHEN WEI

Hailed as “one of the most expansive, creative minds in the arts” (Pia Catton, The New York Sun), choreographer, director, and painter Shen Wei is internationally renowned for the breadth and scope of his artistic vision. Admiration for his talent has earned Shen Wei numerous awards, including a 2007 MacArthur “Genius” Award, the US Artists Fellow award and a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship.

Born in China’s Hunan province in 1968, the son of Chinese opera professionals, Shen Wei was trained from youth in the rigorous practice of Chinese opera performance and traditional Chinese ink painting and calligraphy and was a performer with the Hunan State Xian Opera Company from 1984 to 1989. In 1991, at the age of 23, he became a founding member of the Guangdong Modern Dance Company, the first such company in China. Upon receipt of a fellowship, he moved to New York City in 1995 to study with the Nikolais/Louis Dance Lab and, in the same year, was invited to create work at the American Dance Festival. In July 2000, he founded Shen Wei Dance Arts (SWDA) and his company quickly entered the international touring circuit.

The lead choreographer for the Opening Ceremonies of the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Shen Wei has also created dances for Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal and Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo, and choreographed the Rome Opera’s production of Rossini’s Moise et Pharaon, conducted by Ricardo Muti. In 2013, Shen Wei was commissioned to create a new work for the Dutch National Ballet in Amsterdam, and he choreographed, directed, and designed a new production of Carmina Burana for the chorus, orchestra, and ballet of Teatro di San Carlo in Naples, Italy, with his company performing in leading roles.
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Mar. 14 & 18 at 7:30 p.m.
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The spring edition of the UNCSA Chamber Music Festival, presented by the School of Music and artistic directors Ida Bieler and Dmitri Vorobiev, returns with two concerts featuring faculty, students and distinguished guest artists Tatyana Masureenko, viola, and Peter Wiley, cello, as well as a work by UNCSA composition alumnus Tyson Davis.

Dangerous Corner
Mar. 23-25, 30, 31 & Apr 1 at 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 26 at 2 p.m.
CATAWBA THEATRE

How well do we know those closest to us? How do our choices affect others? “Dangerous Corner” is one of the three “time plays” by British author, dramatist and broadcaster J.B. Priestley. In each of them, a different concept of time is explored, and the effect of that concept on the characters’ lives plays a critical factor in the story.