

FEATURED WORKS

LYRIC PIECES

Choreography: Jessica Lang

Music: Edvard Grieg

Music Performed by: Angelyn Traylor

Set Concept: Jessica Lang

Costume Design: Elena Comendador

Lighting Design: Nicole Pearce Recreated by Joseph R. Walls

Black Paper Softwall Designs: Molo Designers, Stephanie Forsythe
and Todd Macallen

"Lyric Pieces" was originally commissioned by Birmingham Royal Ballet and premiered in 2012.

CONFRONTING GENIUS

Choreography: Heath Gill

Music: Niccoló Paganini, Chisten Lien, Dustin O'Halloran, Keeno,
Tom Waits, & spoken word

Lighting Design: Joseph R. Walls

"Confronting Genius" is sponsored by: Kevin Meek & Camilla Van Liew

LAMBARENA

Choreography: Val Caniparoli

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach and Traditional African Songs (as
arranged by pierre Akendengue and Hughes de Courson)

Scenic and Costume Design: Sandra Woodall

Lighting Design: Lisa J. Pinkham recreated by Joseph R. Walls

African Dance Consultants: Naomi Johnson-Diouf and Dr. Zakariya Diouf

Staged by: Maiqui Mañosa

World Premiere: March 28, 1985 - San Francisco Ballet War Memorial Opera
House, San Francisco, California

The 1995 World Premiere of Lamarena was made possible, in part, by 1995
Choo San Goh Award for choreography from the Choo San Goh & Robert H.
Magee Foundation

SYNOPSIS

This stirring night of dance will begin with choreographer Jessica Lang who returns to Orlando Ballet with her highly anticipated “Lyric Pieces” which leverages her unique balletic vocabulary in a tonal novella rich in spirit, joy and grace. Set to ten Edvard Grieg compositions, Lang holds true to being lyrical with her blend of swirling moves and sophisticated grandeur as well adding just a hint of mischief. The production’s pas de deux offers a sense of desperate passion offset by Lang’s fascination with space, light and landscapes. “Lyric Pieces” offers another of Lang’s mesmerizing moments of dance. Dancers will be accompanied by live music performed by Orlando Ballet’s pianist, Angelyn Traylor.

Atlanta-based choreographer Heath Gill follows with his innovative, “Confronting Genius,” a cheeky production which Gill said was inspired by the words and speech of an award-winning writer. Gill’s sleek artistic design reflects the angst and joy of the creative spirit in us all. The very first piece of music is by Paganini who is considered to be a “genius” composer for violin and his works are considered some of the hardest to play. The last track is by Tom Waits, also on violin, but in stark contrast to the freneticism of the opening is something simple and sweet. I like to imagine it is the melody the writer refers to.” “Confronting Genius” is being sponsored by: Kevin Meek & Camilla Van Liew.

The evening concludes with Val Caniparoli’s “Lambarena” inspired by authentic African and Classical Ballet techniques, fused only together in its rhythms. “The music, by Johann Sebastian Bach and traditional African rhythms, bridges a cultural divide and I wanted my choreography to do the same,” he explained. Known for his uplifting and vibrant approach to dance, Caniparoli exceeds expectations with his mix of classic and ethnic movements. “It’s very much a ballet, and it’s my own vocabulary, but it’s also influenced by my African Dance Consultants, Dr. Zakariya Diouf and Naomi Gedo Diouf”.

“The Premiere Collection is a unique moment in dance; these three productions could not be more different from each other, yet similar in their breadth of creativity, spirit and exquisite choreography,” said Orlando Ballet Artistic Director Jordan Morris. “It’s an added treat for us to host this event in our own home – Harriett’s Orlando Ballet Centre, providing the audience with an intimate and delightfully rich ballet experience.”

CASTING

LYRIC PIECES | JESSICA LANG

* 3.17 E, 3.19 M, 3.20 M, 3.25 E, 3.26 E | ** 3.18 E, 3.19 E, 3.24 E, 3.26 M, 3.27 M

I. Arietta: Full Cast

II. Elves Dance:

* Matthew Cunningham, Kenna Gold, Anamarie McGinn

** Ashley Baszto, Kenna Gold, Trevor Stalcup

III. Peasant's Song:

* Kellie Fulton

** Rachele Eusebione

IV. Norwegian Melody:

* Amir Dodarkhojyev, Jaysan Stinnett

** John Abenanty, Israel Zavaleta Escobedo

V. Norwegian Dance:

* Matthew Cunningham, Amir Dodarkhojyev, Nathan Rowell, Jaysan Stinnett ** John Abenanty, Israel Zavaleta Escobedo, Charlie Mellor, Trevor Stalcup

VI. Brooklet:

* Kellie Fulton, Kenna Gold, Anamarie McGinn, Kate-Lynn Robichaux

** Ashley Baszto, Rachele Eusebione, Kenna Gold, Hitomi Nakamura

VII. In Ballad Style:

* Amir Dodarkhojyev with full cast

** Israel Zavaleta Escobedo with full cast

VIII. March of the Trolls:

* Price Kenna Gold with Matthew Cunningham, Kellie Fulton, Anamarie McGinn, Nathan Rowell

** Kenna Gold with Ashley Baszto, Rachele Eusebione, Charlie Mellor, Trevor Stalcup

IX. Phantom:

* Kate-Lynn Robichaux, Jaysn Stinnett

** John Abenanty, Hitomi Nakamura

X. Remembrance: Full Cast

CONFRONTING GENIUS | HEATH GILL

*Hitomi Nakamura, John Abenanty

** Anamarie McGinn, Nathan Rowell

CASTING

LAMBARENA | VAL CANIPAROLI

3.17 E, 3.19 M, 3.20 M, 3.25 E, 3.26 E

KENNA GOLD, ANAMARIE MCGINN, HITOMI NAKAMURA
JOHN ABENANY, MATTHEW CUNNINGHAM, ISRAEL ZAVALETA ESCOBEDO

Saki Ogawa, McKenzie Thomas

Thomas Gerhardt, Amir Dodarkhojaye, Pieter Gunning, David O'Matz, Trevor Stalcup

1. Full Cast

2. Matthew Cunningham with Amir Dodarkhojaye, Kenna Gold,
Anamarie McGinn

3. John Abenany, Hitomi Nakamura with Amir Dodarkhojaye, Thomas Gerhardt,
Pieter Gunning, David O'Matz, Saki Ogawa, Trevor Stalcup, McKenzie Thomas

4. Full Cast

5. Israel Zavaleta Escobedo, Anamarie McGinn with Kenna Gold, Hitomi Nakamura,
Saki Ogawa, McKenzie Thomas

6. Kenna Gold, Anamarie McGinn, Hitomi Nakamura

7. John Abenany with Amir Dodarkhojaye, Thomas Gerhardt, Pieter Gunning,
David O'Matz, Trevor Stalcup

8. Hitomi Nakamura with FULL CAST

CASTING

LAMBARENA | VAL CANIPAROLI

3.18 E, 3.19 E, 3.24 E, 3.26 M, 3.27 M

RACHELE EUSEBIONE, KELLIE FULTON, KATE-LYNN ROBICHAUX
FRANCIS MIHM, JAYSAN STINNETT, DAVID WEST

Ashley Baszto, Kate Gardinier

Amir Dodarkhojaye, Thomas Gerhardt, Pieter Guning, David O'Matz, Trevor Stalcup

1. Full Cast

2. David West with Amir Dodarkhojaye, Rachele Eusebione, Kellie Fulton

3. Kate-Lynn Robichaux, Jaysan Stinnett with Ashley Baszto, Amir Dodarkhojaye,
Kate Gardinier, Thomas Gerhardt, Pieter Gunning, David O'Matz, Trevor Stalcup

4. Full Cast

5. Francis Mihm, Rachele Eusebione with Ashley Baszto, Kellie Fulton, Kate Gardinier,
Kate-Lynn Robichaux

6. Rachele Eusebione, Kellie Fulton, Kate-Lynn Robichaux

7. Jaysan Stinnett, with Amir Dodarkhojaye, Thomas Gerhardt, Pieter Gunning,
David O'Matz, Trevor Stalcup

8. Kate-Lynn Robichaux with Full Cast