

The Program



Workshop Performance

THIS IS FOREVER

Commissioned by David De Silva for The Father Fame Foundation

Choreographer: Jacquelyn Buglisi

Composer: Steve Margoshes

Costume Design: A. Christina Giannini

Performed by:

SO YOUNG AN AND JASON JORDAN

MARIE ZVOSEC AND BRIAN MCGINNIS

STEPHANIE VAN DOOREN AND ARI MAYZICK

LAUREN JAEGER AND MICHAEL FERNANDEZ

Budapest Symphony Orchestra, Music Director Laszlo Kovacs

Piano: Steve Margoshes

This is Forever was choreographed at the Gibney Dance Center, the New 42nd Street Studios and the Baryshnikov Arts Center, NYC in February/March 2011. Buglisi Dance Theatre expresses its deepest appreciation to David De Silva, the Father Fame Foundation, Frank Basile, and Constance Berke Boykan.

THIS IS FOREVER is inspired by Mildred Cram's novella *Forever* (1935).

In the half world, where souls wait to be born, Colin and Julie meet and fall in love. It is springtime in Chamonix, France, the lush valley below the majestic Mont Blanc, when Colin and Julie experience the overwhelming magic and perfection of their love.

Reluctantly, they are pulled apart to their impending births. They vow to meet again in this very place in 27 years.

Chamonix seems forgotten as they experience the joys of growing up. Julie and Colin succumb to life's physical attractions. She marries. He becomes engaged. Although they seem contented, each is haunted by an unexplainable longing. Chamonix calls.

It is 27 years later, when Colin and Julie, unbeknownst to each other, answer the call. Both are drawn to the snowcapped Mont Blanc and the valley below. They meet and quickly fall under the spell of their soul's attraction. They revel in the ecstasy of this seemingly new found love and plan to meet that night and dance to their favorite waltz. But before they can come together again, fate steps in. In a synchronistic moment of time, death claims them both. He dies in a skiing accident, she in an auto crash.

Back in the cosmic space of their first meeting, Colin and Julie dance the Chamonix Waltz. No longer are they bound to life. The miracle of their union is eternal. "This is Forever".