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The Program

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Costumes/Design & Construction: Robin Hirsch
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Music: Paul Sullivan
Costumes: Fred Voelpel
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Today Pilobolus is a major American dance company of international influence. It has not, however, forsaken its original impetus: Pilobolus remains a deeply committed collaborative effort with five artistic directors and six dancers contributing to one of the most popular and accessible repertoires in the field. More than two decades of making dances now stand as a testament to the company’s position as an artistic collective of remarkable fecundity and longevity.

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In 1990 the company inaugurated the Pilobolus Institute, an educational outreach program which has already provided over 25 weeks of educational services to schools, colleges, and universities, and both public and private arts organizations. Activities have included projects for the Juilliard School, the Connecticut Board of Education and the Joyce Theater Arts in Education Program, as well as an ongoing residency in the theater department at Yale University.

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Pilobolus lives and works in Washington, Connecticut, a small town in the state's rural northwest, and performs for stage and television audiences all over the world. It has toured extensively in the United States as well as in Central and South America, the Middle East, Japan, and Europe. The U.S. State Department has sponsored tours in Portugal, Spain, Afghanistan, and the Indian subcontinent. In addition, the company performed in Russia for the first time in 1992.

The company has been an annual feature of the American Dance Festival since 1973 and has produced many of its works with Festival commissions. It is a veteran of national tours on Broadway and currently presents a month of performances at the Joyce Theatre in New York City every year. Pilobolus has played to full houses from London's Sadler's Wells and Rome's Teatro Olimpico to Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens and Paris' Théâtre de la Ville.

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DAVID M. CHAPMAN has been director of production for Pilobolus Dance Theatre since 1978. A native of the Berkshires, his early credits include many summers with the Berkshire Theatre Festival and Jacob’s Pillow Dance Festival and winters on the road with rock, mime, and dance tours. David has designed the lighting for numerous Pilobolus works including Day Two, Beramb, Patrick Zee, and Auxx. Other work includes positions as assistant lighting designer for the 1978 Spoleto Festival USA and production manager of the 1981 American Dance Festival. In his most recent New York project, he served as lighting coordinator for the Japanese singer Tokiko at Carnegie Hall. His lighting designs can also be seen in the repertory of Peter Puco Plus Dancers. In his free time he tries to keep up with a Victorian house in northwest Connecticut which he shares with his wife, Kate, and their Dalmations, Cosmo and Mona.

CLAUDIA PARK CRUZ (production stage manager) was last seen as stage manager for choreographer Jennifer Muller, vocal guru Kristin Linklater, and director Tomas MacAnna of Dublin’s Abbey Theatre. Other work has included positions with the Santa Fe Opera, the Coconut Grove Playhouse, and Tisch School of the Arts. Off the road she is attempting to finish writing her first romance novel. Claudia is a graduate of Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida and now lives in New Haven, Connecticut with husband Alex and their basset hound, Wrigley.
STEPHEN PETRILLI (lighting/design auditor) joined Pilobolus in 1990. He has toured as production stage manager with Nikolais and Murray Louis Dance Company, Nira Wiener Dance Company and Bauhaus Dances. As a lighting designer, Stephen has worked in New York with the Pearl Theatre Company, Equity Library Theatre, choreographers Mimi Garrard, Linda Diamond, Richard Ball, and performance artist Judith Ren-Lay. Regionally he has designed for New Jersey Shakespeare Festival and Three Rivers Shakespeare Festival in his hometown of Pittsburgh.

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ROBIN HIRSCH is the associate costume shop manager at Yale Rep and teaches costume construction at the Yale School of Drama. She was the assistant designer on both the West Coast and Broadway productions of A Walk on the Moon, designing children’s shows and one. The Captive of Sarajevo, was chosen as an American entry in the International Children’s Theatre Festival. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and has worked on movies, TV, opera, and classical ballet. She has also worked at the Sheffield Rep in England, the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, and the McCarter Theater in Princeton.

FRED VOLPIEL has been an active designer on Broadway, off-Broadway, and on network TV since 1956. He has won all major design awards in professional theater including a Tony for accumulated work with the National Theater of the Dramatic Arts (NTD) and Tony nominations for Edward Albee’s Seascape and Richard Rodgers’ No Strings. He has designed costumes for the NTD’s current production of Oedipus and has created original designs for I. Horowitz’ The Iliad, Waris The Golden Boy, All Pachino’s Off-Broadway debut. Fred continues his work with the O’Neill Theatre Center in Waterford, Connecticut and has just received the Great Teacher Alumni Award of 1992 from New York University where he has taught at the Tisch School of Theater for over 25 years. He has also worked from the Yale School of Drama.
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JANE REISMAN, Tony and Drama Desk Award nominee with Neil Peter Jampolis for their lighting of Black and Blue, has designed the lighting for Forever Plaid in New York and for the show’s 21 other productions in the United States and Japan. Currently running in New York, Boston, Minneapolis, Detroit, Denver, and in Beverly Hills 90210. Forever Plaid opens in London in September 1991. Past Broadway credits include I never City War, among others. Designer of over 50 operas in regional opera houses across America including American premieres of Monteverdi’s Il ritorno di Ulisse in Patria at the Kennedy Center and of Mathew’s ‘Carmen’ at the Royal Opera House in New York. Her most recent opera lighting has been for Seattle Opera’s The Ballad of Baby Doe. Dance credits include six seasons for the San Francisco Opera, most recently designing costumes for the televised Asia, which starred Margaret Price and Luciano Pavarotti. He has designed costumes for several. Crownens pies, and his association with Martha Clarke has resulted in two highly praised pieces: Elisabeth Deval with Linda Hunt and the Obie Award production of Metamorphosis in Miniaturist with Ms. Hunt and David Rounds.

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PAUL SULLIVAN has composed five scores for Pilobolus since 1980. He has appeared as a conductor, performer, and composer on and off Broadway several times, and he recently created and taught the first course in electronic music for Yale College. In 1988, Paul left New York for the coast of Maine where he began his own record label, River Music. Paul’s piano albums include Sketches of Maine, A Visit to the Rockies, Folk Art, and Night in the Gardens of Maine.

LAWRENCE CASEY designs scenery and costumes for drama, dance, and opera. He has had a long association with the San Francisco Opera, most recently designing costumes for the televised Asia, which starred Margaret Price and Luciano Pavarotti. He has designed costumes for several. Crownens pies, and his association with Martha Clarke has resulted in two highly praised pieces: Elisabeth Deval with Linda Hunt and the Obie Award production of Metamorphosis in Miniaturist with Ms. Hunt and David Rounds.

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Since 1954 when he established his own company and began making dances, Paul Taylor has explored human beings—their emotional lives, their movements, their everyday activities—with enormous range and almost microscopic detail. His dancers, who over the years have included Twyla Tharp, Laura Dean, Pina Bausch, and David Parsons, have always been active participants in Taylor's creativity.

In a recent interview with Dance Magazine, Lila York remembers Taylor making dances "by way of painter's works on the viewer's retina. The dancers move like a group of ghosts ascending on a remembered site." While their spirits seem slowly to return to their bodies as the dancing becomes more spirited, the upbeat mood is broken as one dancer suddenly slumps to the floor.

Or dancers frolic to the strains of "Pernodhelia Polka" while feeling them a living fire is slowly flickered across the back of the stage as men fall into position ready to kill or die.

These were the days when young women flirted and teased, and young men gathered around to ogle them adoringly. Taylor sets this to the Latin rhythms of "Rum and Coca Cola." But the mood can change abruptly as the call back to war rips apart lovers and sends men into the faceless procession towards death. Those crazy, giggly nights of love from the front are evoked in dances such as "Oh Johnny, Oh Johnny, Oh! (How you can love)" when a young soldier's eyes sparkles as he dreams in the fury of women around him and rips into a series of dazzling spins.

These are all dances in which the subject is human life. There's not a hint of camp or irony in them. As Schapiro writes, "the sentiment is as real as the stage understudy." In the face of the desert, fear, and loneliness of war, Company B is a dazzlingly upbeat work which forces us to treasure those moments of joy which we know cannot last.

How very different the mood in Rave. This 1985 work, danced to the passionate strains of Wagner's "Siegfried's Idyll" and Heinrich Bemberg's "Adagio for Clarinet and Strings," is full of love's longing and melancholy. Its series of duets begins with the sobered-suited ensemble spinning off pairs of dancers and culminates in an achingly beautiful adagio for a lead couple in white. Each duet suggests its own mood—horrifying, halting, headlong. The movements are sometimes startling in their invention or they elicit wonder when they are used to express something unexpected, for example, when a couple's passion is expressed in a series of overlapping cartwheels, more usually associated with youthful play.

From this languid simplicity, the mood again shifts abruptly. Synastry refers to celestial bodies lined up in a row, but this 1987 work is more like a tornado of choreographic invention. The dancing is high energy and intense, filled with hurtling movements and sudden changes of direction accomplished with dazzling, split-second timing.

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For more than 30 years, Taylor and his dancers have made stages around the world magical places, filled with lyrical movement, highly charged theatrical language, and rich, astonishingly original music. From lighthearted and humorous to the deeply moving or disturbingly mysterious, his dances celebrate humanity.

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Company B became an instant classic at its debut last season in New York. Set to nine songs sung by the Andrews Sisters, it plays on the frightening complexities of the war years—the morale-boosting songs and propaganda on the home front and the inescapable realities of the news from overseas. The giddiness and joy of precious leaves and intense moments of fun are subtly juxtaposed with reminders of the seemingly never-ending conflict. The gaiety of the dancing is repeatedly broken by the image of a fallen body.

The piece begins as a row of dancers enters to the bubbly refrain of “Tien mir bist du schon.” As described by Laura Schapiro in her Newsweek review, they “enter solemnly, almost as if disembodied, like ghosts ascending on a remembered site.”

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In a recent interview with Dance Magazine, Lila York remembers Taylor making dances “the way a painter works on a canvas.” The choreographers come in either totally prepared or vague. With Paul, we'd go on tour and he'd stay at home, out in the garden with his hands in dirt, thinking up a piece. When he came into the studio he would have a long-distance vision of the work, but he left space for his subconscious to play adoringly. Taylor sets this to the Latin rhythms of “Rum and Coca Cola.” But the mood can change abruptly as the call back to war rips apart lovers and sends men into the faceless procession towards death. Those crazy, giddy nights of leave from the front are evoked in dances such as “Oh Johnny, Oh Johnny, Oh! (How you can love!)” when “a young soldier’s eyes sparkle as he drinks in the beauty of women around him and runs into a series of dazzling spins.”

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While the Pops may seem another example of American ingenuity, its beginnings are actually European. In eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Vienna, composers Mozart, Haydn, and Beethoven provided light music to entertain the guests at fashionable balls. From these balls came the nineteenth-century promenades, so-called because audiences could walk about or promenade while the music was played.

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The leading American heir to the pops tradition was the famed Boston Pops. Initially titled the “Boston Symphony Promenade Concerts,” the change to “Pops” came with the orchestra’s move to Symphony Hall. Under the leadership of Arthur Fiedler, the Boston Pops redefined the genre. The talented Fiedler commanded the stage with his presence and distinct sense of repertoire. An afternoon at the Pops became a Boston institution for young and old, and July 4 was celebrated by Bostonians at the Pops concert along the Charles River followed by fireworks.

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Sometimes, All You Need Is A Lift.

Dawn Upshaw, a singer of great subtlety and charm, will present an evening of Debussy's poetic songs, Mussorgsky's “musical journey into the world of childhood,” and Ives's American art songs on March 4 at 8:00 p.m.

A native of Illinois, Ms. Upshaw’s friendly, unassuming, girl-next-door exterior is evident in her warmth and sincerity, her musical perceptions and spiritual and intellectual convictions are observed in her uncanny talent for inhabiting and sharing a text. “For me, the text has to come first,” states Ms. Upshaw, who thrives on substance. Writes a columnist, “She identifies with everything she sings: any serious doubts in her own mind would soon communicate to an audience, she’s that sort of performer.”

It is this special talent for capturing the character of each text in lyric and music that enables Ms. Upshaw to create a unique program. Her Hancher recital includes selections from Debussy’s ‘Tire Valentin Songbook’. The music is arranged to the words of poets Verlaine, Gautier, and Bougaré. Ms. Upshaw “does not sacrifice tone or vocal characterization or depth or musicality in showing off the fine points of poetry.”

In the second half, Ms. Upshaw explores the theme of childhood with Mussorgsky’s rambunctious ‘The Nursery’ and Ives’s songs of youthful exuberance. “Mussorgsky said the singer...should sing with the voice of a child, which gives you great liberty to make strange sounds,” says Ms. Upshaw. With this command in mind, she uses gestures and facial expressions to portray the personas of a Russian toddler scared by a beetle, singing a lullaby to her doll, saying her evening prayers, getting confused and asking nanny for help. However, though the song cycle is that of a candid child, it is Ms. Upshaw’s singing, “also with shifting light and shade and sophisticated vocal perspectives,” that matches the characters in each vignette.

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The recital will come to a gentle conclusion with a suite of lullabies.

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A native of Illinois, Ms. Upshaw's friendly, unassuming, girl-next-door exterior is evident in her warmth and sincerity. Her musical perceptions and spiritual and intellectual convictions are observed in her uncanny talent for inhabiting and sharing a text. "For me the text has to come first," states Ms. Upshaw, who thrives on substance. Writes a columnist, "She identifies with everything she sings. Any serious doubts in her own mind would soon communicate to an audience; she's that sort of performer."

It is this special talent for capturing the character of each text in lyric and music that enables Ms. Upshaw to create a unique program. Her Hancher recital includes selections from Debussy's "Suite Narratives;" The music is arranged to the words of poets Verlaine, Gautier, and Bougeret.

Ms. Upshaw "does not sacrifice tone or vocal characterization or space or musicality in showing off the line points of poetry."

In the second half, Ms. Upshaw explores the theme of childhood with Mussorgsky's "Dance of the Child," which gives you great liberty to make strange sounds," says Ms. Upshaw. With this command in mind, she uses gestures and facial expressions to portray the personae of a Russian toddler scared by a beetle, singing a lullaby to her doll, saying her evening prayers, getting confused and asking for help. However, though the song cycle is that of a candid child, it is Ms. Upshaw's singing, "alive with shifting light and shade and sophisticated vocal textures," that "matches the characters in an intimate." With an air of wonder and nostalgia, Ives's "The Children's Hour, "Memoires;" "Tom Sails Away," "The Cage," "The Circus Band," and "Songs My Mother Taught Me," showcase Ms. Upshaw's "masterly of the American art song... with results that can either be wickedly funny or poignant enough to make one laugh with a lump."

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8:00 p.m.
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Theatre A
Theatre Building

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Guest Organist
Rudolph Zidleveld
6:00 p.m.
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  3:00 p.m.
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  Katherine Eberle
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  Clapp Recital Hall

- **March 2**
  Tuesday
  The Music Man
  Youth $14.50/$31.50/$51.20
  UI students $23.20/$51.20
  Nonstudents $29.00/$57.00/$24.00
  8:00 p.m.
  Hancher Auditorium

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  Wednesday
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  Youth $14.50/$31.50/$51.20
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