

Directed By WILLIAM SHERMAN Assistant Director - MICHAEL VLASTAS Music Composed By LOUIS CALABRO

Art Director and Scene Design - ALLAN STEVENS Light Design - ALICE RUBY Costume Design - DIANA GRILLI

## IN TRIBUTE TO MILLIAM CARL FELS

The Research, Rehearsal and Production Class Presents The

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PROLOGUE

Tommie Braun, Sheila Diamond\* Diana Grilli\*, Mary Kelley\*, Brenda Kurtz, Alice Ruby\*, Reed Wolcott\* Chorus of Women ..... Aphrodite ...... Reed Wolcott\*

... William Sherman Nurse ...... Kate Garnett\* Phaedra ..... Anne Waldman Theseus ...... Stephen Bush Messenger Sheila Diamond\*

EPILOGUE

Artemis ...... Mary Kelley\*

## PRODUCTION

Stage Manager - Mary Kelley\* Director of Photography & Film Editor - Michael Vlastas Technical Supervision - Matthias Tarnay Technical Director - Allan Stevens Choreography - Sheila Diamond\* Music Coach & Coordinator - Reed Wolcott\* Business Manager & Publicity - Anne Waldman Assistant to Costume Designer - Kate Garnett\* Light Crew-Paul Fink, Ellen Stark, Diane Clemmons, Steven Bick, Carolgene Shew Scenery Crew-Stephen Bush, John Secour

Pre-Recorded Music Clarinet - Gunnar Schonbeck Cello - George Finckel Flute - Simone Juda Tympani - Louis Calabro Percussion - Pril Smiley Voices - Wendy Erdman, Isabella Holden, Reed Wolcott\* Recording Technicians -Wendy Erdman, Celia Hudson Playback Technician -Diane Clemmons

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## SONG

The weight of the world is love.
Under the burden of solitude, under the burden of desatisfaction

the weight, the weight we carry is love.

Who can deny?
In dreams
it touches
the body,
in thought
constructs
a miracle,
in imagination
anguishes
till born
in human—

looks out of the heart
burning with purity —
for the burden of life
is love,

but we carry the weight wearily,

and so must rest
in the arms of love
at last,
must rest in the arms
of love.

No rest without love, no sleep
without dreams
of love —
be mad or chill
obsessed with angels
or machines,
the final wish
is love
— cannot be buter
cannot withhold
if denied:

the weight is too heavy

- must give
for no return
as thought
is given
in solitude
in all the excellence
of its excess.

The warm bodies
shine together
in the darkness,
the hand moves
to the center
of the flesh,
the skin trembles
in happiness
and the soul comes
joyful to the eye—

yes, yes,
that's what
I wanted,
I always wanted,
to return
to the body
where I was born.