



Wang Wei

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Poster design: Kristin Anderson

### **Choreographer's Note:**

Silence, laughter, poetry, drawings, and music filled the atmosphere where *A Splinter of Light on All* came to life. The images and metaphors of Wang Wei, Zen Buddhist poet and painter of the Tang dynasty in 8<sup>th</sup> c. China, invited us to observe ourselves and the world around us. Images became an inner landscape that found its way as arms waving through space, bodies pushing, pulling, springing off the floor, and eyes meeting and pausing. The poetic and pictographic nature of Chinese characters served as an inroad to genuine movement. Béla Bartók's Mikrokosmos pieces, in their succinctness and austere melodies wrapped moments of serenity, happiness, or contemplation. Twenty-two bodies became a source of energy flowing or *Ch'i*, a delight to a choreographer that took the role of shaping and organizing what was already there. The dialogue between permanence and impermanence was woven among us. We are excited to share with you our contribution to this never-ending aspect of life and art.

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### **Dancers:**

**Mia Abcejo** Rochester, MN; Nursing

**Vicky Agromayor** Madrid, Spain; Communication Studies, Art and Dance

**Inga Aleckson** Amery, WI; Intermedia Arts

**Anna Becker** Robbinsdale, MN; History and Theatre

**Madison A. Brauer** New Brighton, MN; Social Work and Dance

**Ramesh Gore** Pune, India; Economics and Management

**Ben Haerther** Atkins, IA; Biology

**CJ Heck** Maple Grove, MN; Piano Performance

**Mohamed Humed** Eritrea; Accounting and Management

**Avery Jamison** Stoughton, WI; Sociology and Art History

**Grace Larsen** Rochester, MN; Statistics and Psychology

**Sarah Martin** Lakeville, MN; Social Work

**Emily Miller** Decorah, IA; Undecided

**Nam Nguyen** Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam; Communications

**Chi Pham** Ha Noi, Vietnam; Communications

**Olga Santoyo** Chicago, IL; Psychology

**Miranda Stark** Tomah, WI; Biology and Chemistry

**Haley Steffen** North Liberty, IA; Biology and Dance

**Namuun Tsend-Ayush** Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; Music and Accounting

**Emily Turner** Shoreview, MN; Undecided

**Darryl S. Victor** Costa Rica; Management

**Victoria Young** Rogers, TX; Biology and Art

### **Pianists:**

**CJ Heck**

**James J. Kaufmann**

### **Light design:**

**Tom Berger**

### **Poetry**

**Wang Wei**

### **Music**

**Béla Bartók: Selections from *Mikrokosmos***

**Images shown were taken by the dancers in their daily contemplation of nature.**