# SCDT SACRAMENTO CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE

# **EMBODIMENT**

Artistic Direction and Choreography by Jacob Gutiérrez-Montoya Original Score Composed by Sam Schieber and Performed by Samantics Chorus

# **FROM OUR DIRECTOR**

I would like to start off by thanking all of you for supporting Sacramento Contemporary Dance Theatre. When I think back on the journey to this point, I can't help but be filled with joy and inspiration. The support and trust from my company of dancers and my friends who make up our board is nothing short of amazing. I admire the passion they bring to every aspect of SCDT and know that without them, the art and the mission would be impossible.

There are certain projects that come along and stretch you and inspire you to be different and new. I would say that "Embodiment" is one of those projects. As an avid lover of choral music, I have always dreamed to have that full, beautiful, classical sound be a part of the art we do. So when Sam Schieber, came up to me after a show last April and started the conversation to collaborate, I was excited and humbled to accept the invitation to have SCDT work with Sam and Samantics. I started listening to the music of Samantics, which is all written and composed by Sam himself. I was completely transported to a place that I hadn't explored as a choreographer. With faith based themes sprinkled throughout, I was taken to place where biblical text inspired the work you will see here today. Tonight I encourage you to allow your ears to feast on the music of Samantics and your eyes to be transfixed on the beauty of the dancers as they paint you pictures with their bodies. Although SCDT is not a religious entity, I believe we all understand spirituality and can all learn something from stories, no matter the book. Please enjoy this very special collaboration. We are so grateful you are here.

Thank you Sam Schieber for your gift of music and collaboration. It's been an absolute honor bringing this project to life. Putting on a production like this takes a village. I appreciate the support of my mentor Deirdre Hawkins and my partner Elio. You are so loved.

~Jacob Gutiérrez-Montoya

# **THE ARTISTS**

Kendra Barrera • Natalie Brumfield • Leah Bueno • Israel Foss • Samuel Fulk • Jacob Gutiérrez-Montoya Hannah Hooten • Lauren Howell • Kristin Marshall • Maggie Maue • Ashley Celaya Mondragon Angela Palumbo \* Ana Maria Perales • Serena Peterson • Jordyn Santa Catalina • Robert Taylor •Laila Waheed

# **APPRENTICE COMPANY**

Hannah Bielcik • Megan Greene • Shyla Ignacio • Jimin Moon • Josh Mouzis • Brenna Mulligan Aleena Palumbo • Jonny Romero • Chloe Scott • Sydney Tenorio • Grace Taylor • Ashton Titus

# **SAMANTICS CHORUS**

Musical Direction and Accompaniment by Sam Schieber

Vanessa Archuleta • Danny Beldi • Stephanie Blackwell • Jonathan Blum • Heather Clark Kimberley Edington \* • Jessica Futrell • Luther Hanson • Joe Hart • Anne Henly • Johanna Johnson Natalie Jones \* • Cathy Kuehnert • Blair Leatherwood • Gary Levy • Trella Malato • Autumn Malone \* Christine Nicholson • Jenny Quandt • Robert Rennicks \* • Ryan Ritter • John Reilly Saunders Lisa Singh \* • Ayana Smith • Quin Smith \* • Sara Smith • Lisa Snow \* • Franchesca Sonoyama Mary Taloff • Lincoln Taylor • Matt Van Zandt • Orlana Van Zandt \* • Eddie Voychez • Quinten Voyce \* JoAn Wade • Brandon Walker • Madeleine Wieland \* • Corey Winfield • Jackie Zipp \* denotes soloist

# <u>SAMANTICS GUEST SOLOISTS</u> Natasha Collier • Bella Coppola • Maureen Mette • Mark Beams • Brad Bong

Samantics is a non-profit singing group that exists to build public appreciation for the widest possible range of vocal music through performance and education. Founded in 2009, the 30-person chorus hails from Sacramento, Natomas, Davis, Galt, Vacaville, Fairfield, Suisun, Benicia, Vallejo and Glen Ellen, and performs throughout the greater Sacramento Valley and Bay Area. For each concert, Samantics strives to provide an entertaining mixture of music ranging from classical to Vaudeville, ensuring that a Samantics concert is like no other.

#### SCDT Board

Jacob Gutiérrez-Montoya Emily Holbus Lynn Moquette Dian Bielcik Alesandra Cionco Dahlberg Meridith Nixon

### **Rehearsal Direction**

Kendra Barrera Jordyn Santa Catalina

> Ballet Mistress Deirdre Hawkins

Stage Manager Ciara McClary

**Lighting Design** Jacob Gutiérrez-Montoya

Light Board Operator Bryan Cooper

Technical Director Ciara McClary

Theatre Specialist Bryan Cooper

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