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Music Rubric and Façades from Glassworks, excerpts from the

opera Akhnaten by Philip Glass

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Choreography Jerome Robbins

Premiere May 12, 1983, New York City Ballet, New York State Theater

Original Cast

Heléne Alexopoulos, Peter Frame, Lourdes Lopez, Joseph
Duell, Lisa Hess, Victor Castelli, Maria Calegari, Bart Cook

Average Length 24 min.

Philip Glass was born in Chicago in 1937, trained at the University of Chicago and studied composition with William Bergsma and Vincent Persichetti at the Juilliard School, as well as with Nadia Boulanger in Paris. In 1965 his style underwent a fundamental change, influenced by an interest in Indian music and work with the sitarist, Ravi Shankar. Since 1975 nearly all Glass's compositions have been written for dance, film or the theater. Mr. Glass tours extensively with the Philip Glass Ensemble.

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