

THAT "CERTAIN AGE" by Anne Phillips

An evening of short operas about "Aging with Grace, Courage & Humor"

Tempo Fuori del Tempo 12'

Making Plots 12'

Twins in the Womb 8'

An Enduring Imbalance 5' suggestion with dancer

Plots 12'

Excerpts from Damn Everything But the Circus

We Come Together 3+

Crossing The Rubicon 3+

Tempered as Steel, Aged as Wine 4

Listen to the Spirit 3

The Gentle Wall 3

Damn Everything But The Circus 6'

TEMPO FUORI DEL TEMPO

On the way to Rome to celebrate her 50th birthday a woman of a certain age and a beautiful young Italian man meet and connect in the air, high above the clouds. This world is not meant for them. They live in "time out of time." Tempo Fuori del Tempo

Soprano 50ish

Tenor young and handsome Italian

Piano & cello

MAKING PLOTS

An elderly woman, a former actress, is seated on a park bench, her "day home." A young filmmaker insists she move. He is making a documentary about death and dying. It leads to an interesting confrontation.

Mezzo-soprano 60ish

Young filmmaker. He has no vocal or speaking part

piano

TWINS IN THE WOMB

A parable by theologian Henry Nouwen

Characters: Soprano & Tenor

Accompaniment - Piano, Flute & Cello opening percussion heartbeats

AN ENDURING IMBALANCE (suggestion)

A setting of poem by Phoebe Newman

Characters: Soprano and dancer

Accompaniment - Piano

PLOTS

A grave misunderstanding when newlyweds
in their 60's visit his first wife's final resting place.

Characters: Mezzo & Baritone in their 60s

Accompaniment - piano

ACT 2

Excerpts from "*DAMN EVERYTHING BUT THE CIRCUS*"

Synopsis:

Walter and Grace have been married over 40 years

Will each of them and their marriage stay the same with aging?

Characters: Baritone (Walter) and Mezzo (Grace)

Songs:

We Come Together Walter and Grace

Crossing The Rubicon Grace

Tempered as Steel, Aged as Wine Walter

Listen to the Spirit Grace

The Gentle Wall Walter and Grace

Damn Everything But The Circus

Walter and Grace & on second chorus, joined by the other singers in the program

Accompaniment - Piano (possibly more)