



LIFE UNDER THE SUN

Life is a merely brief prelude to eternity

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PREMISE

We are made for more than what we can see. And yet we find ourselves chasing after the wind – like the season in our lives where we are not able to look at more than the earthly things.

Since we cannot control our days we must stop trying to control and learn to hold things with open hands, no more under the sun-thinking, no more under the sun-premise.

1/ HAVE A GOOD TIME

Take what life gives you and get along the best you can and enjoy the good of all your labor in which you toil under the sun, all the days of your life which our creator has guaranteed.

2/ NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

Our daily events, experiences and patterns tend to repeat themselves. Despite advances and changes over the time, the fundamental aspects of human nature and the world remain constant. The sun rises and the sun sets, the days pass and night comes, friends come and friends go. Don't sink into routine even though there is nothing new under the sun.

3/ SEARCHING FOR THE MEANING OF LIFE

Meaning of our existence is not invented by ourselves, but rather detected. Yet we have the desire and need to consistently search for the meaning and fulfillment of life.

4/ THE TEMPORALITY AND MONOTONY OF LIFE

Heading south or turning north, the wind continually turns and turns again. All the rivers flow into the sea, but the sea is never full. The rivers return to their point of origin, and from there they flow again.

5/ SUNTHINKING

If our thoughts and view of life goes no further than things under the sun, all our endeavors will have an undertone of labor that will evaporate.

6/ CHASING THE WIND

Who observes the wind will not sow. Whoever is determined to chase the wind believing that it will make him fly is a simply meaningless attempt. Don't use time to chase the wind, use the wind to multiply your time.

7/ HEBEL

Hebel is translated as breath or breeze. Everything is a mist, a vapor, a puff of wind, a bit of smoke under the sun.

8/ TIME AND OCCASION FIND US ALL EQUALLY

Many of the questions and issues that we have in ourselves fall upon us as punishment in life. We spend our days looking for an answer when in reality, time and occasion find us all in common ground. It is better to release, it is better to trust.

9/ TIME FOR EVERYTHING

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

Life is a lyrical arrangement of good and bad, of relational complexity and nuanced subtleties.

ABOVE THE SUN

ETERNITY

Our time under the sun premise would be different if we changed our perspective or focus, from earthly to eternal. Only if we know how to behold the sun with our heart.

10/ MORE THAN WE CAN SEE

Now on earth, we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror; but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely.

11/ LIFE IS A MERELY BRIEF PRELUDE TO ETERNITY

Prelude to Eternity, as in different occasions in our days, we experience fragments of Heaven, when our hearts are able to see the true beauty of creation even in the midst of brokenness of humane.

Prelude of Heaven, Prelude to Eternity.

12/ HEAVEN AND EARTH COLLIDE

There are moments in our lives where we could experience heaven on this earth and when those moments are touched, we long for more.

13/ HOMESICK FOR HEAVEN

Every moment of despair has room for hope and a bit of laughter, and every lighthearted romp has serious undercurrent that grounds our days as we long for our eternal home.

14/ EYES TO BEHOLD THE SUN

Blessed for those eyes that are able to see the sun in their heart.

15/ WE HAVE ETERNITY IN OUR HEART

Even if we gain everything we see, it will not fulfill us as we are made for more, made with eternity in our heart. And when we live up to how we are created, above all earthly realities we face, we could hear a word from heaven that speaks louder.

CREATIVE DIRECTORS/ DANCERS



AARÓN J ESCALANTE

Creating *Life Under the Sun* was my dream to carry it forward in 2018 in my city *Santa Fe - Arg* but the plans changed, after several years in process today I can carry out this dream, enjoy an amazing production team and a great creative friend *Ara Cho* with whom we carry out the project, combining different styles of dance and in search of a new artistic language.

I hope that by seeing *Life Under the Sun*, you can understand the reason why I have treasured the book of Ecclesiastes. And take you through different moments and experiences; the contrast between a mentality under the sun with a limited perspective and then you can raise your gaze and be able to see beyond the sun, preparing the way to eternal.

At the end of the road in each one of us there is always a desire for something more, because there is eternity in our hearts, and to eternity we go. Life is a merely brief prelude to eternity.



ARA CHO

We have eternity in our hearts, and nothing under the sun can fill this eternity-shaped void. To fully enjoy our days, we must gaze beyond the sun's premise, beyond the limits of what we can see, and seek the eternal and the infinite.

Shadows may fall at different times in our days, but we can encounter heavenly moments along the way by understanding what can truly brighten our hearts and lift our spirits. We are all on a temporary journey, much like a picnic on the path to our eternal home, where we are dancing through life. As the sun sets and my days blend into one another, my steps may slow down in speed, but I will continue dancing in my heart because I know where I am heading.

Life Under the Sun is produced with heart. It is a gift weaved together with Aarón who shared these priceless stories from the book of Ecclesiastes which has reminded me to constantly look above the Sun. And with our amazing dancers and the production team, we would like to express this wisdom with you tonight.

DANCERS



IMELDA CHENG

Life Under the Sun
No one can escape
from *The Law of Eternity*
What's Behind the Sun?
Who Look at you?
Who Look after you?
Who are You?



LAW SHUN KWAN

Under the sun, life feels small.
In fleeting moments, we rise and fall.
Though all may seem vain, do not dwell deeply; let worries drift away.
Life need not outshine the sun's golden rays,
nor seek to be radiant in endless displays.
What matters is finding your own steadfast light,
a flicker of hope in the depths of the night.
Let go of sorrows and dance in the sunlight.



SARA TANG

Life Under the Sun first evokes a sense of openness to me. Everything is clear to be observed. It is also about warmth, light, and energy that the sun provides, nurturing everything on earth. For me, it means living in the present moment, appreciating the blessings given.

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CREATIVE TEAM

Spatial Designer - Jan Wong

Lighting Designer - Vanessa Lee

Graphic Designer - Bertha Sun

Sound Designer - Jaycee Kwok

Production & Stage Manager - Eva Chau

Deputy Stage Manager - Vivian Ho

SPECIAL THANKS

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