

In the beginning there was Time . . .
Now TIME is just beginning . . .

TIME is dedicated to the memory of my Mother and Father, without whom it may never have been conceived. A dream begins with an idea and then, with belief and a lot of hard work and with luck on your side it becomes a reality. TIME has been my dream for over five years.

I started working on the book and music back in 1980 — my initial idea being to try to combine the visual excitement and energy of rock music with the dramatic appeal of theatre. I produced first a demo recording of the entire musical. On the strength of this an amazing array of recording stars agreed to record the songs for the concept album — Stevie Wonder, Freddie Mercury, Julian Lennon, Dionne Warwick, Burt Bacharach, Ashford & Simpson, Murray Head, Leo Sayer and, of course, Laurence Olivier and Cliff Richard. While recording the album I took special care to match the performance of the artist to the character portrayed in the musical.

For the part of Akash, the Ultimate Word in Truth, I obviously needed an actor with great authority and I was very lucky to find such a special star as Laurence Olivier. We worked on this part together for a long time and I recorded his 'appearance' over a period of about 8 weeks. It has been a great privilege to work with him.

During this time I was also assembling the production team who would transform the script into reality. I was particularly keen to enlist John Napier as designer, Larry Fuller as director, Arlene Phillips as choreographer and Mike Moran as production musical director as I have admired their work for many years. They are just four of the many wonderful, talented people along the way who have helped turn this dream into a reality. To all of them, and to my friends who have given me their love and support, my endless thanks and gratitude. You've made it all worthwhile. I would also like to dedicate TIME to the peace makers of all time. Their inspiration inspired me, and I hope will continue to inspire others to make our world a safer place for our children and our children's children.