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## **Three Show Stopping Ballets in One Night with Ballet Arizona** *Contemporary Moves Kick-Starts 2021-2022 Season*

**PHOENIX** – [Ballet Arizona](#) opens its 36<sup>th</sup> season with *Contemporary Moves* Oct. 28 through Nov. 7 at the company's intimate Dorrance Theatre. The Dorrance creates an almost immersive experience for audience goers as they will be closer to the dancers than in any other Ballet Arizona venue. This performance showcases three ballets that shine the spotlight on masterful and diverse choreography, music and tone from celebrated choreographers: Justin Peck, Sir Frederick Ashton, and Ballet Arizona's own, Nayon Iovino. Audiences will enjoy live music from [Josiel Perez](#) and Company as well as compositions from Philip Glass and Giacomo Meyerbeer.

The three show stopping ballets include:

### *In Creases*

Set to Philip Glass' "Four Movements for Two Pianos," *In Creases* showcases the virtuosity of the dancers with fast-paced and intricately patterned choreography.

### *Les Patineurs ("The Skaters")*

After its Ballet Arizona premiere in 2019, this charming collection of vignettes by Sir Frederick Ashton is skating back to the stage as the desert gladly welcomes cooler weather. This one-act series of divertissements, evokes the movements of ice-skating and invites viewers to escape to a simpler time.

### *Mambaz*

From celebrated Ballet Arizona choreographer and company dancer Nayon Iovino comes the electric audience favorite, *Mambaz*. Bringing this work back to the stage truly highlights the celebratory feel of this season. Iovino's rich, fun and lively movement vocabulary coupled with Perez's showmanship and energy bring the party to the stage with *Mambaz*. Josiel Perez and Company will be performing live alongside the dancers which will give the performance an energy level that is incredibly fun in the up-close setting of Dorrance Theatre.

Single tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling the Ballet Arizona box office at 602-381-1096. For more information, visit [balletaz.org/performance/contemporary-moves-2021/](http://balletaz.org/performance/contemporary-moves-2021/).

### **Ballet Arizona**

Ballet Arizona, approaching its 36<sup>th</sup> season, is dedicated to preserving and celebrating classical dance while creating new and innovative works. Under the artistic direction of internationally acclaimed choreographer Ib Andersen - a former Principal Dancer with The New York City Ballet and The Royal Danish Ballet - Ballet Arizona follows his lead to the future of dance in Arizona. The School of Ballet Arizona, under the direction of Maria Simonetti, promotes access to the art form of ballet through dance education, with a focus on excellence in the form, directing each student to a life-long love of dance. Following this vision, Ballet Arizona connects to more than 35,000 children and families every year through its free and low cost outreach programs. For more information, visit [balletaz.org](http://balletaz.org).

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