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Ballet Arizona Announces 2022-2023 Season

Nationally Recognized Ballet Company Presents an Array of Classical and Contemporary Works

PHOENIX – The Valley’s only professional ballet company is excited to announce its 37th season, which will celebrate artistic classics and storybook favorites. [Ballet Arizona’s](#) 2022-2023 season promises to excite and inspire audiences with a blend of classical and contemporary ballets.

The new season will kick off on September 22 through 25 with *Contemporary Moves*, a program designed to move you. These ballets are a dance lover’s dream, featuring three diverse works from some of the most masterful choreographers of our time.

From October 20 through 23, 2022, the company will present one of the most beloved romantic tales, *Cinderella*. Audiences will step between the pages of the cherished storybook as Ballet Arizona’s Artistic Director, Ib Andersen, brings the romantic story to life, complete with glass slippers, pumpkin carriages, fairy godmothers, and, of course, a “happily ever after.” The enchantment continues as The Phoenix Symphony will be performing the beautiful score.

Rejoicing in the spirit of the holidays, Ballet Arizona’s famous performance of *The Nutcracker* will take place December 9 through 24, 2022, in Symphony Hall. Live music from The Phoenix Symphony will help bring the enchantment and splendor of *The Nutcracker* to life, alongside Andersen’s dazzling choreography. Ballet Arizona’s production has been named “among the top three in the country” by *The New York Times*.

Experience love, tragedy, and romance Valentine’s Day weekend with one of the most beloved and romantic ballets of all time, February 9 through 12, 2023 at The Madison Center for the Arts. *Giselle*, tells the tragic yet passionate tale of a young woman who dies of a broken heart. The ballet is famous for the Wilis, ghostly maidens who take revenge on the young nobleman who betrayed her.

The *All Balanchine* program will present three ballets by renowned choreographer George Balanchine and staged by Ib Andersen, who is one of a handful of artists worldwide authorized by The Balanchine Trust to stage the late choreographer’s masterpieces. The lineup includes performances such as *Raymonda Variations* and *Emeralds* May 4 through 7, 2023 with The Phoenix Symphony at Symphony Hall.

Ballet Arizona’s annual tradition *An Evening at Desert Botanical Garden* will conclude the 2022-2023 season May 16 through June 3, 2023. Surrounded by the matchless Desert Botanical Garden landscape with the setting sun as a backdrop, Andersen’s vision for dance in the desert continues in 2023.

BALLET ARIZONA'S 2022-2023 SEASON***CONTEMPORARY MOVES: AN EVENING OF THREE BALLETS***

Sept. 22-25, 2022

Orpheum Theatre

Contemporary Moves celebrates masterful and diverse choreography, music, and tone with works from both emerging and celebrated choreographers. This vibrant program kicks off Ballet Arizona's 37th Anniversary season with an evening of three short but dynamic ballets, similar to a collection of short stories.

CINDERELLA

Oct. 20-23, 2022

With the Phoenix Symphony at Symphony Hall

Choreography: Ib Andersen

Music: Sergei Prokofiev

Ib Andersen's *Cinderella* vividly brings this romantic tale and its well-known characters from the pages of a beloved storybook to life on stage. His staging and choreography vividly delight audiences with the beauty and majesty of classical ballet, wrapped in the promise of "happily ever after," and generously sprinkled with a wonderful dose of humor.

THE NUTCRACKER

December 9-24, 2022

With the Phoenix Symphony at Symphony Hall

Choreography: Ib Andersen

Music: Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky

Ballet Arizona takes to the Symphony Hall stage in grand fashion with this holiday classic. Celebrate the joy and wonder of the season with Ib Andersen's *The Nutcracker* as Tchaikovsky's classical score is masterfully performed by The Phoenix Symphony. Follow Clara's wintry adventures as she battles mischievous mice and charms the Sugar Plum Fairy. Whether this is your first Nutcracker or your 101st, this heartwarming tradition never fails to enchant and draw smiles from all!

GISELLE

Feb. 9-12, 2023

Madison Center for the Arts

Choreography: Ib Andersen after Jean Corallie and Jules Perrot

Music: Adolphe Adam

This ghost-filled, haunting masterpiece is one of the most beloved and romantic ballets of all time. *Giselle* tells the tragic yet passionate tale of a lovely young woman who dies of a broken heart. The ballet is famous for the Wilis, maiden spirits who take revenge on the young nobleman that betrayed Giselle. Achingly beautiful, *Giselle* is an enrapturing work of art that draws audiences in with themes of enduring love, tragedy, and romance.

ALL BALANCHINE

May 4-7, 2023

With The Phoenix Symphony at Symphony Hall

Choreography: George Balanchine

Raymonda Variations

Music by Alexander Glazunov

Set to a melodic and enchanting musical score, *Raymonda Variations* is a bustle of precise ballet technique that materializes into a spectacle of dance with a succession of remarkable solos at its center.

Emeralds

Music by Gabriel Fauré

Emeralds evokes the elegance and romanticism of 19th century ballet. With a lush score by Fauré and dancers dressed in Romantic-length tutus *Emeralds* also can be a window on the nostalgia inherent in much late 19th-century art, with its idealized view of the Middle Ages, chivalry, and courtly love.

The Four Temperaments

Music by Paul Hindemith

Breaking with convention, Balanchine's *The Four Temperaments* is an experimental work that portrays the medieval concept of the four personality types (Melancholic, Sanguinic, Phlegmatic, and Choleric). Brilliantly choreographed and filled with arresting solos and ensembles, *The Four Temperaments* introduced new possibilities for ballet that continue to challenge dancers and audiences equally.

AN EVENING AT THE DESERT BOTANTICAL GARDEN

May 16 – June 3, 2023

Desert Botanical Garden

Tuesday through Saturdays, 8pm nightly

Choreography: Ib Andersen

From the choreographer that brought you masterpieces such as *Eroica*, *Topia*, and *The Four Seasons*, – ***An Evening at the Desert Botanical Garden*** promises a spectacular experience that is uniquely Arizonan.

Surrounded by the matchless desert landscape with the setting sun as a backdrop, Ib Andersen's vision for dance in the desert continues in 2023. Expect the unexpected as Ballet Arizona evolves, takes chances, and challenges the boundaries of contemporary ballet in the desert that we call our home.

Ballet Arizona

Ballet Arizona 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 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.

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