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The School of Ballet Arizona and Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestras Unite to Showcase *The Sleeping Beauty*

Local Performance Highlights Student Talent June 3, 4, and 5 at Madison Center for the Arts

PHOENIX – The [School of Ballet Arizona](#) (SBAZ) and the [Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestras](#) (PYOS) are excited to announce its continued partnership with the performance of *The Sleeping Beauty*, June 3 through 5 at the [Madison Center for the Arts](#). This production, sponsored by Freed of London USA, demonstrates and celebrates the remarkable accomplishments of both organizations and gives audiences the rare opportunity to experience a show by the next generation of performing artists in Phoenix.

Get a glimpse of the progression in ballet and musical training from intermediate to advanced-level students on the verge of professional careers, as they perform the treasured fairy tale full of curses, magic, and fantasy. *The Sleeping Beauty* displays all the charms and grandeur of classical ballet. This enchanting work mesmerizes with elaborate choreography, memorable characters, and Tchaikovsky’s magnificent score.

“The dedication of these young artists has been on display in the countless hours they have spent rehearsing and training for this production,” said Maria Simonetti, the School Director of The School of Ballet Arizona. “The choreography continues to inspire dancers of all ages and is a particular rite of passage for any aspiring young dancer to perform.”

“As an artist, we need to perform and share with the audience,” said Matthew Kasper, the Artistic and General Director of The Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestras. “The creativity, ingenuity and collegiality of the arts will be on display in this production, as over two hundred of the most talented dancers and musicians will come together to create this one-of-a-kind experience.”

The School of Ballet Arizona offers performances that demonstrate the School’s remarkable accomplishments. Students from primary to pre-professional perform works choreographed for professional companies and ballets specifically created for them to showcase their amazing talent and training.

Last May was the inaugural collaboration with the School of Ballet Arizona and Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestras, as they performed *Swan Lake* at three sold-out performances at Desert Botanical Garden

Tickets will be on sale starting on May 9, 2022 and will be available at balletaz.org or by calling 602.381.1096.

The School of Ballet Arizona

The School of Ballet Arizona (SBAZ) promotes access to the all-encompassing art form of ballet through dance education. With a focus on excellence in the form, SBAZ directs and nurtures each student to a life-long love of and appreciation for dance. The School is proud to offer comprehensive dance training that

meets the expectations of professional dance companies, as well as those looking to dance as a supplement to enrich their lives. SBAZ exists to empower and enrich students, their families and fellow community members. Following this vision, Ballet Arizona connects to more than 35,000 children and families every year through its free and low-cost outreach programs to bring the timeless beauty of ballet to Arizona. For more information, visit balletaz.org/school.

Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestras

Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestras exists to Expand Horizons Through Music and develop the next generation of Artists, Patrons, and Leaders. We seek to encourage social and emotional development, contribute to our community through inclusive recruitment and instill long-life values of responsibility, cultural appreciation, and a pursuit of excellence. PYSO was founded in 1952 and its orchestral training program, Young Musicians Competition and education initiatives have steadily grown over their nearly seventy-year existence. PYSO serves between 250 and 300 talented young musicians in its training program each year and reaches over 7,000 young students annually with its education initiatives. The young musicians enjoy weekly rehearsals led by world-class conductors, sectionals coached by professional musicians, weekend retreats and the opportunity to perform before thousands of audience members in most prestigious venues in the valley. PYSO now includes six ensembles: The Symphony Orchestra, The Philharmonic Orchestra, The String Orchestra, The Prelude String Orchestra, The Wind Orchestra and Percussion Ensemble. Visit pysorchestras.org for more information.

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