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Ballet Arizona's Breathtaking "Swan Lake" Returns to the Valley

Experience The Beloved Ballet Classic This October at Symphony Hall

PHOENIX – Back by popular demand, <u>Ballet Arizona</u> is thrilled to present Ib Andersen's *Swan Lake* at Symphony Hall from Oct. 24 through 27th. This timeless story, adored by all ages, will grace the stage for the first time since 2017.

Out of all the great classics, *Swan Lake* remains the quintessential ballet of all time. A passionate romantic tragedy, *Swan Lake* depicts the heartache and woe of two doomed lovers and the evil forces that come between them. Arizonans can experience the famous ballet known for its iconic white and black swans and the glory of Tchaikovsky's music performed live by The Phoenix Symphony

"For more than 100 years, *Swan Lake* has remained a classic for many reasons. It is a celebration of artistry and beauty in ballet, with its combination of storytelling, emotional expression, and skillful mastery of classical ballet technique—not to mention it's set to one of the most beautiful music scores ever created. It's no wonder that it holds many special memories for dancers and audiences alike," said Daniela Cardim, the artistic director of Ballet Arizona.

In addition, Ballet Arizona will present its Studio Spotlight performance for *Swan Lake* on Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at Ballet Arizona's Dorrance Theater. During this add-on event, attendees can experience a behind-the-scenes look at this production as they attend an in-studio rehearsal with the dancers, learn more about the production from Ballet Arizona's artistic team, and engage in a Q&A. Space is limited for this event and advanced purchase is encouraged.

Ballet Arizona's Opening Night Series Sponsors are F. Francis and Dionne Najafi of Pivotal Foundation.

Single tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling the Ballet Arizona box office at 602-381-1096. Group sales and season subscriptions are also available online, as well as tickets to the Studio Spotlight performance. For more information and the full list of showtimes, visit https://balletaz.org/performance/swan-lake/2024-10-24/.

Ballet Arizona

Since 1986, Ballet Arizona has been dedicated to preserving and celebrating classical dance while creating new and innovative works. Under the new artistic direction of internationally acclaimed choreographer Daniela Cardim - a former soloist with the Ballet of Municipal Theatre of Rio de Janiero and Dutch National Ballet - Ballet Arizona is excited to follow her lead to the future of dance in Arizona. During its 38th season, the Valley's professional ballet company will present *Swan Lake*, *The Nutcracker*, the U.S. premiere of *Frida*, *Spring Mix*, *All Balanchine* and *Eroica*. 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 22,000 children and families every year through its free and low-cost outreach programs. For more information, visit balletaz.org.

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