

# MILWAUKEE BALLET

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Video of masked dancers in dress rehearsal [here](#)

## **Milwaukee Ballet prepares for return to the stage February 25**

*Dance Company plans to be first to perform to 25% capacity in Milwaukee*

**MILWAUKEE** – February 10, 2021 – Milwaukee Ballet today announced it will open its doors to approximately 50 people per show for the first time in a year as it brings world-famous works back to the City later this month.

City of Milwaukee Order 4.4 relaxes gathering restrictions from 10 people to 25% of capacity and gives the organization new opportunities to overcome the challenges of COVID-19.

“Returning to the stage during this pandemic is like recovering from injury. Rehabilitation is slow and steady, you must commit to a goal and keep working diligently towards it. That’s what we’re doing here at Milwaukee Ballet,” explained Artistic Director Michael Pink.

Milwaukee Ballet made a step towards returning to live performances in December 2020 with an abbreviated adaptation of *The Nutcracker*, presenting 26 shows to 10 subscribers per performance at its new Baumgartner Center for Dance.

“We went into that production knowing the audience size would be small, but our dancers were grateful to perform live, and we were committed to providing inspiration to those who were comfortable joining us at the theater,” Pink said.

He added, “We resumed operations in our School & Academy in July 2020 and to date have experienced zero transmission. This fact, combined with our run of *The Nutcracker: Short & Sweet* with no incident, gives us confidence in our proven health and safety protocols. Now, we need those in the community who feel comfortable attending in-person to support us.”

Milwaukee Ballet’s next production, [To The Pointe](#) (Feb 25 to March 7), offers audience members an up-close look at the technical expertise of its dancers and excerpts from world-famous classical ballets.

“This is an opportunity to safely escape from the everyday for 60 minutes and remember the joy of live performance,” Pink noted. “Additionally, it will be a true treat to see this many revered works in one program.”

Milwaukee Ballet's [health and safety protocols](#), developed by its own committee in consultation with the City of Milwaukee, require masks in Baumgartner Center for Dance for all audience members, dancers, and staff at all times. The show is one hour with no intermission.

*To the Pointe* will also be filmed and available [On Demand](#) thanks in part to support from United Performing Arts Fund Kasey's Fund.

For full details of Milwaukee Ballet's reimagined 202-21 Season, visit [www.milwaukeeballet.org](http://www.milwaukeeballet.org).

## **Ticket Information**

### **TO THE POINTE**

**February 25-March 7**

**Baumgartner Center for Dance and On Demand**

**128 N Jackson Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202**

**In-Person:** Main Level: \$70 | Loge: \$55

**On Demand:** \$20 for 72-hours access. \$30 for VIP access that includes bonus videos.

Tickets on sale now. Call Milwaukee Ballet's box office at 414-902-2103 or [buy online](#).

### **Performance schedule:**

Thursday, February 25 | 7:30pm

Friday, February 26 | 7:30pm

Saturday, February 27 | 4:30pm and 7:30pm

Sunday, February 28 | 12:00pm and 3:00pm

Friday, March 5 | 7:30pm

Saturday, March 6 | 4:30pm and 7:30pm

Sunday, March 7 | 12:00pm and 3:00pm

Subject to change based on future guidelines from local health officials and the CDC.

## **About Milwaukee Ballet**

Milwaukee Ballet was founded in 1970. Led by Artistic Director Michael Pink, Milwaukee Ballet's mission is to create a rich and diverse community through its inspiring dance performance, education, and outreach. Milwaukee Ballet hosts an international company of dancers and maintains its own orchestra. Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy is the only professional dance school in the Midwest accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance, teaching beginner through pre-professional levels in three locations: Third Ward, Fox Point, and Brookfield. Milwaukee Ballet's award-winning Community Engagement department serves nearly 30,000 people in Southeastern Wisconsin each year through original, interactive programs. Milwaukee Ballet is a proud cornerstone member of United Performing Arts Fund and holds a four-star rating from Charity Navigator.

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Note to Editors: Image attached. Interviews with Michael Pink and high-resolution images are available upon request.