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MILWAUKEE BALLET

MICHAEL PINK, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

MILWAUKEE BALLET PRESENTS MICHAEL PINK'S *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*
- *The enchanting family-friendly season finale runs May 19-22* -

Milwaukee, WI – May 11, 2022 – Milwaukee Ballet concludes its 2021/22 *Season of Inspiration* with Michael Pink's imaginative adaptation of the classic *Beauty and the Beast* folktale. Featuring the Company dancers, Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra and student casts from Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy, the production tells a story of love and redemption that will delight guests of all ages.

***Beauty and the Beast* runs May 19-22 at Marcus Performing Arts Center** and marks only the second time Milwaukee Ballet has staged Pink's newest full-length work. *Beauty and the Beast* premiered in 2018 to record sell-out crowds, quickly becoming a new fan-favorite in the Company's extensive repertoire.

"This season has been momentous and inspiring for all of our dancers, staff, and crew, *Beauty and the Beast* is the perfect production to end with, as it quite literally gives us a magical 'happily ever after' ending," shared Pink. "As the pandemic continues to pose extreme challenges for all of us in the performing arts, we remain optimistic and persistent, as Belle does on her adventures with the Beast."

Inspired by Jeanne-Marie LePrince de Beaumont's 1756 adaptation of the original story, Pink's production centers on Belle, who is joined by a cast of fairytale characters from the stories she loves. The Prince, cursed by a mystical Enchantress, is transformed into the Beast, who must earn Belle's love to break the spell.

Pink's interpretation of *Beauty and the Beast* comes to life with an original score by Philip Feeney, elaborate costumes by designer Paul Daigle, unforgettable sets created by scenic designer Todd Edward Ivins, and lighting design by David Grill.

Performance Information

Beauty and the Beast is presented by von Briesen & Roper s.c., Donald & Donna Baumgartner, and Jan Pirozzolo-Mellowes & John W. Mellowes. To purchase tickets, call 414-902-2103, or visit milwaukeeballet.org.

The performance schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, May 19, 7:30 pm
- Friday, May 20, 7:30 pm
- Saturday, May 21, 1:30 pm

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- Sunday, May 22, 1:30 pm

Milwaukee Ballet's 2021/22 Season of Inspiration is presented by Donald and Donna Baumgartner and United Performing Arts Fund.

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Milwaukee Ballet was founded in 1970. Led by Artistic Director Michael Pink, Milwaukee Ballet creates 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.

Note to Editors: Interviews with Milwaukee Ballet Artistic Director Michael Pink and high-resolution images are available upon request.