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MILWAUKEE BALLET ANNOUNCES 2022/23 SEASON OF “TIMELESS TALES”

- Six captivating productions for audiences of all ages -

Milwaukee, WI – March 24, 2022 – Milwaukee Ballet today announced the collection of “Timeless Tales” in its 2022/23 Season. The productions ranging from classic stories to new inventions will include *Swan Lake*, *The Nutcracker*, *Originals*, *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Peter Pan*, and *Encore*.

“Following the hardships of the past two years, we all could use a bit of art and dance to take us away for a short time,” explained Artistic Director Michael Pink. “The coming season has been curated to offer something for everyone, providing the opportunity to let imaginations run free.”

The 2022/23 season opens at Marcus Performing Arts Center in November with *Swan Lake*, the most storied of classical ballets. The exquisite, dark beauty of Pink’s production features Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra performing Tchaikovsky’s famous score.

The Nutcracker once again brings the magic of the holiday season to life in December. Students of Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy join the Company in the time-honored story that is a holiday tradition for countless families.

Milwaukee Ballet returns to the Pabst Theater in February for the first time since 2020, with a contemporary program of new works in *Originals*. Winner of the 2021 *Genesis Choreographic Competition*, Price Suddarth will present his second piece on the Company, joined by celebrated choreographer Jennifer Archibald making her choreographic Milwaukee debut. Resident Choreographer Timothy O’Donnell’s new work will explore the iconic sounds of English rock band Radiohead.

In March, the Company will stage *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, presenting Pink’s internationally celebrated adaptation of *Les Misérables* author Victor Hugo’s iconic tale of love, lust, and betrayal.

Previously scheduled for 2020, *Peter Pan* is sure to delight audiences of all ages in May. The family favorite will once again feature a cast that includes Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy students and Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra.

The season concludes with *Encore* performed in Milwaukee Ballet’s We Energies Foundation Performance Studio at Baumgartner Center for Dance. The two-week run of intimate performances revisits excerpts of classical ballets and contemporary works.

As part of the Company's community engagement programming, the 2022/23 season includes student matinées during *The Nutcracker* and *Peter Pan*. A sensory-friendly performance of *The Nutcracker* is designed for those with autism or other sensory processing disorders.

Ticket Information

Season packages for the 2022/23 season include a Full-Season subscription, the popular Flex Plan for three productions, and a Family Pack, which includes *The Nutcracker* and *Peter Pan*. A new YP Pack is available for patrons age 35 and younger and will include *Originals* and *Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Packages may be ordered through Milwaukee Ballet's Box Office at 414.902.2103 and online at milwaukeeballet.org.

Tickets to individual performances go on sale July 15, 2022.

Season Sponsors

Milwaukee Ballet's 2022/23 season is presented by Donald and Donna Baumgartner, with support from the United Performing Arts Fund.

2022/23 Season Program Details

***Swan Lake* | November 3-6, 2022, at Marcus Performing Arts Center**

- Choreography: Michael Pink
- Music: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
- Prince Siegfried is prepared to offer his love to the beautiful Swan Queen Odette. But the beguiling Black Swan, Odile, makes a convincing imposter. Can the heart recognize what the mind does not?

***The Nutcracker* | December 9-26, 2022, at Marcus Performing Arts Center**

- Choreography: Michael Pink
- Music: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
- The Tannenbaum children embark on a journey to a fantastical world created by the mysterious magician Drosselmeyer. Their holiday gifts come to life during their travels, with the Nutcracker Prince protecting them from the evil Rat King.

***Originals* | February 9-12, 2023, at Pabst Theater**

- Choreography: Jennifer Archibald, Timothy O'Donnell, Price Suddarth
- Three choreographers present inventive world premieres.

***Hunchback of Notre Dame* | March 23-26, 2023, at Marcus Performing Arts Center**

- Choreography: Michael Pink
- Music: Philip Feeney
- In the belfry of Notre Dame Cathedral, the beleaguered hunchback Quasimodo provides sanctuary for the beautiful Esmeralda from the men who seek to wield their power over her.

***Peter Pan* | May 11-14, 2023, at Marcus Performing Arts Center**

- Choreography: Michael Pink
- Music: Philip Feeney

- A little boy who never grows up has his share of boundless adventure, battling pirates while flying above the clouds. But as life changes around Peter, one thing befuddles him - an adult understanding of love.

***Encore* | June 8-18, 2023, at Baumgartner Center for Dance**

- Selections from classical and contemporary works are presented up close at the home of Milwaukee Ballet. Whether being seen again or for the very first time, the *Encore* selections will offer something for everyone.

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About Milwaukee Ballet

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.