

 **PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET**
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PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET SCHOOL PRESENTS

SNOW WHITE

PART OF PNB'S FAMILY MATINEE SERIES
Featuring performances by students of the Pacific Northwest Ballet School

March 17-25, 2012

Marion Oliver McCaw Hall
321 Mercer Street at Seattle Center
Seattle, WA 98109

March 17 at 3:30 pm

March 18 at 4:30 pm

March 25 at 12:00 pm & 3:30 pm

Music: Jules Massenet

Concept & Choreography: Bruce Wells

Scenic Design: Edith Whitsett

Costume Design: Pacific Northwest Ballet Costume Shop

Lighting Design: Randall G. Chiarelli

SEATTLE, WA - Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all? Snow White, of course! Cast out of her father's home, the beautiful Snow White seeks refuge with seven dwarves. Determined to derail Snow White's happiness, the evil Queen repeatedly attempts to harm the poor maiden. The Queen thinks she's succeeded after Snow White bites a poison apple and falls into a deep slumber. The Prince sees the sleeping Snow White, falls in love, wakes her, and a grand wedding is planned. Danced by the students of Pacific Northwest Ballet School, *Snow White* is a new, narrated, hour-long version of the beloved classic. Like PNB's previous Family Matinee productions of *Pinocchio* and *Hansel & Gretel*, *Snow White* is conceived and choreographed by Bruce Wells and will feature over 70 students of Pacific Northwest Ballet School in each specially-created, hour-long matinee performance for children and families. (*Snow White* does not feature PNB Company dancers.)

Snow White plays March 17, 18 and 25 at Seattle Center's Marion Oliver McCaw Hall. Performances are at 3:30 pm on March 17, 4:30 pm on March 18, and 12:00 noon and 3:30 pm on March 25. For tickets, visit www.pnb.org or call 206.441.2424.

ABOUT THE ARTIST - Choreographer **Bruce Wells** has created over 50 ballets. A native of Tacoma, Washington, Mr. Wells' dance career began as a student at the School of American Ballet. He joined New York City Ballet, under the direction of George Balanchine, in 1967 and was promoted to soloist in 1969. His choreographic career began in workshops that Mr. Balanchine coached in the early 1970's. From there he became resident choreographer for the Connecticut Ballet from 1975 to 1979, choreographing his first full length ballet, *Coppelia* in 1976. From 1979 to 1989 Mr. Wells was resident choreographer for the Boston Ballet, where he created over 20 works which included *The Nutcracker*, *La Fee Mal Gardee*, *Swan Lake*, and his highly acclaimed *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. (From 1984 to 1989 he was also Associate Artistic Director for the company.) He then joined Pittsburgh Ballet Theater for six seasons as resident choreographer, creating new productions of *Romeo & Juliet*, *Firebird* and *The Great Gatsby* among others. Mr. Wells has choreographed works for The Australian Ballet, Dance Theater of Harlem, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Atlanta Ballet, Milwaukee Ballet, Ballet Chicago, Cincinnati Ballet, The Nashville Ballet, Oregon Ballet Theater, Jacob's Pillow, and many more. For the past twelve years Mr. Wells has been on the faculty of Pacific Northwest Ballet School. Mr. Wells has created three children's ballets for PNBS: *Snow White*, *Hansel & Gretel* and *Pinocchio*. A frequent guest teacher and freelance choreographer, his most recent assignment was as guest teacher for the Dutch National Ballet in Amsterdam.

TICKET INFORMATION - *Snow White* tickets range from \$25 to \$67 (\$22 to \$60 for children 12 and under) and may be purchased through the Pacific Northwest Ballet Box Office:

- Phone: 206.441.2424 (Mon.-Fri. 9am-6pm; Sat. 10am-5pm)
- In Person: 301 Mercer Street, Seattle (Mon.-Fri. 10am-6pm; Sat. 10am-5pm)
- Online: www.pnb.org (24/7)

Tickets are also available 90 minutes prior to each performance, subject to availability, at McCaw Hall, located at 321 Mercer Street.

Special Student Matinee of *Snow White*

Friday, March 23 - 10:30 am

A fantastic opportunity for school groups!

The *Snow White* student matinee is reserved for groups of 15 or more school students in grades Pre-K through 12. For ticket information, contact the PNB Box Office. (For group rates to other *Snow White* performances, please contact group sales manager Julie Jamieson at juliej@pnb.org.) PNB also offers pre- or post-performance workshops for school students: Contact Ana Maria Campoy at 206.441.2415 or amcampoy@pnb.org for information.

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