

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET ANNOUNCES SPECIAL OFFERS IN CONJUNCTION
WITH THE PNB PREMIERE OF GEORGE BALANCHINE'S

Coppélia

June 3-13, 2010

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

SEATTLE, WA – Tickets are now on sale for Pacific Northwest Ballet's season finale, the delightful and enchanting new production of George Balanchine's *Coppélia*. But audiences don't have to buy a ticket to get a taste of this classic comic ballet. PNB has three *FREE* offers to entice you:

CONVERSATIONS WITH PNB — *FREE!*

Sunday, May 23, 2:00 pm

Elliott Bay Book Company, 1521 Tenth Avenue

PNB's Sunday afternoon series features an hour-long discussion about George Balanchine's *Coppélia* with Company dancers. Meet PNB principal dancer Kaori Nakamura, and soloist Seth Orza in the casual atmosphere of Elliott Bay Book Company's reading room at the bookstore's new Capitol Hill location. (*Conversations with PNB* are presented for every mainstage program of PNB's season – excluding *Nutcracker* – and are always *FREE* of charge.)

BALLET PREVIEW — *FREE!*

Tuesday, June 1, 12:00 noon

Microsoft Auditorium at Central Seattle Public Library, 1000 Fourth Avenue

Join PNB for a free lunchtime preview lecture at the Central Seattle Public Library. PNB Education Programs Manager Doug Fullington will offer insights about George Balanchine's *Coppélia* complete with video excerpts. *FREE* of charge.

LISTEN TO THE BALLET — *FREE!*

Friday, June 4, 7:30 pm

98.1 Classical KING FM

Much of the lasting appeal of *Coppélia* may be attributed to its melodiously beautiful score by French composer Léo Delibes, legendary for his ability to illustrate dance atmosphere and action.

Over the past season, PNB has been honored to partner with 98.1 Classical KING FM to bring listeners some of history's most popular ballet scores, featuring the Pacific Northwest Ballet Orchestra direct from McCaw Hall. Tune in to KING FM for a live broadcast of Delibes' delightfully scored **Coppélia** on Friday, June 4 at 7:30 pm. The PNB Orchestra will perform under the baton of guest conductor Nathan Fifield. Listen for FREE only on 98.1 fm or online at www.king.org/listen.

For more information about events and offers surrounding PNB's premiere production of **Coppélia**, including group offers, family matinee activities and the May 22nd **Coppélia Seminar**, visit www.pnb.org and click on "Learn More."

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

Drawn from ballet's Romantic period and informed by a 19th-century fascination with mechanical toys, **Coppélia** is the tale of cheerful young lovers, Swanilda and Franz, whose courtship is briefly interrupted when Doctor Coppélius, the village's eccentric inventor, creates a doll so life-like that Franz becomes infatuated. When her suitor attempts a clandestine rendezvous, Swanilda evens the score by dressing as the doll and pretending to come to life. Ultimately, the pair is reconciled, and Act III's effervescent wedding-day festivities offer an array of spectacular dances. **Coppélia** has been called one of the happiest ballets in existence, and can be enjoyed by ballet newcomers and families as well as PNB's most seasoned patrons. This brand-new production features magnificently crafted sets and more than 120 charmingly detailed costumes created by Italian scenic and costume designer Roberta Guidi di Bagno.

Pacific Northwest Ballet's premiere production of George Balanchine's **Coppélia** runs for nine performances only, from June 3 to 13 at Marion Oliver McCaw Hall, 321 Mercer Street at Seattle Center. Tickets may be purchased through the PNB Box Office by calling 206.441.2424, in person at 301 Mercer Street, or online at pnb.org. Visit our website for more information and box office hours.

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