

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET

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Pacific Northwest Ballet Announces 2016-2017 Season Line-Up.

PNB Box Office to begin taking orders for renewals and new full-season subscriptions on Tuesday 2/16.

44th season to feature six PNB premieres including Jean-Christophe Maillot's *Cendrillon*, George Balanchine's *La Source*, Jerome Robbins' *Opus 19 / The Dreamer*, Alexei Ratmansky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, and works by Benjamin Millepied and David Dawson; and a world premiere from Jessica Lang. Other highlights include the return of audience favorites including Robbins' *West Side Story Suite*, Jiri Kylian's *Forgotten Land*, and Balanchine's *Stravinsky Violin Concerto* and *Slaughter on Tenth Avenue*. The line-up also includes additional works by Balanchine, Millepied, Twyla Tharp, and Christopher Wheeldon. (And, of course, *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*™.)

44th season single-ticket sales begin Monday, July 18.

(Tickets to *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker* go on sale Monday, May 16.)

September 2016 – June 2017
Marion Oliver McCaw Hall
321 Mercer Street, Seattle Center
Seattle, Washington

February 13, 2016, SEATTLE, WA— Artistic Director Peter Boal has announced the line-up for Pacific Northwest Ballet's 44th season, running from September, 2016 to June, 2017. Highlights include a program of PNB premieres by George Balanchine, Jerome Robbins, and Alexei Ratmansky; a full-length story ballet from Jean-Christophe Maillot (*Roméo et Juliette*) based on the story of Cinderella; a world premiere from Jessica Lang (*The Calling*); PNB premieres by Benjamin Millepied and David Dawson; and the return of audience favorites by Balanchine, Robbins, Millepied, Twyla Tharp, William Forsythe, Jiri Kylian, and Christopher Wheeldon. For family audiences, PNB is bringing back its popular matinee production of *Hansel & Gretel* (performed by students of the Pacific Northwest Ballet School), and – of course – *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*™.

PNB will begin accepting season subscription renewals and new full-season subscription orders on Tuesday, February 16; tickets to *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*™ go on sale to the public on Monday, May 16. The Box Office opens for 2016-2017 season single ticket sales on Monday, July 18. For further information, contact the PNB Box Office by phone at 206.441.2424, online at PNB.org, or in person at 301 Mercer Street. Discounted subscription rates are available for senior citizens and students with ID. All programming and dates are subject to change. For more information, visit PNB.org.

2016-2017 SEASON LINE-UP (programming subject to change):

First Look Gala

Friday, September 23, 2015

(Not part of PNB's subscription season. Tickets go on sale July 18.)

Celebrate the opening of PNB's 44th season with a glamorous cocktail party, an elegant backstage dinner, and a dance party onstage after the performance! Featuring special guest Benjamin Millepied (former director of Paris Opera Ballet). For information, visit PNB.org. (Performance tickets sold separately.)

Rep 1 – TRICOLORE

September 23 – October 2, 2016

3 Movements

Music: Steve Reich

Choreography: Benjamin Millepied

Scenic Design: Benjamin Millepied
Costume Design: Isabella Boylston, assisted by Larae Theige Hascall
Lighting Design: Brad Fields
Premiere: November 6, 2008, Pacific Northwest Ballet

***Appassionata Sonata* (PNB Premiere)**

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven
Choreography: Benjamin Millepied
Premiere: February 5, 2016, Paris Opera Ballet (Paris, France)

Symphony in C

Music: Georges Bizet
Choreography: George Balanchine © The School of American Ballet
Costume Design: Mark Zappone
Lighting Design: Randall G. Chiarelli
Premiere: July 28, 1947, Paris Opera Ballet (originally titled *Le Palais de Cristal*); March 22, 1948, New York City Ballet (renamed *Symphony in C*)
PNB Premiere: March 25, 1987

**Rep 2 – BRIEF FLING
November 4 – 13, 2016**

Brief Fling

Music: Michel Colombier and Percy Grainger
Choreography: Twyla Tharp
Original Costume Design: Isaac Mizrahi
Original Lighting Design: Jennifer Tipton
Premiere: February 28, 1990, American Ballet Theatre (San Francisco, CA)
PNB Premiere: September 27, 2013

Forgotten Land

Music: Benjamin Britten
Choreography: Jiri Kylian
Scenic and Costume Design: Jiri Kylian
Lighting Design: Joop Caboort
Lighting Re-Design: Kees Tjebbes
Premiere: April 12, 1981, Stuttgart Ballet
PNB Premiere: November 8, 2013

Stravinsky Violin Concerto

Music: Igor Stravinsky
Choreography: George Balanchine © The George Balanchine Trust
Staging: Paul Boos and Colleen Neary
Lighting Design: Randall G. Chiarelli
Premiere: June 18, 1972, New York City Ballet
PNB Premiere: March 5, 1986

George Balanchine's THE NUTCRACKER™

November 25 – December 29, 2016

(Not part of PNB's subscription season. Tickets go on sale Monday, May 16, 2016.)

Music: Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Choreography: George Balanchine © The George Balanchine Trust
Staging: Judith Fugate, with Peter Boal and Garielle Whittle
Scenic & Costume Design: Ian Falconer
Lighting Design: James F. Ingalls
Original Lev Ivanov Production Premiere: December 6, 1892, Imperial Ballet, St. Petersburg
Balanchine Production Premiere: February 2, 1954, New York City Ballet
PNB Premiere: November 27, 2015

Rep 3 – Cendrillon (PNB Premiere)

February 3 – 12, 2017

Music: Sergei Prokofiev
Choreography: Jean-Christophe Maillot
Scenic Design: Ernest Pignon-Ernest
Costume Design: Jérôme Kaplan
Lighting Design: Dominique Drillot
Premiere: December 23, 1996, Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo

Rep 4 – DIRECTOR'S CHOICE

March 17 – 26, 2017

New Suite

Music: George Frideric Handel, Luciano Berio, Johann Sebastian Bach
Choreography: William Forsythe
Scenic and Lighting Design: William Forsythe
Costume Design: William Forsythe and Yumiko Takeshima
Premiere: February 25, 2012, Dresden Semperoper Ballet
PNB Premiere: March 13, 2015

World Premiere

Choreography: Jessica Lang
Premiere: August 24, 2016, Pacific Northwest Ballet at Jacob's Pillow, Becket, Massachusetts
Commissioned by Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival

Empire Noir (PNB Premiere)

Music: Greg Haines
Choreography: David Dawson
Scenic Design: John Otto
Costume Design: Yumiko Takeshima
Lighting Design: Bert Dalhuysen
Premiere: June 17, 2015, Dutch National Ballet

Hansel & Gretel

March 19 – 26, 2017 *(Part of PNB's "Family Matinees" series. Call the PNB Box Office for details.)*
Featuring students of Pacific Northwest Ballet School and the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Music: Oskar Nedbal
Concept and Choreography: Bruce Wells
Staging: Michele Curtis and Otto Neubert
Scenic Design: Edith Whitsett
Costume Design: Pacific Northwest Ballet Costume Shop
Witch Costume Design: Victoria McFall
Lighting Design: Randall G. Chiarelli
Premiere: March 18, 2007, PNB School

Rep 5 – BALLET ON BROADWAY

April 14 – 23, 2017

Carousel (A Dance)

Music: Richard Rodgers
Choreography: Christopher Wheeldon
Costume Design: Holly Hynes
Lighting Design: Mark Stanley
Premiere: November 26, 2002, New York City Ballet
PNB Premiere: March 12, 2009

Slaughter on Tenth Avenue

Music: Richard Rodgers
Choreography: George Balanchine © The George Balanchine Trust
Scenic and Lighting Design: Randall G. Chiarelli
Costume Design: Holly Hynes
Premiere: May 2, 1968, New York City Ballet
PNB Premiere: September 20, 2008

West Side Story Suite

Music: Leonard Bernstein
Lyrics: Stephen Sondheim
Choreography: Jerome Robbins with Peter Genarro
Scenic Design: Oliver Smith
Costume Design: Irene Sharaff
Lighting Design: Jennifer Tipton
Premiere: May 18, 1995, New York City Ballet
PNB Premiere: March 12, 2009

REP 6 – PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION
June 2 – 11, 2017

***La Source* (PNB Premiere)**

Music: Léo Delibes
Choreography: George Balanchine © The George Balanchine Trust
Staging: Peter Boal
Original Costume Design: Karinska
Original Lighting Design: Ronald Bates
Premiere: November 23, 1968, New York City Ballet

***Opus 19 / The Dreamer* (PNB Premiere)**

Music: Sergei Prokofiev
Choreography: Jerome Robbins
Staging: Peter Boal
Costume Design: Ben Benson
Original Lighting Design: Ronald Bates
Lighting Design: Jennifer Tipton
Premiere: June 14, 1979, New York City Ballet

***Pictures at an Exhibition* (PNB Premiere)**

Music: Modest Mussorgsky
Choreography: Alexei Ratmansky
Costume Design: Adeline Andre
Lighting Design: Mark Stanley
Projection Design: Wendall K. Harrington
Premiere: October 2, 2014, New York City Ballet

SEASON ENCORE PERFORMANCE

Sunday, June 11, 2017

(Not part of PNB's subscription season. Tickets to this event go on sale in 2017.)

NEXT STEP Choreographers' Showcase

Friday, June 16, 2017

(Not part of PNB's subscription season. Tickets to this event go on sale in 2017.)

36th Annual PNB School Performances

Saturday, June 17, 2017

(Not part of PNB's subscription season. Tickets to this event go on sale in 2017.)

PNB ON TOUR

(Tickets not available through the PNB Box Office.)

August 24 - 28, 2016

Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Becket, MA

Sum Stravinsky (Stravinsky/Gaines); *3 Movements* (Reich/Millepied); World Premiere (Jessica Lang)

For more information, visit JacobsPillow.org.

TICKET INFORMATION:

Money-saving full-season (six-show) subscriptions, starting at \$150, go on sale beginning Tuesday, February 16.

Subscriber benefits include free and easy ticket exchanges, discounts off additional single ticket purchases, pre-sale privileges for special performances, the opportunity to purchase pre-paid parking, 20% off PNB School Open dance classes for adults, a subscriber discount card, and more. (Single tickets to the 2016-2017 season go on sale to the general public on Monday, July 18; Tickets to George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker* go on sale Monday, May 16.)

Subscriptions may be purchased through the PNB Box Office:

- Phone: 206.441.2424
- In Person: 301 Mercer Street at Seattle Center
- Online: PNB.org (beginning March 1.)

For information on discount offers including The Pointe, TeenTix, and Group Sales, **visit PNB.org**. While there, sign up on PNB's email list, or connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! Be among the first to learn about PNB news, casting and performance updates, ticket offers, and more.

PNB offers a variety of free or affordably-priced special events for most of its productions, including previews, conversations, lectures, and Q&As. For more information, visit PNB.org and click on the "Events & Offers" tab under each specific production's listing.

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