# 21:3 PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET

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# Tickets Now on Sale for Pacific Northwest Ballet's 2025-26 Season!

53rd season line-up includes *Cinderella, Giselle*, and George Balanchine's shimmering *Jewels*. Other highlights include an evening of works by PNB resident choreographer Jessica Lang (who will also premiere a new family matinee production based on the *Momotaro* folk tale), a world premiere by company dancers Christopher D'Ariano and Amanda Morgan, audience favorites from Ulysses Dove, Alejandro Cerrudo, Dani Rowe, and Twyla Tharp; and the long-awaited return of Kent Stowell's *Firebird*. (Oh, and *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker®*, of course!)

# PNB Box Office is now open for ticket sales to all performances.

Single tickets start at \$44 (\$35 for *The Nutcracker.*)
Full-season subscriptions start at \$214. Four-show mini-season subs start at \$147.

# **September 2025 – June 2026**

Marion Oliver McCaw Hall 321 Mercer Street at Seattle Center Seattle, Washington

**July 22, 2025, SEATTLE, WA** – Tickets are now on sale for Pacific Northwest Ballet's 2025-26 season. PNB Artistic Director Peter Boal's line-up for the company's 53rd season kicks off with George Balanchine's [literally] sparkling *Jewels*, and highlights include an evening of works by PNB resident choreographer Jessica Lang (who will also be creating a new family matinee production based on the popular Japanese folk tale of Momotaro), two beloved story ballets (*Cinderella* and *Giselle*), and the long-awaited return of Kent Stowell's *Firebird*. Elsewhere in the schedule are works by Alejandro Cerrudo, Ulysses Dove, Dani Rowe, and Twyla Tharp; and a world premiere from PNB soloists Christopher D'Ariano and Amanda Morgan. (Plus, of course, *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker®*.)

The PNB Box Office is now open for ticket sales to each production as well as subscriptions for the season, running from September 2025 to June 2026. (PNB plans to continue offering a digital subscription as well, so audiences across the country and around the planet can virtually attend performances by the company. Digital streams are available by subscription only. See TICKET INFORMATION, below.) For sales and further info, contact the PNB Box Office by phone (206.441.2424), in person (301 Mercer Street at Seattle Center) or online 24/7 (PNB.org.) As always, everything is subject to change.

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET'S 2025-26 SEASON LINE-UP

[Follow select hyperlinks for additional information and program notes.]

# **Jewels**

September 26 - October 5, 2025

Digital streaming dates: October 9 – 13, 2025

True brilliance: PNB raises the curtain for its 53rd season with George Balanchine's masterful homage to three golden ages of music and dance. *Emeralds* whispers of grace, courtesy, and French perfume; *Rubies* sizzles with American sass; and *Diamonds* conjures the glittering magnificence of old St. Petersburg.

Choreography: George Balanchine © The George Balanchine Trust

Scenic and Costume Design: Jérôme Kaplan

Lighting Design: Randall G. Chiarelli

#### **Emeralds**

Music: Gabriel Fauré

Premiere: April 13, 1967, New York City Ballet

PNB Premiere: June 1, 2006; Kaplan Design Premiere: September 22, 2017

#### Rubies

Music: Igor Stravinsky

Premiere: April 13, 1967, New York City Ballet

PNB Premiere: February 3, 1988; Kaplan Design Premiere: September 22, 2017

#### Diamonds

Music: Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Premiere: April 13, 1967, New York City Ballet

PNB Premiere: June 1, 2006; Kaplan Design Premiere: September 22, 2017

#### Rep 2 - IN THE UPPER ROOM

November 7 – 16, 2025

Digital streaming dates: November 20 – 24, 2025

A swirl of music, dance, and fog, this triple-bill is anchored by Twyla Tharp's iconic and athletic *In the Upper Room*, paired with Dani Rowe's heartbreaking *The Window*, and a world premiere from PNB dancers/choreographers Christopher D'Ariano and Amanda Morgan.

#### **WORLD PREMIERE**

Music: Thomas Nickell and Fiona Stocks-Lyons

Choreography: Christopher D'Ariano and Amanda Morgan

Lighting Design: Reed Nakayama

#### The Window

Music: Shannon Rugani Choreography: Danielle Rowe Costume Design: Emma Kingsbury Lighting Design: Reed Nakayama

Premiere: November 3, 2023, Pacific Northwest Ballet

# In the Upper Room

Music: Philip Glass

Choreography: Twyla Tharp Scenic Design: Santo Loquasto Costume Design: Norma Kamali Lighting Design: Jennifer Tipton

Premiere: August 28, 1986, Twyla Tharp Dance

PNB Premiere: November 1, 2007

# George Balanchine's The Nutcracker®

November 28 – December 28, 2025 (NOTE: Not part of the 2025-26 Subscription season.)

Digital streaming dates: December 19 - 28, 2025

Accept no imitations: The Northwest's favorite holiday tradition, *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*® is back once again (surprise!) to delight one and all. From the liveliest lobby in town to the dazzling sets and costumes and unforgettable performances, *The Nutcracker* is an integral part of the holidays for ballet fans of all ages!

Music: Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Choreography: George Balanchine © The George Balanchine Trust

Staging: Judith Fugate with Peter Boal and Garielle Whittle

Costume & Scenic Design: Ian Falconer

Lighting Design: James F. Ingalls

Balanchine Production Premiere: February 2, 1954, New York City Ballet

PNB Premiere: November 27, 2015

#### Cinderella

# January 30 - February 8, 2026

Digital streaming dates: February 12 – 16, 2026

PNB's wondrous production of Founding Artistic Director Kent Stowell's *Cinderella*, last seen on stage in early 2020 shortly before the world shut down, conjures breathtaking beauty and rare enchantment from the beloved fairy tale, set to Prokofiev's sweeping, evocative score.

Music: Sergei Prokofiev Choreography: Kent Stowell

Staging: Kent Stowell and Francia Russell

Scenic Design: Tony Straiges

Projection Design: Wendall K. Harrington Costume Design: Martin Pakledinaz Lighting Design: Randall G. Chiarelli

Premiere: May 31, 1994, Pacific Northwest Ballet

# Rep 4 - FIREBIRD March 13 - 22, 2026

Digital streaming dates: March 26 - 30, 2026

PNB Founding Artistic Director Kent Stowell's highly theatrical one-act ballet is back after a 20-year hiatus, featuring Ming Cho Lee's breathtaking sets, costumes by legendary designer Theoni V. Aldredge, and Stravinsky's epic score performed by the world-famous PNB Orchestra. *Firebird* will share a triple-bill with Alejandro Cerrudo's playful *Little mortal jump*, and Ulysses Dove's signature *Red Angels*.

#### Little mortal jump

Music: Various

Choreography: Alejandro Cerrudo Scenic Design: Alejandro Cerrudo Costume Design: Branimira Ivanova Lighting Design: Michael Korsch

Premiere: March 15, 2012, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

PNB Premiere: March 18, 2016

#### Red Angels

Music: Richard Einhorn Choreography: Ulysses Dove Costume Design: Holly Hynes Lighting Design: Mark Stanley

Premiere: May 9, 1994, New York City Ballet

PNB Premiere: September 17, 2005

#### **Firebird**

Music: Igor Stravinsky Choreography: Kent Stowell Scenic Design: Ming Cho Lee Costume Design: Theoni V. Aldredge Lighting Design: Randall G. Chiarelli

Premiere: September 29, 1989, Pacific Northwest Ballet (Kennedy Center)

#### **PNB Annual Gala**

# Sunday, March 22, 2026

This Spring, PNB's annual fundraiser gala will feature locally-curated cuisine, cocktails, and inspiring ballet – all in support of the art that moves us. Stay tuned for more details at PNB.org.

# **Momotaro** [WORLD PREMIERE]

March 21 - 29, 2026

PNB's Resident Choreographer Jessica Lang, with Kanji Segawa, has adapted the popular Japanese folk tale of Momotaro (Peach Boy) into an exciting new ballet. This hour-long family matinee follows Momotaro's adventures as he befriends animals, fights ogres, and seeks fortune. A perfect introduction to ballet for young audiences, featuring the student dancers of Pacific Northwest Ballet School. (Not part of the 2025-26 Subscription season.)

Choreography: Jessica Lang

Concept, Dramaturgy, and Story Adaptation: Kanji Segawa

Creative Associate: Kanji Segawa

Scenic Design: Jessica Lang and Reed Nakayama

Costume Design: Meleta Buckstaff Lighting Design: Reed Nakayama

Narrator: William Lin-Yee

#### Giselle

#### April 10 - 19, 2026

Digital streaming dates: April 23 - 27, 2026

PNB's radiant, historically-informed production of *Giselle* drew international raves when it premiered in 2011. ("A *Giselle* of exceptional interest. Rich in detail, both intelligent and eloquent. Pacific Northwest Ballet has made *Giselle* live anew." –*New York Theatre Wire*) Spoiler alert: love triumphs in this ghostly, compelling masterpiece.

Libretto: Jules-Henri Vernoy de Saint-Georges and Théophile Gautier

Music: Adolphe Adam, with additional music by Friedrich Burgmüller, Ludwig Minkus, and Cesare Pugni

Choreography: Jean Coralli, Jules Perrot, and Marius Petipa

Staging: Peter Boal

Choreography Reconstruction: Doug Fullington

Historical Advisor: Marian Smith

Scenic and Costume Design: Jérôme Kaplan

Lighting Design: Randall G. Chiarelli

Original Production Premiere: June 28, 1841; Ballet du Théâtre de l'Académie Royale de Musique, Paris

Petipa Production Premiere: February 5, 1884; Imperial Ballet, St. Petersburg

PNB Premiere: June 3, 2011; Kaplan Design Premiere: May 30, 2014

# Rep 6 - ALL LANG May 29 - June 7, 2026

Digital streaming dates: June 11 - 15, 2026

A celebration of Resident Choreographer Jessica Lang, featuring two works she created for PNB – *Her Door to the Sky*, inspired by the work of American painter Georgia O'Keeffe; and the starkly moving *Ghost Variations* – as well as the company premiere of *ZigZag*, featuring the music of legendary singer Tony Bennett.

#### Her Door to the Sky

Music: Beniamin Britten

Choreography and Scenic Design: Jessica Lang

Costume Design: Bradon McDonald Lighting Design: Nicole Pearce

Premiere: August 2016, Pacific Northwest Ballet (at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Massachusetts)

# **Ghost Variations**

Music: Robert Schumann and Clara Schumann

Choreography: Jessica Lang Creative Associate: Kanji Segawa Costume Design: Jillian Lewis Lighting Design: Reed Nakayama

Premiere: November 12, 2020, Pacific Northwest Ballet (digital season)

# ZigZag [PNB PREMIERE]

Music: Tony Bennett Choreography: Jessica Lang Creative Associate: Kanji Segawa Scenic Design: Derek McLane Costume Design: Wes Gordon Lighting Design: Nicole Pearce

Premiere: October 26, 2021, American Ballet Theatre (New York)

# **Season Encore Performance**

# Sunday, June 7, 2026

PNB wraps up its season in style with a one-night-only performance featuring performances of audience favorites, as well as an opportunity to bid a fond adieu to departing dancers. (Not part of the 2025-26 Subscription season.)

# **NEXT STEP Choreographers' Showcase**

#### Friday, June 12, 2026

PNB's annual choreographic showcase features new works created by company dancers, performed by students of the PNB School Professional Division. (Not part of the 2025-26 Subscription season. Tickets go on sale in 2026.)

# **45th Annual PNB School Performances**

# Saturday, June 13, 2026

Celebrating our PNB School student dancers from Level 1 up through Professional Division! (Not part of the 2025-26 Subscription season. Tickets go on sale in 2026.)

# TICKET INFORMATION

The Pacific Northwest Ballet Box Office is now taking orders for tickets to individual programs, and new subscriptions to PNB's 2025-26 season. Single tickets start at \$44, fees inclusive (\$35 for *The Nutcracker*). Full-season [seated] subscriptions start at \$214 for seats to all six programs. Four-show mini-season subscriptions start at \$147. Full and mini-season subscribers may add digital streaming access for reps 1-6 for \$50 (does not include *The Nutcracker* or *Momotaro*.)

**Digital Season**: PNB plans to continue providing an at-home streaming option this season. Most works performed onstage during the 2025-26 season will be shared exclusively with Digital Season subscribers after the curtain comes down on in-person performances, available to view for five days. The digital subscription (which includes *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker®*) is available for \$300.

Tickets and subscriptions may be purchased through the PNB Box Office:

- Phone 206.441.2424
- In Person 301 Mercer Street at Seattle Center
- Online 24/7 PNB.org

Tickets are also available – subject to availability – 90 minutes prior to each performance at McCaw Hall. Advance tickets through the PNB Box Office are strongly recommended for best prices and greatest availability.

For information about special ticket offers including group discounts, The Pointe, Beer & Ballet, Pay-What-You-Can, and student and senior rush options, visit PNB.org/offers. PNB also offers audience events including Conversations & Dress Rehearsals and select audio-described performances. For more information, visit PNB.org/audience-events. For information about accessibility, parking, directions, the Amusements gift shop and more, visit PNB.org/Plan.

**Caveat Emptor:** Like many performing arts, PNB's struggles with <u>ticket resellers</u> are a royal pain: At their most mundane, third-party sites snap up less-expensive tickets and sell them at inflated prices. At their most dastardly, they sometimes sell invalid tickets. For peace of mind and to enjoy the ballet at the best prices available, always purchase tickets directly from PNB. Suspected ticket scams should be reported to the Better Business Bureau.

PNB has partnered with <u>True Tickets</u> to ensure secure digital ticket delivery for its patrons. True Tickets safeguards against ticket fraud and scalping, while allowing ticket holders to effortlessly transfer tickets to friends and family.

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