

Ballet TUCSON

2023-2024
SEASON



WELCOME TO OUR 2023-2024 SEASON!

Ballet Tucson is reaching new heights through our performances, cultural partnerships and school. Great cities of the world possess a thriving symphony, opera, theater and ballet. We are proud to be your ballet company, one of the four pillars of our arts community.

Our 2023-2024 Season features five incredible performances with highlights including two iconic works by legendary choreographer George Balanchine and Tucson's favorite holiday tradition, our celebrated production of *The Nutcracker* in partnership with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra! We continue to expand our repertoire with dynamic new works like Associate Artistic Director and Resident Choreographer Chieko Imada's world premiere of *Eternal Love* (in partnership with the Tucson Desert Song Festival) and *After the Rain Pas de Deux* by Christopher Wheeldon, the Tony Award-winning choreographer of *An American in Paris* and *MJ: The Musical*.

The future of Tucson's only professional ballet company has never been brighter and this would not be possible without passionate supporters like you. We dedicate our 2023-2024 Season in memory of one of our greatest champions, Nancy Causbie. Nancy was instrumental in founding Ballet Tucson 37 years ago. She was a tireless advocate for our organization and her commitment to bringing great ballet to Tucson was unwavering. We honor her legacy this season and beyond, sharing her dream with you.



Margaret Mullin
Artistic Director

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Ballet Tucson's 2023-2024 Season
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All programming is subject to change

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Experience every inspiring moment of our new season with exclusive benefits

- Save 20% on the entire season, plus 20% off additional single tickets (excludes Nutcracker VIP Experience)

- Free, flexible, and easy ticket exchange

- Avoid Ticketmaster!

- Secure the best seats in the theater

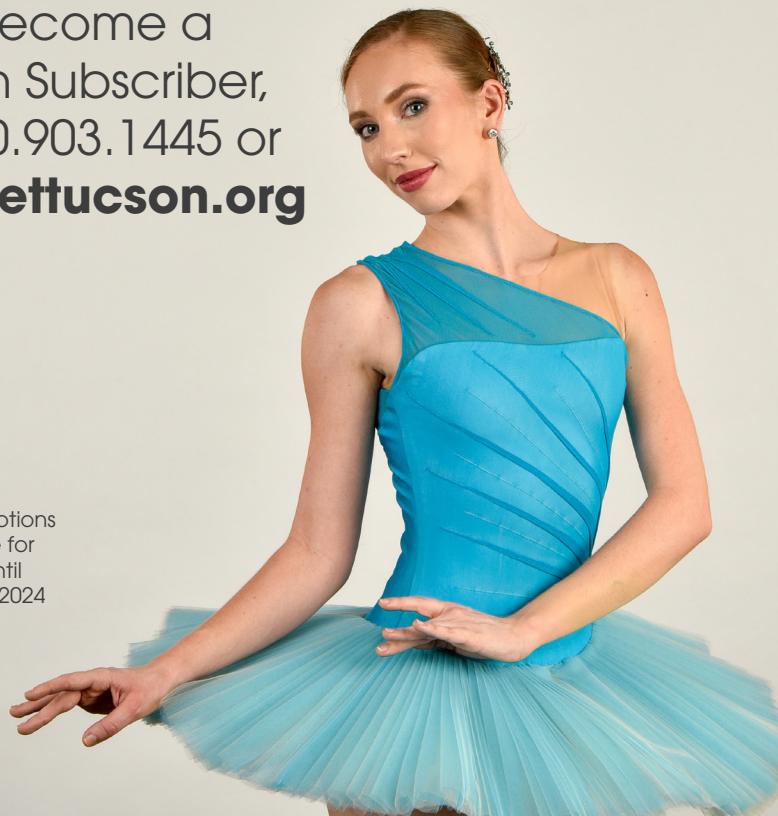
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- Pre-sale privileges: Access performance and event tickets before they are available to the general public

- Special Appreciation Day event

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Season Subscriptions are available for purchase until January 10th, 2024



BECOME A MEMBER TO GET MORE OUT OF YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

When you add a Membership to your Season Subscription you provide vital support to our company. Your membership unlocks even more opportunities to connect with the art form you love, including invitations to view company classes and rehearsals at the Ballet Tucson studios and to private champagne toasts with company artists and staff. You will also receive a variety of special discounts to use for events, our performance boutique, Open Teen/Adult classes at The School of Ballet Tucson and more.

To learn more about our membership program, email **membership@ballettucson.org** or visit **ballettucson.org/membership**

FOOTPRINTS AT THE FOX

NEW WORKS CONCERT

In Partnership With Fox Tucson Theatre KIT
(Kids In The Theatre) Family & Youth Program

Fox Tucson Theatre
Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 7:00pm



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Celebrate the start of a new season with an evening of diverse new works created by Ballet Tucson Artists!

Experience the incredible creativity of Ballet Tucson's company dancers as they choreograph original works performed by their colleagues. As an audience member you will have the opportunity to vote for your favorite piece and the winning work will be included in our 2024 Spring Concert at the Leo Rich Theater. Join a post-performance discussion moderated by Artistic Director Margaret Mullin to learn about their artistic process and to share in their excitement for the 2023-2024 season!

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FALL CONCERT

NOVEMBER 17-19, 2023

Ballet Tucson returns to the main stage this fall with three invigorating masterworks. Witness the return of legendary choreographer George Balanchine's most iconic ballet **Serenade** and the Ballet Tucson premiere of his virtuosic **Divertimento No. 15**. Last fall world-renowned choreographer Andrea Schermoly's contemporary pas de deux left patrons awestruck and now you will see the complete work **Klein Perspectives** for the first time as a part of this inspiring triple bill.



PERFORMANCES

Leo Rich Theater

Fri	Nov 17, 2023	7:00pm
Sat	Nov 18, 2023	2:00pm
Sat	Nov 18, 2023	7:00pm
Sun	Nov 19, 2023	2:00pm

For tickets call **520.791.4101** or visit **ballettucson.org**

Ballet TUCSON THE NUTCRACKER

In Partnership with  TUCSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

DECEMBER 21-23, 2023



The perfect gift for the whole family!

For tickets, visit ballettucson.org or contact the Tucson Convention Center by phone: **520.791.4101** or in person: **260 S. Church Ave.**

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PERFORMANCES

Linda Ronstadt Music Hall

Thurs	Dec 21, 2023	7:00pm
Fri	Dec 22, 2023	2:00pm
Fri	Dec 22, 2023	7:00pm
Sat	Dec 23, 2023	2:00pm
Sat	Dec 23, 2023	7:00pm



Treat your loved ones to the highlight of Tucson's holiday season! A beloved tradition for people of all ages, our award-winning production brings the enchanting story of The Nutcracker to life with sensational dancing, lavish sets and costumes, and Tchaikovsky's magnificent score performed live by the Tucson Symphony Orchestra's world-class musicians.

NUTCRACKER VIP EXPERIENCE


Limited availability prime seating, a post performance meet and greet with the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier with photo opportunity, and a signed pointe shoe or photograph from the Sugar Plum Fairy.



Ballet Tucson's partnership with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra is generously underwritten by The James H. and Frances R. Allen Family Foundation in loving memory of Nancy Causbie

WINTER CONCERT

FEBRUARY 9-11, 2024

In Partnership with  TUCSON DESERT SONG FESTIVAL

Celebrate dance, song and romance just in time for Valentine's Day! Love conquers all in the haunting masterpiece **Giselle Act II**, a timeless classic that has captured the hearts of audiences for generations. Associate Artistic Director and Resident Choreographer Chieko Imada creates another dazzling world premiere in partnership with the Tucson Desert Song Festival titled **Eternal Love**, featuring the music of French chanteuse Édith Piaf performed live onstage. Artistic Director Margaret Mullin brings her **Lost in Light** to the stage, an ethereal ballet set to original music by Tucson Symphony Orchestra Composer-in-Residence Dan Coleman. **After the Rain Pas de Deux**, an iconic piece by Tony Award-winning choreographer Christopher Wheeldon (An American in Paris and MJ The Musical) makes its Arizona debut!

PERFORMANCES

Leo Rich Theater

Fri	Feb 9, 2024	7:00pm
Sat	Feb 10, 2024	2:00pm
Sat	Feb 10, 2024	7:00pm
Sun	Feb 11, 2024	2:00pm



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SPRING CONCERT

MARCH 22-24, 2024

The 2023-2024 Season concludes with four diverse and dynamic works! A regal jewel of classical ballet with lively Spanish flair, **Paquita** makes its long-awaited return to the stage. The Ballet Tucson premiere of choreographer Paul Gibson's neo-classical ballet **The Piano Dance** delivers a unique blend of athleticism, grace, wit and sensuality highlighted by a brilliant array of piano solos. The **winning work** from our 2023 Footprints at the Fox choreographer's showcase will make its mainstage debut. Known for his uplifting and energetic style, celebrated choreographer Kiyon Ross shares his charming tutu ballet with a twist, **Sum Stravinsky**, with Tucson audiences for the first time.

PERFORMANCES

Leo Rich Theater

Fri	Mar 22, 2024	7:00pm
Sat	Mar 23, 2024	2:00pm
Sat	Mar 23, 2024	7:00pm
Sun	Mar 24, 2024	2:00pm



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SUPPORT BALLET TUCSON

This is an excellent time to make a gift!

The Connie Hillman Family Foundation has given a \$500,000 matching grant to the Ballet, thereby increasing the value of your contribution. All new and increased gifts will be matched 1:2.

Whether \$100 or \$10,000 every gift makes a difference!

Without your generosity, we wouldn't be able to present professional dance performances, offer young people and adults training in all dance genres and introduce students to the beauty of the art of dance.

Together we are securing the future of dance and dance appreciation!

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Enhance your Ballet Tucson Experience!

This season take your passion for dance beyond the main stage by exploring unique opportunities to engage with our organization.



THE SCHOOL OF BALLET TUCSON

The official School of Ballet Tucson offers inspiring classes for students of all ages and is led by School Directors Danielle and Liang Fu, who offer a combined thirty-seven years of experience internationally. Our students receive first-class training in a variety of dance styles, helping them to become versatile and well-rounded artists. Our skilled faculty of instructors is comprised of Ballet Tucson company dancers and professionals who have performed in prestigious dance companies. Our nurturing environment cultivates creativity, artistry and personal growth, fostering a lifelong love of dance.

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES
IN BALLET, POINTE, JAZZ,
MODERN, CONTEMPORARY,
HIP HOP, AND MORE!

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The School of Ballet Tucson or to
enroll in classes, call **520.623.3373**
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SPECIAL EVENTS

The Sugar Plum Tea

The regal elegance and glamour of the Sugar Plum Fairy herself are captured in this High Tea event that is fun for the whole family. Experience the magic of the season with sensational performances, an awe-inspiring selection of holiday gifts and silent auction items, truly delectable fare, and a special keepsake you will treasure for years to come. This exquisite event is the perfect place to begin your holiday celebrations!

Sunday December 3rd at 2:00pm

Tucson Marriott University Park

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Ballet Banter

Meet notable guest artists, choreographers and répétiteurs who bring the exciting works you see onstage to life. Glimpse behind the curtain through in-depth conversations moderated by Artistic Director Margaret Mullin. Ask your questions and toast our performances with fellow Ballet Tucson supporters and company dancers!

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NEW THIS SEASON!

Celebrate your love of dance by joining us for a private party benefiting Tucson's only professional ballet company! These exclusive events will be hosted by members of Ballet Tucson's Board of Directors throughout our 2023-2024 season. Enjoy exceptional food and wine shared in an intimate setting with fellow Ballet Tucson champions and special artistic guests.

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