

*Ballet* TUCSON  
2024/2025  
SEASON



*On  
the  
Move*



# OUR 2024/2025 SEASON

**Ballet Tucson is *On the Move!* Our new performance season is bold, beautiful and vibrant, with a unique blend of cutting-edge works and beloved classics.**

This extraordinary art form has the power to uplift and inspire, and our dancers are thriving in the wide range of world-class ballets that we are now bringing to the stage. We want every Ballet Tucson performance you attend to be a special experience that ignites your imagination and deepens your love of dance.

Our 2024/2025 Season pushes the boundaries of ballet and demonstrates the incredible versatility of our dancers. Highlights include the return of Chieko Imada's acclaimed Dia de los Muertos ballet **Spirit Garden** in collaboration with famed artists Lawrence Lee and Calexico, the Ballet Tucson premiere of legendary choreographer George Balanchine's iconic work **Rubies**, and a dazzling ballet by Tony Award winning choreographer **Justin Peck**. We also unveil a world premiere ballet in partnership with the Tucson Desert Song Festival and Tucson Guitar Society titled **Barrio Viejo**, celebrating the Father of Chicano Music Lalo Guerrero.

The shared experience of being a part of the Ballet Tucson audience has never been more rewarding and I hope you will join us for every moment of our 2024/2025 Season by becoming a Subscriber today.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the Ballet!



Margaret Mullin  
Artistic Director

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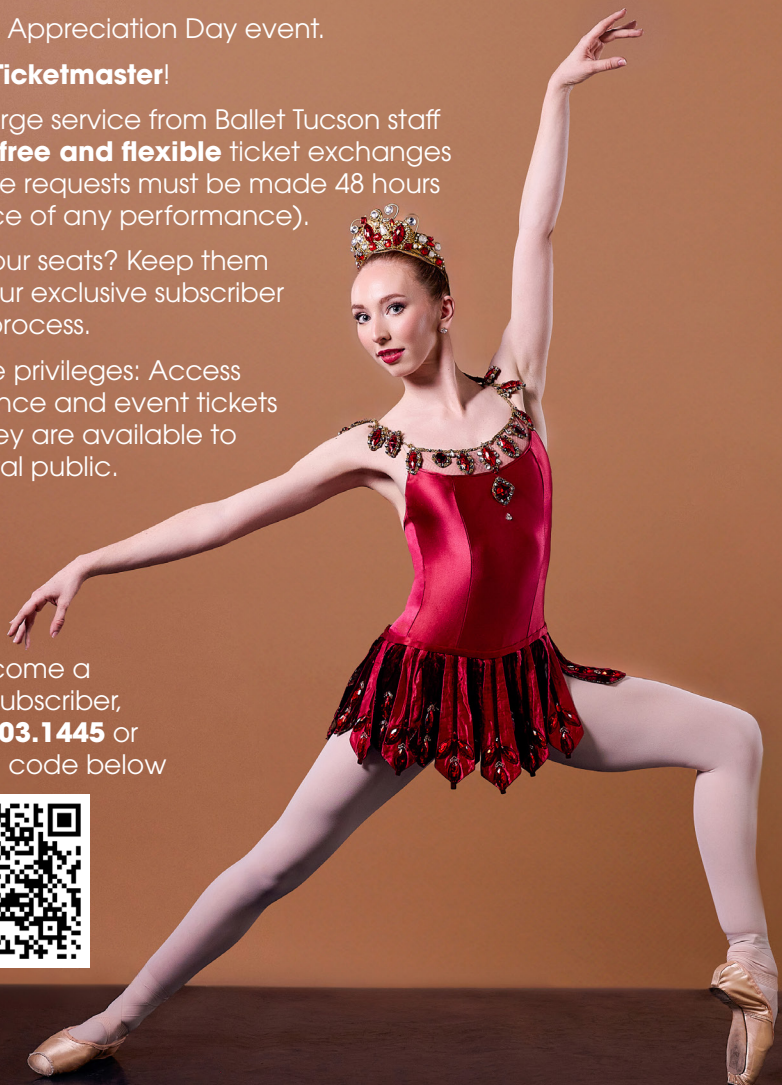


# BECOME A SEASON SUBSCRIBER!

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).
- ◆ Secure the best seats in the theater.
- ◆ **NEW** Pick your Subscription! We now offer two great options to share in this exciting new season of dance. Select our **Classic Subscription** to receive prime seats for all of our season performances OR choose our **Mixed Rep Subscription** which includes the same great shows and benefits, minus our holiday classic, The Nutcracker
- ◆ Special Appreciation Day event.
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Dancer: Sarah Wilkerson  
Rubies Choreography by George Balanchine © The George Balanchine Trust

# BECOME A MEMBER



When you add a membership to your Season Subscription you provide vital support to our organization. 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 the chance to mingle with company artists and staff.

To learn more about our membership program, contact Membership Liaison Aurora Ledesma at **520.903.1445** or [membership@ballettucson.org](mailto:membership@ballettucson.org)

## TICKET GUIDE

**Single and Group tickets on sale August 1, 2024**

To purchase single and group tickets to any of our performances without becoming a Season Subscriber, please see the venue information below!

### Fox Tucson Theatre

Visit [ballettucson.org](http://ballettucson.org), call 520.547.3040 or visit the Fox Tucson Theatre Box Office: 17 W Congress St

### Tucson Convention Center: Leo Rich Theater and Linda Ronstadt Music Hall

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# FOOTPRINTS AT THE FOX

## NEW WORKS CONCERT

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



Dancer: Kyra Shimogori

Fox Tucson Theatre  
Thursday, September 19, 2024  
7:00pm

**Celebrate the start of our new season with an evening of diverse world premiere works created by Ballet Tucson's company dancers!**

Footprints at the Fox offers vital career development for our artists, allowing them to step into the world of choreography and explore their creativity. Audience members have the opportunity to vote for their favorite piece and this season's winning work will be featured on the mainstage as part of our fall performance **Spirit Garden**, November 1-3, 2024 at the Leo Rich Theater. Join us for a post-performance Q&A with the choreographers moderated by Artistic Director Margaret Mullin to learn about their creative process and share in their excitement for the 2024-2025 Season.

For Fox Tucson Theatre ticket information, please see page 4  
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# SPIRIT GARDEN

NOVEMBER 1-3, 2024

**Our return to the mainstage features a world-renowned classic and two unique Tucson treasures.**

**Swan Lake Act II** is an enduring masterpiece revered for its powerful love story, iconic choreography and the sublime musical genius of Tchaikovsky. The **Winning Work** from our Footprints at the Fox emerging choreographer's showcase will make its mainstage premiere, demonstrating the incredible talent and creativity of Ballet Tucson's dancers. Finally, witness the highly anticipated return of Associate Artistic Director and Resident Choreographer Chieko Imada's **Spirit Garden**, a unique and vibrant ballet celebrating Día de los Muertos featuring original artwork by notable Southwest artist Lawrence Lee and music recorded by local legends Calexico.

## PERFORMANCES

Leo Rich Theater

Fri	Nov 1, 2024	7:00pm
Sat	Nov 2, 2024	2:00pm
Sat	Nov 2, 2024	7:00pm
Sun	Nov 3, 2024	2:00pm



Dancers: Sarah Wilkerson, Edward Oyarce-Solomon,  
Danielle Cesanek & Hunter Solomon



For Leo Rich Theater ticket information, please see page 4  
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# Ballet TUCSON THE NUTCRACKER

In Partnership With  TUCSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

DECEMBER 20-22, 2024

*A world of wonder awaits at Ballet Tucson's The Nutcracker, in partnership with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra!*

Treat your loved ones to Tucson's favorite holiday tradition. This 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.

*Don't miss the highlight of Tucson's holiday season. The perfect gift for the whole family!*



## 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.

*VIP tickets are available for purchase by single ticket buyers and as an add-on for Season Subscribers (see page 3)*

## PERFORMANCES

Linda Ronstadt Music Hall

Fri	Dec 20, 2024	7:00pm
Sat	Dec 21, 2024	2:00pm
Sat	Dec 21, 2024	7:00pm
Sun	Dec 22, 2024	1:00pm
Sun	Dec 22, 2024	6:00pm

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# From Tucson, with love

In Partnership With



FEBRUARY 14-16, 2025

## A special celebration of love and local, just in time for Valentine's Day and Tucson's 250th birthday!

Flashy, sexy and fun, legendary choreographer George Balanchine's iconic Stravinsky ballet **Rubies** takes the Ballet Tucson Stage for the first time. The passion and romance of William Shakespeare's balcony scene of Romeo & Juliet is captured in a beautiful **Pas de Deux** choreographed by Artistic Director Margaret Mullin. Associate Artistic Director and Resident Choreographer Chieko Imada creates an exciting world premiere, **Barrio Viejo**, in partnership with the Tucson Desert Song Festival and the Tucson Guitar Society. This new Ballet features the music of famed Tucsonan Lalo Guerrero, the Father of Chicano music and National Medal of Arts recipient, performed live onstage by renowned musicians.



### PERFORMANCES

#### Leo Rich Theater

Fri	Feb 14, 2025	7:00pm
Sat	Feb 15, 2025	2:00pm
Sat	Feb 15, 2025	7:00pm
Sun	Feb 16, 2025	2:00pm

For Leo Rich Theater ticket information, see page 4

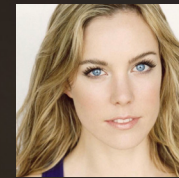
Dancers:  
Francesca Poznanski,  
Sarah Wilkerson,  
Madeleine Kuebler &  
Edward Oyarcce-Solomon

# MODERN MASTERS

MARCH 14-16, 2025

## Four diverse works highlight the astounding creativity of some of today's most innovative choreographers!

Tony Award-winner Justin Peck (choreographer of Steven Spielberg's West Side Story) makes Ballet Tucson one of the first ballet companies ever to perform his virtuosic **Pulcinella Variations**. Internationally acclaimed choreographer Andrea Schermoly delivers an electrifying neo-classical ballet **Swivet**, that demonstrates the versatility and athleticism of its dancers. Known for his uplifting and energetic style, renowned choreographer Kiyon Ross shares his striking tango ballet **e{Schwa}**, set to the music of Astor Piazzolla. Associate Artistic Director and Resident Choreographer Chieko Imada's **Hibiki** is a compelling contemporary work featuring a powerful score of Taiko drum music.



### PERFORMANCES

#### Leo Rich Theater

Fri	Mar 14, 2025	7:00pm
Sat	Mar 15, 2025	2:00pm
Sat	Mar 15, 2025	7:00pm
Sun	Mar 16, 2025	2:00pm

Dancer: Danielle Cesanek

For Leo Rich Theater ticket information, see page 4



# SUPPORT BALLET TUCSON

This is an excellent time to make a gift!

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 appreciation in Southern Arizona!*

## Ways to give to make your impact felt immediately:

### Online

Visit [ballettucson.org/donate-2](http://ballettucson.org/donate-2)

### By phone

Call us for personal assistance at 520.903.1445

### By Mail

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Dancers: Madeleine Kuebler & Edward Oyarce-Solomon

# BECOME A SPONSOR

As Southern Arizona's only professional ballet company, we are committed to building community around the art of dance. Join us in making a lasting impact by becoming a Ballet Tucson Sponsor!

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- **Sponsor a Dancer:** Support one of our talented company artists, who are the heart and soul of Ballet Tucson.
- **Sponsor a Ballet:** Join our work to bring world-class art to our community through the diverse performance repertoire you see onstage.
- **Sponsor an Event:** Invest in creating memorable experiences for our patrons through events like The Sugar Plum Tea, a treasured holiday tradition and the kick-off celebration of our beloved production of The Nutcracker which also supports our education programs.
- **Support Education:** From our KidzTix program that provides free performance tickets to TUSD Title 1 School students to providing a scholarship to a School of Ballet Tucson student, there are many ways you can support the next generation of dancers and dance lovers.

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Dancer: Danielle Cesanek



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## *The Sugar Plum Tea*

**Sunday December 8th, 2024 at 2:00pm**  
University of Arizona Grand Ballroom

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, and a delectable variety of food and desserts.

This exquisite event is the perfect place to begin your holiday celebrations!

For Tickets, call **520.903.1445** or visit **ballettucson.org**



Celebrate your love of dance by joining us for a private party benefiting Tucson's only professional ballet company! Enjoy exceptional food and wine shared in an intimate setting with fellow Ballet Tucson champions and special artistic guests throughout the season.

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## POP-UP PERFORMANCES

We are proud to collaborate with local cultural organizations to offer Pop-Up Performances across Tucson. These performances provide opportunities for you to engage with the art form you love in unique settings through our partnerships with local treasures including the Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson Pops Orchestra, La Encantada, Children's Museum Tucson and more.



To stay up to date on future Pop-Up Performances, subscribe to our e-newsletter: **ballettucson.org/stay-connected**

To learn more about our community programs, visit: **ballettucson.org/community-outreach**

# THE SCHOOL OF *Ballet* TUCSON



The official School of Ballet Tucson offers inspiring classes for students of all ages. 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.



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