

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR FRANCESCO VENTRIGLIA



A NEW DAWN
2024/25 SEASON



Dreams have a remarkable ability to inspire

I am filled with an overwhelming sense of happiness and gratitude as I embark on this incredible journey as the new Artistic Director of Alberta Ballet.

As I take on this role, I am reminded of the power of dreams and their ability to pave the way for a tangible future. Dreams have the remarkable ability to inspire creativity and push boundaries. Dreams are the foundation upon which great achievements are built, and I am committed to fostering an environment where dreams can flourish.

In our quest to create a relevant and vibrant future for ballet, it is essential that we embrace the past. This art form has a rich history, and it is through honouring and understanding our heritage that we can build upon it and propel it forward. By blending tradition with innovation, we can ensure ballet remains a relevant and captivating art form in today's ever-evolving world. It is my belief that by embracing the past, we can create a future that is both meaningful and impactful.

It is truly an honour to be entrusted with such a prestigious position in the world of ballet. I am humbled by the opportunity to lead and shape the future of this remarkable organization.

One of my key priorities as the Artistic Director of Alberta Ballet is to empower our talented dancers to create unique compelling experiences for our audiences. I am committed to providing them with the support, resources, and creative freedom they need to push boundaries and bring their artistic visions to life. Together, we will strive to create performances that not only entertain but also evoke emotions, challenge perspectives, and leave a lasting impact on our audiences.

Thank you for your warm welcome and support. I am excited to embark on this new era with all of you. Together, we will elevate the art of ballet, nurture and showcase the immense talent within our company, and bring the joy and beauty of this art form to the hearts of our community.

It is my sincere hope that you will join us on this remarkable journey as we create unforgettable moments on stage and inspire the next generation of ballet enthusiasts.

FRANCESCO VENTRIGLIA

Artistic Director, Alberta Ballet



OCTOBER 17-19

EDMONTON

OCTOBER 25-26

Alberta Ballet Presents

GRIMM

A World Premiere

Descend into the shadowy depths of folklore-turned-fairy-tale

The fairy tales from the Brothers Grimm have been children's classics for generations, but these classics, collected from oral folklore traditions, have origins in a darker realm.

Alberta Ballet has commissioned a world premiere from rising choreographic star Stefania Ballone of Milan's Teatro alla Scala. With an extensive background working in contemporary and classical ballet, Stefania will harness the expressive power of dance and delve into the unsettling undercurrents of the Brothers Grimm's stories.

This world premiere also includes a new score from Taketo Gohara, composed exclusively for Alberta Ballet.

Grimm intensifies the dark side of our childhood favourites. These adult interpretations come to the Jubilee stage just in time to set the mood with thrills and chills ahead of Halloween.

Mature content. Age recommendations to be announced closer to the performance.

ARTISTIC CREDITS CHOREOGRAPHY

Stefania Ballone

MUSIC

Taketo Gohara

SET & LIGHTING DESIGN Malgorzata Szablowska





EDMONTON

DECEMBER 4-8

CALGARY

DECEMBER 13-24

Alberta Ballet Presents

The NUTCRACKER

The wonder of the holiday classic returns for another magical season

Celebrate the holidays with the timeless charm of Alberta Ballet's enchanting tradition. Join Klara and her Nutcracker in their valiant battle against the cunning Rat King and travel with them to the Sugar Plum Fairy's palace, where sweet delights inspire everyone from the most seasoned ballet fan to the youngest guest in the crowd.

With 120 extraordinary performers, dazzling costumes, breathtaking sets, all accompanied by a live orchestra, Klara's adventure sparkles once again.

Elevate your family's festive plans with this vibrant and spellbinding production as the Jubilee Auditorium is transformed into a captivating realm of fantasy and holiday fun.

Edmund Stripe's *The Nutcracker* is meticulously crafted each year to ignite the imaginations of our youngest guests, forging treasured traditions and lifelong memories for families.

Experience the thrill of this cherished classic!

ARTISTIC CREDITS CHOREOGRAPHY

Edmund Stripe

MUSIC

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, performed live by the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra

ORIGINAL SET AND COSTUME DESIGN

Zack Brown

COSTUMES (2022)

Alberta Ballet, Timberlake Studios and Lisa Logan

Artist Allison Perhach Photo Eluvier Acosta

JANUARY 18

EDMONTON

JANUARY 25

Alberta Ballet Presents

THE WINTER GALA

Timeless grace and modern brilliance in one enchanting evening

The Winter Gala is set to illuminate the stage this January! On its way to becoming a cherished annual tradition, The Winter Gala spotlights the synergy between the accomplished artists of Alberta Ballet Company and the emerging talents from Alberta Ballet School.

Each performance in this programme is meticulously curated by Francesco Ventriglia to create an evening of wonder. With over 100 performers on stage, the celebration beautifully bridges ballet's rich history with its vibrant future.

The Winter Gala is an embodiment of ballet's enduring magic, shining a light on the cycle of aspiration and inspiration that is the beating heart of this art form.

Showcasing the incredible breadth of ballet, Alberta Ballet's unique artistic voices and live music, *The Winter Gala* is an unforgettable night of dance, a glimpse into the future of ballet and an overall essential experience.



Artists Seira Iwamoto, Caleb Durbin Photo Eluvier Acosta

FEBRUARY 13-15

EDMONTON

FEBRUARY 21-22

Alberta Ballet Welcomes

DANCE OF HARIEM

A transformative vision of 21st-century ballet

Alberta Ballet is thrilled to host the Dance Theatre of Harlem, a multi-ethnic ensemble that paves the way for an inclusive future in embracing the belief of its founder: "ballet belongs to everyone."

The internationally regarded dance sensation brings a mixed program that will showcase talent and versatility against a backdrop of eclectic score.

The programme opens with Nyman String Quartet No. 2.

Take Me With You highlights the emotional depth and intensity of contemporary ballet in a pas de deux against the restless beat of Radiohead.

The enduring masterpiece from George Balanchine's Pas de Dix will exalt the beauty, precision and grace of Balanchine's choreography.

The programme culminates with *Return*, an ingenious fusion of classical ballet and the raw energy of street dance. Set to the iconic tunes of James Brown and Aretha Franklin, this work celebrates a "witty fusion of ballet techniques and street gait" (New York Times).

Dance Theatre of Harlem's audacious vision for ballet is sheer brilliance! It's a programme that's not to be missed!

ARTISTIC CREDITS NYMAN STRING

QUARTET NO. 2 Choreographed by

Robert Garland

TAKE ME WITH YOU

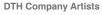
Choreographed by Robert Bondara

PAS DE DIX

Choreographed by George Balanchine

RETURN

Choreographed by Robert Garland



Kamala Saaram, Derek Brockington Photo Nir Arieli



EDMONTON

MARCH 21-22



The WIZARD OF OZ

"Ventriglia has delivered a winner a memorable tale for generations young and old told with flare, spectacle and momentum." Danz, 2016

A Canadian Premiere

An adventure in a dream, The Wizard of Oz delights with every twist of the plot

Francesco Ventriglia's enchanting The Wizard of Oz invites audience on a spectacular voyage through a world of imagination, heart, and courage!

Francesco's innovative rendition offers a fresh twist and unique framing on Frank L. Baum's treasured story. A Canadian premiere, The Wizard of Oz is vividly brought to life through a fusion of classical and contemporary ballet.

Dorothy and her ragtag crew—the playful Scarecrow, the tender-hearted Tin Man, and the brave Lion—forge a close bond as they journey through the magical land of Oz. The stunning visuals evolve from minimalist to magnificently elaborate as Dorothy discovers of the profound strength found in friendships built on empathy, bravery and loyalty.

This enchanting experience is a Canadian premiere, and just as audiences in Italy, New Zealand and Uruguary discovered, Alberta Ballet fans will leave with cherished memories and a renewed love for this timeless tale. Alberta Ballet is thrilled to add it to its repertoire of family ballets.

ARTISTIC CREDITS CHOREOGRAPHY

Francesco Ventriglia

MUSIC Francis Poulenc

SET AND COSTUME DESIGN

Gianluca Falaschi

SET ADAPTATION AND LIGHTING DESIGN Malgorzata Szablowska

Artists Allison Perhach, Aaron Anker, Scotto Hamed-Ramos, Yaroslav Khudych Photo Eluvier Acosta

14 ALBERTA BALLET — 2024/25 SEASON

MAY 1-3

EDMONTON MAY 9-10

Alberta Ballet Presents

DON DUXOTE

A World Premiere

Upbeat and full of physical humour, Don Quixote is a perfect springtime adventure

Follow the spirited adventures of the idealistic Don Quixote and his loyal squire, Sancho Panza!

The season will be capped with a burst of exuberance when Alberta Ballet dancers perform the rollicking high-spirited World Premiere of Francesco Ventriglia's freshly reimagined *Don Quixote*. The central characters of this ballet, inspired by Miguel de Cervantes' famous novel, are full of wit and personality. Don Quixote adds a touch of whimsy with his chivalrous ideals and heroic stylings, and Kitri and Basilio, the young lovers central to the plot of the story, infuse the stage with energy and romance.

This new take on the beloved classic will feature new costumes designed by Gianluca Falaschi, handmade in his Rome atelier and new sets designed by Alberta Ballet Executive Producer Malgorzata Szablowska and built in-house.

This spectacular season finale will dazzle with whimsical charm, capturing the playfulness and warmth of a classic.

Grab hold of this invitation to enjoy a vivid, high-energy escape into ballet's most beloved romantic comedy!

ARTISTIC CREDITS
CHOREOGRAPHY

Francesco Ventriglia

MUSIC

Ludwig Minkus

COSTUME

Gianluca Falaschi

SET & LIGHTING DESIGN

Malgorzata Szablowska



Artists Alexandra Hughes, Aaron Anker Photo Eluvier Acosta

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DANCERS of TOMORROW

Alberta Ballet School's Professional Division students are an inspirational showcase of talent!

Students come from all over the world to train with our esteemed faculty. Alberta Ballet School alumni have pursued careers with Hong Kong Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, English National Ballet and, of course, Alberta Ballet.

Alberta Ballet School's *Dancers of Tomorrow* is a rare opportunity to see this remarkable talent in an evening featuring contemporary and classical works. The mainstage season may be completed, but we're sharing one more chance to indulge in a spectacular night of ballet.

Mark your calendar. It's a glimpse of tomorrow's artists, creators and cultural leaders that you won't want to miss!



Professional Division Students of Alberta Ballet School Photo Eluvier Acosta

2023/24

ON THE MAIN STAGE IN THE COMMUNITY MAINSTAGE PRODUCTIONS 59,000 Audience members at our mainstage 1,369 KM 45 performances PERFORMANCES ON THE JUBILEE'S STAGES The distance between our northernmost and southernmost community 135 activities TUTUS APPEARED ON STAGE Free tickets to under-represented 33 PERFORMANCES FEATURED groups, supported by Alberta Ballet A CHILDREN'S CAST Foundation and sponsors 2024/25 ON THE MAIN STAGE IN THE COMMUNITY

MAINSTAGE PRODUCTIONS 65,000 Audience members at performances in the 2,300 49 PERFORMANCES ON Jubilee Auditoria THE JUBILEE'S STAGES Kids in outreach classes in 8 Alberta communities NEW FULL-LENGTH BALLETS 3 WITH ORIGINAL SETS AND COSTUMES Free tickets to under-represented WORLD PREMIERES

groups through our Newcomer Program and our Ballet Powwow Classes

Artists Luna Sasaki, Alexandra Hughes, Allison Perhach Photo Eluvier Acosta



DANCE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP

Become a Dance Circle member and enjoy one-on-one experiences with Alberta Ballet's artistic team, attend curated events, and help shape Alberta Ballet's future with a vote at our AGM.

Members will also enjoy performance night benefits, like:



Access to Alberta Ballet Lounge at intermission



Complimentary Parking and Coat Check



To learn more about membership, reach out to donate@albertaballet.com or call Paul Chambers at 403.245.4222 ext 744.

Artist Seira Iwamoto Photo Eluvier Acosta

PATRON PROGRAM

Alberta Ballet's Patron Program offers exclusive opportunities for those who wish to deepen their connection with the art of dance and contribute to its flourishing future. Your generosity as a donor not only brings you closer to the heart of Alberta Ballet but also helps sustain the future of this dynamic art form, building more opportunities to bring ballet to more communities across our province.

By supporting us, you are investing in the creation of captivating new works, the craftsmanship of stunning sets and costumes, and the growth of our ensemble, ensuring a future where dance continues to inspire and engage.

Embrace the Artistry

TIER I PATRONAGE

\$5,000 to \$9,999



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Step into a vibrant community where dance lovers converge. Here, you'll enjoy intimate gatherings, exchanging insights with our artistic leadership team and the gifted artists you admire on stage. It's a chance to forge lasting connections in a space where passion for ballet is the common language.



ENRICHED EXPERIENCE

Indulge in the full spectrum of Dance Circle benefits that keep you close to the pulse of Alberta Ballet. You become part of the Ballet's inner circle, a place where your feedback and interaction are welcomed and valued.



YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Your calendar will brim with special events tailored to our Tier 1 patrons. It's the opportunity to observe rehearsal at our company studios or watch company class on stage at the Jubilee, these experiences will deepen your appreciation and understanding of the dedication behind each Alberta Ballet production.

Immerse in Creation

TIER II PATRONAGE

\$10,000+



DANCE CLOSE UP

Witness creators and performers as they weave the threads of narrative and artistry through in-studio rehearsals inside the historic Alberta Ballet building, creation experiences, and personalized artistic events.



BACKSTAGE PASS

Uncover the secrets behind each performance with guided tours that showcase the workings of set and costume design, lighting, and stagecraft. This is where the magic becomes reality, and as a Tier II patron, you'll experience it firsthand.



ENGAGING ARTISTIC MINDS

Participate in thought-provoking, intimate conversations with our choreographers and Artistic Director as they discuss their inspirations and the intricacies of translating stories into movement on stage. These exclusive Tier II gatherings will offer you fresh perspectives on the art you love.

2024/25 SEASON



We are thrilled to unveil exciting new subscription benefits as we embark on a new chapter at Alberta Ballet. Our commitment to providing exceptional experiences remains strong, and we are delighted to offer even more benefits to our valued subscribers.



PAYMENT PLAN OPTION

Choose a zero interest Payment Plan and pay as little as \$22.62/month* after your initial payment of 30%.



PAS DE TROIS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Share your love of dance! Get 25% off additional subscriptions when you purchase more than two on your account.



COMPLIMENTARY PARKING

Full-season subscribers enjoy free parking for all five subscription shows, ensuring hassle-free access to our performances.



EXCLUSIVE VIP LOUNGE ACCESS

Super Premier and **Premier** subscribers are invited to enjoy exclusive VIP Lounge access with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres during intermissions for an elevated theatre experience.



These exceptional benefits continue to be part of your 2024/25 Subscription Package:



SAVINGS • Enjoy a 20% discount and reduced fees on all subscription tickets, including additional tickets to beloved performances like *The Nutcracker* and *The Winter Gala*.



PRIORITY SEATING • Maintain your excellent stage view year-after-year. Or choose to upgrade your seats to take advantage of new VIP subscriber benefits included in Premier and Super Premier seat zones.



FLEXIBILITY WITH FREE EXCHANGES OR ACCOUNT

CREDIT • Change your plans with ease by swapping tickets for another show within the same production at no cost or opt for account credit which can be applied to future performances.



TAX-ADVANTAGED TICKET DONATION • If you can't make a

show, you can donate your tickets back to Alberta Ballet with 48 hours' notice and receive a tax receipt.



ALBERTA BALLET ACCOUNT

MANAGER • Purchase, exchange, or transfer tickets through your secure account manager. If you can't make a performance, securely resell tickets online.

*This sample price applies to full-season subscriptions purchased prior to July 15.



24/25 SUBSCRIPTION PRICING

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24/25 THE NUTCRACKER & THE WINTER GALA

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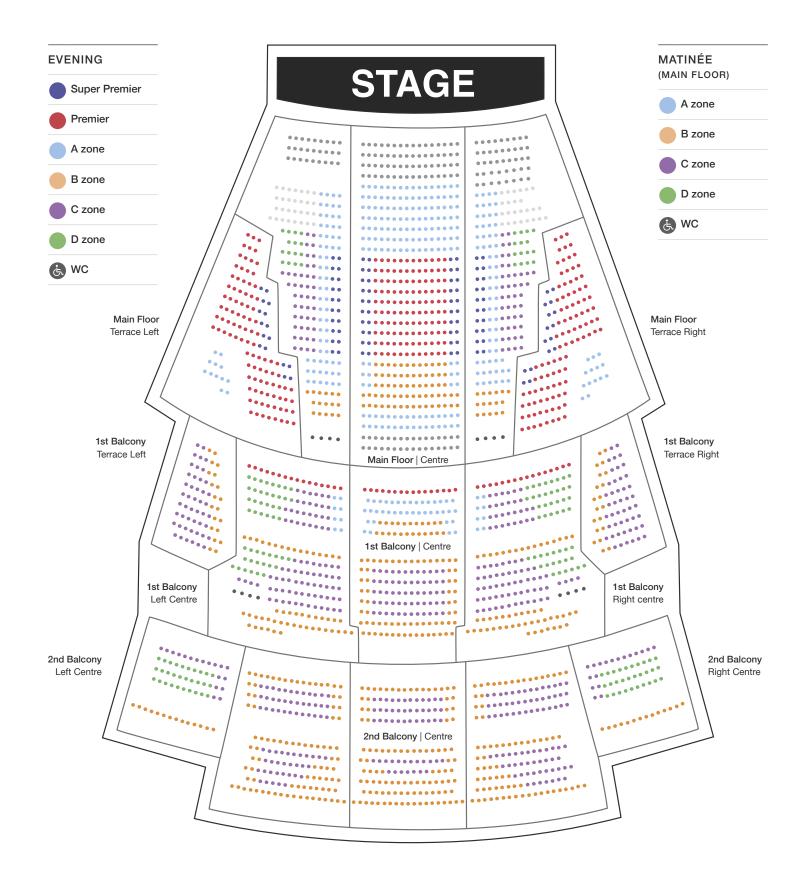
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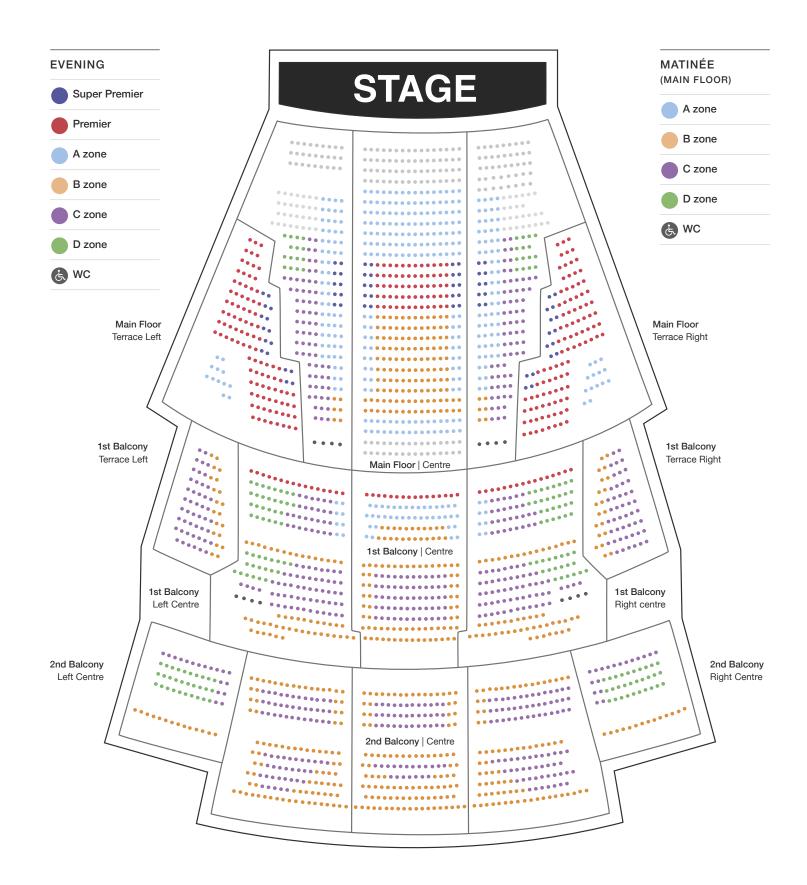
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