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BALLET SUN VALLEY ANNOUNCES PROGRAM DETAILS FOR ITS EXPANDED 2021 SEASON

Two festivals featuring curated performances with 16 artists from the premier ballet companies in the United States and contemporary ballet company BalletX

July 12 & 13 and August 22 & 23



*Dancers Karina Gonzalez & Connor Walsh in Stanton Welch's Sylvia
Photo by Amitava Sarkar (2019). Courtesy of Houston Ballet*

SUN VALLEY, IDAHO, June 16, 2021— Ballet Sun Valley announces today the program details for its in-person, outdoor performances at **the iconic, open-air Sun Valley Pavilion, July 12 & 13 and August 22 & 23**. The two festivals will both include two different performances; four nights of dance with completely unique programs each night. For many of the artists these two Festivals will mark their first return to the stage in front of a live audience in over eighteen months.

The 2021 festivals will showcase dance that spans the spectrum of ballet from modern day favorites to classics from the classical ballet repertoire.

July Festival 12 & 13

The July Festival will include two curated gala performances featuring **16 leading artists** from some of the **most prestigious companies in the world: Houston Ballet, New York City Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, and The Washington Ballet**. Some of the featured artists will include: Karina González and Connor Walsh of Houston Ballet; Indiana Woodward and Harrison Coll of New York City Ballet; Sarah Gabrielle-Ryan and Kyle Davis of Pacific Northwest Ballet; Sasha De Sola, Aaron Robison, Misa Kuranaga, and Angelo Greco of San Francisco Ballet; and Katherine Barkman and Gian Carlo Perez Alvarez of The Washington Ballet. The artists will be performing works by George Balanchine, Danielle Rowe, Jessica Lang, Edwaard Liang, Stanton Welch, and Justin Peck.

In addition, Pacific Northwest Ballet dancers Elle Macy, Dylan Wald, Leah Terada, and Miles Pertl will perform Alejandro Cerrudo's new work *Future Memory* in front of a live audience for the first time. Prior to Ballet Sun Valley, this piece has only been performed digitally.

This memorable weekend of dance will also feature Ballet Sun Valley's Dance Education Program taught by artists from San Francisco Ballet and faculty from Pacific Northwest Ballet School. In-person instruction will take place July 12, 13 and 14 at Sun Valley Community School and Wood River Community YMCA.

August Festival 22 & 23

The August festival will feature **dancers from BalletX, a highly sought-after contemporary ballet company from Philadelphia**. Under the leadership of Christine Cox, BalletX commissions choreographers from around the world to create ballets that inspire audiences to fall in love with the dancers' athleticism, emotion and grace. Performed by classically trained dancers, the works are heralded by critics and audiences alike for pushing boundaries.

BalletX's debut performance on August 22 at the Sun Valley Pavilion will feature **Matthew Neenan's *Sunset, 0639 Hours*, a full-length ballet with original music composed by Rosie Langabeer and the Sunset band, performed live on stage**. On August 23, the company will perform a mixed repertory program with works by Nicolo Fonte, Amy Seiwert, Jorma Elo, Gustavo Ramirez Sansano, among others.

CALENDAR LISTING

Ballet Sun Valley presents two festivals featuring curated gala performances from the foremost ballet companies in the United States and contemporary ballet company BalletX

WHO: Ballet Sun Valley, a non-profit organization founded in 2011 to bring international ballet to Sun Valley, Idaho.

WHAT: Ballet Sun Valley presents two festivals (four nights of completely different performances) featuring 16 dancers from the most prestigious ballet companies in the United States: Houston Ballet, New York City Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, and The Washington Ballet; and contemporary ballet company BalletX.

WHEN: Monday, July 12 and Tuesday, July 13
Sunday, August 22 and Monday, August 23
All performances take place at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Sun Valley Pavilion at the Sun Valley Resort, 300 Dollar Road, Sun Valley

TICKETS: Tickets on sale Wednesday, June 16th
\$50-\$500; Contact: <https://balletsunvalley.org/> or 208.622.2135

For more information about the 2021 program, tickets and sponsorship information, visit the Ballet Sun Valley website: <https://balletsunvalley.org/>

ABOUT BALLETSUN VALLEY

Ballet Sun Valley is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the predecessor of which was founded in 2011 to bring international ballet to the Sun Valley, Idaho area. Its founder was a long-time member of the Board of San Francisco Ballet and part-time resident of Sun Valley. Since its inception, Ballet Sun Valley performances have featured works from some of the ballet world's most celebrated choreographers, including George Balanchine, William Forsythe, Helgi Tomasson, Christopher Wheeldon, and Justin Peck. Ballet Sun Valley festivals have featured dancers from the San Francisco Ballet, New York City Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, and The Paris Opera Ballet, among others.

ABOUT BALLETX

[BalletX](#), celebrating its 15th Anniversary Season, is one of the nation's premier contemporary ballet companies. Based in Philadelphia, BalletX commissions choreographers from around the world to create new ballets that are "fresh, inclusive, and connect to what people want" (*Philadelphia Citizen*). Led by Artistic & Executive Director Christine Cox, BalletX has been recognized by *The New Yorker* as a "place of choreographic innovation" for producing over 100 world premiere ballets by more than 60 choreographers in its 15-year history. In addition to virtual works, main-stage performances and international touring, the company offers free community pop ups, artist Q&As, open rehearsals and in-school dance education designed to bring its audiences and the nation closer to dance. Among its many accolades and honors, BalletX was featured on the cover of *Dance Magazine's* October 2019 issue under the headline "BalletX is Taking All the Right Risks." To learn more about BalletX's programming and dancers, please visit www.BalletX.org and follow the company on social media.

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