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MIAMI CITY BALLET 2024/2025 SEASON CLOSES WITH THE WORLD PREMIERE OF CARMEN BY ANNABELLE LOPEZ OCHOA

Subscriptions Now Available for MCB's 40th Anniversary Season

(Miami Beach, FL — March 20) – **Miami City Ballet** (Lourdes Lopez, Artistic Director; Juan José Escalante, Executive Director) closes its 2024/2025 season with the world premiere of <u>Carmen</u>, April 25-May 4. Tickets are available online at <u>www.miamicityballet.org/</u> or by phone at 305.929.7010.

WORLD PREMIERE: CARMEN BY ANNABELLE LOPEZ OCHOA

Closing the season with fire and passion, Miami City Ballet presents the world premiere of *Carmen*, a new evening-length ballet by celebrated choreographer **Annabelle Lopez Ochoa**. Known for her bold storytelling and striking visuals, Lopez Ochoa brings her signature style to one of the most enduring tales of love, jealousy, and fate. The ballet reimagines Bizet's classic opera with a fresh score by Colombian-born composer **Juan Pablo Acosta**, blending the sultry melodies of the original with a contemporary Latinx sensibility. *Carmen* promises to captivate audiences with its sensuality, drama, and powerful reinvention of a timeless classic. This production serves as a fitting finale to Lourdes Lopez's remarkable tenure as Artistic Director, capping off her transformative leadership with a bold new work that embodies her visionary approach.

Photos can be downloaded here.

PERFORMANCE DATES FOR CARMEN:

Arsht Center, Miami: April 25–27 Broward Center, Ft. Lauderdale: May 3–4

Tickets for Carmen are available at www.miamicityballet.org or by phone at 305.929.7010.

Current Miami City Ballet Subscribers may renew their preferred seats for MCB's 40th Anniversary Celebration during the 2025/26 season at miamicityballet.org or by calling 305.929.7010.

ABOUT MIAMI CITY BALLET

Founded in 1985 by Miami philanthropist Toby Lerner Ansin, with Edward Villella as its Founding Artistic Director, MCB has become one of the nation's premier ballet companies. Renowned for its vibrant dancers, distinctive repertoire, and dynamic performances, MCB continues to push the boundaries of ballet while honoring the legacy of its founder and the brilliance of George Balanchine. Lourdes Lopez has served as Artistic Director since 2012 and departs in May 2025. Performing for nearly 125,000 audience members annually, MCB tours nationally and internationally, bringing its signature style to audiences worldwide. The Miami City Ballet School, the official school of MCB, is one of America's top training academies, offering exceptional instruction and granting more than \$650,000 in scholarships annually. The company's extensive community engagement programs serve over 12,000 people each year, using the power of dance to uplift and inspire. MCB is headquartered in Miami Beach, FL, at the Ophelia & Juan Js. Roca Center, a facility designed by the world-renowned architectural firm Arquitectonica.

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