

IF THE SHOE FITS...



DANCE IN IT

NEW YORK CITY BALLET | 2024 ANNUAL LUNCHEON



New York City Ballet dancers putting on pointe shoes in the wings before Balanchine's *Swan Lake*.

As Cinderella's slippers played a central role in her story, pointe shoes are vital to a ballerina's performance and her magical gravity defying grace; sneakers give a dancer freedom and flow; and tap shoes rap a rhythm to syncopated steps. Shoes lay the groundwork for New York City Ballet's repertoire of 400-plus works, created over the past 75 years.

At this year's Annual Luncheon, shoes take center stage as we take a look at the formidable footwear our dancers use to elevate their movement. Discover the role of dance shoes in a dancer's artistry and in the history and evolution of the Company and art form. Learn how pointe shoes are made, how young dancers learn to dance in them, and how professionals prepare them as we explore the relationship between dancers and their shoes.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

11:00 AM Onstage Program

12:30 PM Luncheon on the Promenade

David H. Koch Theater at Lincoln Center

EVENT CHAIRS

LeeAnn Black

Danielle Taubman

Lu Leng Chua

Melissa Vlask

Lauren Duff

MODERATED BY

Donya Archer Bommer

FEATURED PANELISTS

KATRINA KILLIAN

JUSTIN PECK

WENDY WHELAN

with excerpts performed by

TYLER ANGLE, HARRISON COLL, SARA MEARN, ROMAN MEJIA, TILER PECK, KJ TAKAHASHI, and other New York City Ballet Dancers

Join us for this event in your favorite pair of shoes and celebrate 75 years of New York City Ballet.

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George Balanchine with former New York City Ballet Dancers Patricia Neary, Gloria Govrin, Suzanne Farrell, and Patricia McBride's leg for the cover of *Newsweek*, 1964.

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