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—George Balanchine

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Fall—25



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ALL BALANCHINE I
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FALL FASHION GALA
CONTEMPORARY CHOREOGRAPHY I



ALL BALANCHINE I

Donizetti Variations (Donizetti)
Ballade (Fauré)
Swan Lake (Tschaikovsky)

Uniting three ballets NYCB Founder George Balanchine created across some 30 years, this program reveals the breadth of his classical mastery. In *Donizetti Variations*, he fashioned a series of brilliant, sprightly, and at times comic solos and ensemble dances to buoyant music from the opera composer. For *Ballade*, Balanchine utilized an

impressionistic Gabriel Fauré score for piano and orchestra in a serenely tender work with delicately fragrant steps. And he took a unique approach to *Swan Lake* when he created a one-act version in 1951 that celebrated Lev Ivanov's original choreography for the lakeside acts, rendering the essence of the mythical tale with lyrical beauty and dramatic concision.



ALL BALANCHINE II

Square Dance (Vivaldi, Corelli)
Episodes (Webern)
Western Symphony (traditional American melodies, orch. by Kay)

Two ballets Balanchine created in tribute to the culture of his adopted country, the United States, bookend this program. *Square Dance*, inspired by the popular entertainments of the title, loosely employs the traditional box pattern and call-and-response structures while also serving as a dazzling display of classical steps. Known for wearing country-style shirts and string ties, Balanchine

turned to the mythic Wild West for the joyous *Western Symphony*, which is danced to traditional folk melodies associated with the great frontier and displays his ability to affectionately combine popular music with vibrant classical choreography. *Episodes*, by contrast, is a Black & White leotard ballet of austere elegance and invention danced to the often-atonal music of Anton von Webern.

SEPT 16, 18, 19,
20 eve, 23, 24, 28

3 BALLETS

Pictured:
Swan Lake

SEPT 17, 20 mat, 21,
27 mat & eve, OCT 3

3 BALLETS

Pictured:
Episodes



ECLECTIC NYCB I

Signs (Glass/Reisen)
Red Angels (Einhorn/Dove)
Zakouski (Rachmaninoff, Stravinsky, Prokofiev, Tschaikovsky/Martins)
Heatscape—NYCB Premiere (Martin/J. Peck)

Dances by four choreographers working in diverse and contrasting styles compose this program. *Signs*, created by Gianna Reisen for the School of American Ballet's 2022 Workshop Performances, is infused with tenderness, emphasizing the intimacy, both friendly and romantic, between its couplings and among the ensemble as a whole. The late choreographer Ulysses Dove's *Red Angels* is

a plotless dance of fierce energy performed by four dancers to music for an electric violin. Peter Martins' *Zakouski*, a lively ballet for just two dancers, is set to four short violin and piano pieces by a quartet of notable composers. And Justin Peck's dynamic *Heatscape*, originally created for Miami City Ballet, marks a collaboration with the celebrated street artist Shepard Fairey.

SEPT 25, 26,
OCT 4 eve, 5

4 BALLETS

Pictured: Red Angels



MASTERS AT WORK I

The Goldberg Variations (Bach/Robbins)
Tschaikovsky Suite No. 3 (Tschaikovsky/Balanchine)

Two unusually expansive and complex dances from the company's founding choreographers showcase their complementary talents for revealing the intricacies of music through dance. Jerome Robbins embraced one of the most imposing challenges of his career in *The Goldberg Variations*, in which he created a marvelously varied, entrancing suite of dances—solos, pas de deux, and ensembles—to Bach's monumental composition of the title,

comprising 30 variations, remarkably almost all in the same key. For his *Tschaikovsky Suite No. 3*, Balanchine returned to a favorite composer to craft a lush ballet of great delicacy and variety, composed of four movements culminating in the grandeur of *Theme and Variations*, choreographed some decades before and here becoming a glittering capstone to the larger work.

SEPT 30, OCT 1, 2,
4 mat, 7

2 BALLETS

Pictured:
The Goldberg Variations

Fall—25
Sept 16—Oct 12



FALL FASHION GALA

OCT 8 at 7 PM

3 BALLETS

Pictured:
Herman Schmerman
Pas de Deux

Composer's Holiday (Foss/Reisen)
Herman Schmerman Pas de Deux (Willems/Forsythe)
New Roberts—World Premiere

The 2025 Fall Fashion Gala continues to marry the art forms of ballet and fashion, introducing a world premiere by former Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Resident Choreographer Jamar Roberts, with costumes

by Dutch fashion designer Iris van Herpen, alongside contemporary hits showcasing styles by Virgil Abloh in Gianna Reisen's *Composer's Holiday* and Gianni Versace in William Forsythe's *Herman Schmerman pas de deux*.

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CONTEMPORARY CHOREOGRAPHY I

OCT 9, 10,
11 mat & eve, 12

4 BALLETS

Pictured: Voices

Voices (Ablinger/Ratmansky)
Composer's Holiday (Foss/Reisen)

Voices is one of Alexei Ratmansky's most enigmatic and experimental works. The dance comprises virtuosic solos set to vocal recordings of six inimitable women (including singer Nina Simone and painter Agnes Martin) overlaid with piano composition. An ensemble work showcasing the friendly relationships between its ten dancers, Gianna Reisen's *Composer's Holiday* reflects the capricious changes in mood—from exuberant to romantic to elegiac—echoing the evolving dynamics

Herman Schmerman Pas de Deux
(Willems/Forsythe)
New Roberts

of the score for piano and violin by Lukas Foss. William Forsythe's genre-stretching *Herman Schmerman pas de deux* has regularly returned to the repertory since the choreographer created it over three decades ago. The program concludes with a new ballet by Jamar Roberts, former Resident Choreographer of the venerable Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, representing his third commissioned by NYCB.

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Fall—25 Sept 16—Oct 12

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SEPT 16		17		18		19		20	MAT	20	EVE	21	
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Donizetti Variations Ballade Swan Lake		Donizetti Variations Ballade Swan Lake		Signs Red Angels Zakouski Heatscape —NYCB Premiere		Signs Red Angels Zakouski Heatscape		Square Dance Episodes Western Symphony		Square Dance Episodes Western Symphony		Donizetti Variations Ballade Swan Lake	
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MASTERS AT WORK I		FALL FASHION GALA		CONTEMPORARY CHOREOGRAPHY I		CONTEMPORARY CHOREOGRAPHY I		CONTEMPORARY CHOREOGRAPHY I		CONTEMPORARY CHOREOGRAPHY I		CONTEMPORARY CHOREOGRAPHY I	
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[♩] SEPT 26 includes a See the Music orchestra demonstration providing insights on the music of *Heatscape*.

*OCT 8 is a specially priced performance and is not available on subscription packages; however, 25-26 Season subscribers will have priority access to purchase single tickets for this date before sales open to the general public.

Winter—26



Mira Nadon

BALANCHINE + RATMANSKY
MASTERS AT WORK II
NEW COMBINATIONS
CONTEMPORARY CHOREOGRAPHY II
THE SLEEPING BEAUTY
MASTERS AT WORK III



BALANCHINE + RATMANSKY

JAN 20, 21, 22,
31 mat, FEB 1

3 BALLETS

Pictured:
Paquita

Serenade (Tchaikovsky/Balanchine)
Prodigal Son (Prokofiev/Balanchine)
Paquita (Minkus/Ratmansky after Petipa)

A pair of revered early Balanchine works are joined by Artist in Residence Alexei Ratmansky's tribute to a classic Marius Petipa ballet. *Serenade*, which debuted in 1935, is famously the first ballet Balanchine created in the United States. It imbues the all-strings score by Tchaikovsky with an ineffable, transfixing beauty through its visionary depiction of dancers at play in a moonlit landscape. His *Prodigal Son*, originally created

for the Ballets Russes in 1929 and a longtime staple of the repertory, is a powerful allegory of betrayal, love, and redemption dramatizing the biblical story. The program's emphasis on honoring tradition concludes with Ratmansky's *Paquita*, in which the choreographer stages elements from Petipa's 1881 version of the Grand Pas for a pure dance piece *The New York Times* called "a wonder of buoyancy and speed."



MASTERS AT WORK II

JAN 23,
24 mat & eve, 25,
27, 28

4 BALLETS

Pictured:
Kammermusik No. 2

Kammermusik No. 2 (Hindemith/Balanchine)
Le Tombeau de Couperin (Ravel/Balanchine)

Three contrasting Balanchine works are joined by the return of a lyrical Jerome Robbins ballet. One of only two dances Balanchine choreographed to the dissonant music of modernist composer Paul Hindemith, the endearingly novel *Kammermusik No. 2* features two leading couples supported by a rare all-male corps de ballet. *Le Tombeau de*

Antique Epigraphs (Debussy/Robbins)
Raymonda Variations (Glazounov/Balanchine)

Couperin, originally created for the 1975 Ravel Festival, is marked by a courtly grace, while *Raymonda Variations* presents a dazzling suite of dances set to music by Glazounov to which Balanchine returned more than once. In *Antique Epigraphs*, Robbins transmuted the resonant beauty of classical Greek art into a refined dance for an ensemble of women.



NEW COMBINATIONS

JAN 29, 30, 31 eve,
FEB 3, 4, 7 eve

4 BALLETS

Pictured:
Walpurgisnacht
Ballet

Walpurgisnacht Ballet (Gounod/Balanchine)
Flower Festival in Genzano Pas de Deux
(Helsted, Pautli/Bournonville)

A company tradition, the annual New Combinations program illuminates the wealth of diversity in the repertory. This year the program opens with Balanchine's *Walpurgisnacht Ballet*, an exhilarating dance highlighting a female cast of two dozen soaring and sweeping across the stage to music from the Gounod opera *Faust*. An excerpt from *Flower Festival in Genzano* has become a beloved staple of the international repertory, a joyous and romantic pas de deux exemplifying the

New J. Peck—World Premiere (Beethoven)
Opus 19/The Dreamer (Prokofiev/Robbins)

fleet, buoyant choreography of the 19th-century Danish master August Bournonville. Jerome Robbins' *Opus 19/The Dreamer* finds mysterious and compelling dramatic nuances in its Prokofiev score. The program, which as always is timed to coincide with Balanchine's January birthday, invariably includes a premiere, in this case the latest ballet from Resident Choreographer and Artistic Advisor Justin Peck, set to a score by Ludwig van Beethoven.



CONTEMPORARY CHOREOGRAPHY II

FEB 5, 6, 7 mat, 8,
24, 25

4 BALLETS

Pictured:
Everywhere We Go

Dig the Say (Iyer/J. Peck)
This Bitter Earth (Richter, Otis/Wheeldon)

A world premiere from Artist in Residence Alexei Ratmansky, set to French neoclassical composer Jean Françaix's *Le roi nu*, punctuates an evening celebrating NYCB's current in-house dancemakers. Bookending the program are Christopher Wheeldon's *This Bitter Earth*, a breathtaking and poetic dance for a couple, and two contrasting works from the company's Resident Choreographer Justin Peck: *Dig the Say*, a playful pas de deux

New Ratmansky—World Premiere (Françaix)
Everywhere We Go (Stevens/J. Peck)

in which the dancers engage in challenging, competitive solos, occasionally exchanging a red rubber ball, and the expansive *Everywhere We Go*, which has become one of the choreographer's most popular works, a vibrant ballet for 25 dancers set to music by Peck's frequent collaborator Sufjan Stevens, with whom he created the acclaimed, Tony-winning musical *Illinois*.

Winter—26
Jan 20—Mar 1



THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

(Tschaikovsky/Martins after Petipa)

FEB 11, 12, 13,
14 mat & eve,
15* mat & eve,
17, 18, 19, 20,
21 mat & eve, 22

1 BALLET IN 2
ACTS

A landmark in the history of dance, *The Sleeping Beauty* ranks as the supreme achievement of Marius Petipa, the architect of classical ballet as it has been passed down through time. Set to an infinitely melodic score by Tschaikovsky that offered endless inspiration for the choreographer, the ballet

transmutes the treasured fairy tale of the title into a full-length dramatic work that provides its large cast—the company's production, created by Peter Martins, features more than a hundred dancers—with rich opportunities to display their mastery of classical technique.

*FEB 15 matinee begins at 1 PM; specially added Sunday evening performance begins at 7 PM.

This season's performances of The Sleeping Beauty are generously sponsored by Bank of America.



MASTERS AT WORK III

FEB 26, 27,
28 mat & eve,
MAR 1

2 BALLETS

Pictured:
Dances at a
Gathering

Dances at a Gathering (Chopin/Robbins)
Diamonds (Tschaikovsky/Balanchine)

Jerome Robbins had a special affinity for piano works, particularly those of Chopin. Responding to both the lucidity of the music and the delicate complexity of even the most brief waltz, étude or nocturne, he choreographed ballets that have remained important staples of the company's repertory for decades. Perhaps none is more cherished than *Dances at a Gathering*, from 1969, in which Robbins evoked a spellbinding vision of community through a mixture of solos, pas

de deux, and collective dances that reveal the emotional resonance in balletic steps, occasionally inflected by folk-influenced movement. This classic shares the program with another from the same era: Balanchine's majestic *Diamonds*, the sumptuous culmination of his three-part, plotless full-length ballet *Jewels*, which debuted in 1967. Danced to the choreographer's cherished Tschaikovsky, it exemplifies ballet at its most enthralling and enduring.

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Serenade Prodigal Son Paquita		Serenade Prodigal Son Paquita		Serenade Prodigal Son Paquita		Kammermusik No. 2 Le Tombeau de Couperin Antique Epigraphs Raymonda Variations		Kammermusik No. 2 Le Tombeau de Couperin Antique Epigraphs Raymonda Variations		Kammermusik No. 2 Le Tombeau de Couperin Antique Epigraphs Raymonda Variations		Kammermusik No. 2 Le Tombeau de Couperin Antique Epigraphs Raymonda Variations	
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<i>No Performance</i>		THE SLEEPING BEAUTY		THE SLEEPING BEAUTY		THE SLEEPING BEAUTY		THE SLEEPING BEAUTY		THE SLEEPING BEAUTY		THE SLEEPING BEAUTY	
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24		25		26		27		28	MAT	28	EVE	MAR 1	
CONTEMPORARY CHOREOGRAPHY II		CONTEMPORARY CHOREOGRAPHY II		MASTERS AT WORK III		MASTERS AT WORK III		MASTERS AT WORK III		MASTERS AT WORK III		MASTERS AT WORK III	
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*JAN 28, JAN 31 eve, and FEB 6 are specially priced performances and are available on standard packages only, not available for flex packages. Tickets cannot be exchanged into these performances.

Spring—26



Ruby Lister

ALL BALANCHINE III
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ALL BALANCHINE III

APR 21, 24, 25 mat,
30, MAY 2 mat, 3

3 BALLETS

Pictured:
Firebird

Symphony in C (Bizet)
Agon (Stravinsky)
Firebird (Stravinsky/Balanchine, Robbins)

Three masterpieces coalesce for a breathtaking journey through George Balanchine's astonishingly diverse oeuvre. A vital part of NYCB's repertory since the company's inaugural performance in 1948, the brilliant classical showpiece *Symphony in C* was choreographed in only two weeks; redesigned in 2012, earrings, headpieces, and costumes adorned in Swarovski elements bring new radiance to this celebrated work. It is joined

by two dances performed to the music of Stravinsky, like Balanchine a Russian emigré and one of the choreographer's favorite composers: *Agon*, a revered Black & White leotard ballet that exemplifies neoclassicism in its purest form, and *Firebird*, one of the most lavish dances in the repertory, a fantastical tale of love and triumph.



INNOVATORS & ICONS

APR 22, 23, 25 eve,
26, 28, MAY 8

3 BALLETS

Pictured:
Diamonds

Voices (Ablinger/Ratmansky)
In Memory of... (Berg/Robbins)
Diamonds (Tchaikovsky/Balanchine)

Artist in Residence Alexei Ratmansky's inventive *Voices* is led by five female dancers performing intricate solos to an experimental Peter Ablinger score featuring recordings of six notable women speaking in various languages, overlaid with a live solo piano. Also an ingenious pairing of music and choreography, Jerome Robbins' *In Memory of...* casts

a haunting spell that reflects the emotional nuances of a violin concerto by modernist composer Alban Berg. The program concludes with *Diamonds*, one of Balanchine's supremely beautiful displays of classical dance, a tribute to late 19th- and early 20th-century ballet's regality as exemplified by the work of the master choreographer Marius Petipa.



ECLECTIC NYCB II

APR 29, MAY 5, 6,
10, 14, 26

4 BALLETS

Pictured:
Divertimento No. 15

Divertimento No. 15 (Mozart/Balanchine)
Zakouski (Rachmaninoff, Stravinsky, Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky/Martins)

A program that illustrates the breadth of the company's repertory opens with a Balanchine classic, *Divertimento No. 15*, a scintillating dance set to a Mozart composition that features eight leading dancers in a series of variations that illuminate classical technique with captivating clarity. It is joined by Peter Martins' *Zakouski*, a ballet for two dancers that takes its title from the Russian word for hors

Composer's Holiday (Foss/Reisen)
Heatscape (Martinů/J. Peck)

d'oeuvres, honoring the four composers whose music the ballet employs—from Tchaikovsky to Stravinsky. Gianna Reisen became the youngest choreographer commissioned by the company with the frolicsome *Composer's Holiday* when it premiered in 2017, while Justin Peck's *Heatscape* marks another of his frequent creations with prominent collaborators, in this case the street artist Shepard Fairey.



CONTEMPORARY CHOREOGRAPHY III

MAY 1, 2 eve,
9 eve, 16 mat, 19,
20

4 BALLETS

Pictured:
Each In Their Own Time

Concerto DSCH (Shostakovich/Ratmansky)
Each In Their Own Time (Brahms/Lubovitch)
Distant Cries (Albinoni/Liang)

Ballet thrives on forward momentum, and this program exemplifies how the company has continued to support choreographers moving dance toward new horizons. Alexei Ratmansky's *Concerto DSCH* remains one of the most zestful ballets he has created for NYCB. In the esteemed choreographer Lar Lubovitch's *Each In Their Own Time*, two male dancers evoke a mood of romantic rapture in a work set to Brahms piano pieces.

Continuum—NYCB Premiere (Ligeti/Wheelton)

Distant Cries, created in 2005 by Edwaard Liang, uses the music of the baroque composer Albinoni for a captivating pas de deux of quiet intensity and emotional ambiguity. And after premiering in 2002 at San Francisco Ballet, Christopher Wheelton's *Continuum* enters the repertory, part of his acclaimed trilogy of streamlined leotard ballets created to the music of György Ligeti, which also includes his *Polyphonia* and *Morphoses*.



SPRING GALA

MAY 7 at 7 PM

2 BALLETS

Pictured:
Opus 19/
The Dreamer

Opus 19/The Dreamer (Prokofiev/Robbins)
New T. Peck—World Premiere

Audiences gathered for this feted event will be transported by the ethereal journey of Jerome Robbins' *Opus 19/The Dreamer* and the world premiere of Principal Dancer Tiler Peck's second commission for NYCB.

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ECLECTIC NYCB III

MAY 9 mat, 12, 17,
27, 28

3 BALLETS

Pictured:
Standard Deviation

Opus 19/The Dreamer (Prokofiev/Robbins)
Standard Deviation (Frerer/Pires)
New T. Peck

Jerome Robbins' *Opus 19/The Dreamer* has held a prominent place in the repertory since its debut more than four decades ago. Set to a drama-inflected Prokofiev violin concerto, this enticingly enigmatic ballet features a male soloist—the “dreamer” of the title—moving through a nightscape rich in mystery. *Standard Deviation*, the first dance created for the company by the Canadian choreographer Alysa Pires, reflects a close collaboration

between Pires and the composer Jack Frerer. A complex, multifaceted dance for three featured dancers and an ensemble, the ballet mirrors the quicksilver shifts in the music, an eclectic blend of neoclassical symphonic sounds and contemporary jazz. The program concludes with the premiere of the second ballet commissioned by the company from longtime Principal Dancer Tiler Peck.



ALL BACH

MAY 13, 15,
16 eve, 21

2 BALLETS

Pictured:
Concerto Barocco

Concerto Barocco (Balanchine)
The Goldberg Variations (Robbins)

The late-Baroque-period composer Johann Sebastian Bach has always been revered for the wealth and variety of his works. Two seminal ballets by the company's founding choreographers illuminate very different Bach scores with delicacy and intricacy. Balanchine's *Concerto Barocco*, from 1941, employs his Concerto in D Minor for two violins with inspired energy and ingenuity, as two lead ballerinas personify each of the solo

violins, supported by a male partner and a small female corps. *The Goldberg Variations*, which Jerome Robbins created in 1971, reveals the dancemaker at the height of his mastery, finding boundless variety in one of Bach's most celebrated keyboard compositions. Together these two dances illuminate Bach's musical genius through their choreographers' peerless proficiency in the classical vocabulary of ballet.



COPPÉLIA

(Delibes/Balanchine, Danilova after Petipa)

MAY 22,
23 mat & eve, 24,
29, 30 mat & eve,
31

1 BALLET IN 3 ACTS

As children, George Balanchine and the famed ballerina Alexandra Danilova danced together in the popular 19th-century ballet *Coppélia* at St. Petersburg's Mariinsky Theater. Many decades later, in 1974, Balanchine enlisted Danilova—a longtime teacher at the School of American Ballet, who had danced the central role of Swanilda to acclaim—to help him stage the ballet for the company. The resulting

production is a full-length work of bountiful charm and wit, the frolicsome tale of a young woman who poses as a doll when she senses her paramour has become bewitched by a toymaker's mechanical creation. With its vivid and nimble choreography, the ballet also pays tribute to the father of classical dance, Marius Petipa, on whose production it was based.



SENSORY-FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE

MAY 17 at 11 AM

2 BALLETS

Pictured:
Concerto DSCH

Divertimento No. 15 (Mozart/Balanchine)
Concerto DSCH (Shostakovich/Ratmansky)

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and pre-visit resources, including a social narrative. This one-time-only performance opens with George Balanchine's *Divertimento No. 15*, featuring a regal cast of dancers and a sparkling Mozart score. Alexei Ratmansky's sprightly *Concerto DSCH* follows, invigorating audiences with spirited choreography and a thrilling piano concerto by Shostakovich.



MEGAN FAIRCHILD FAREWELL

MAY 24

1 BALLETT IN 3 ACTS

Coppélia (Delibes/Balanchine, Danilova after Petipa)

An admired company member since 2002 and principal dancer for over two decades, Megan Fairchild has impressed NYCB audiences in a stunning array of repertory works and premieres showcasing her bright energy

and exemplary technique. Megan will take her final bow with the company in *Coppélia*, a career-defining work in which she first performed the leading role as a corps de ballet member.

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