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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, ERA JOURAVLEV
NEW YORK CITY BALLET TRAINEE PROGRAM

Harmony

SPRING PERFORMANCE
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2 PM & 7 PM

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LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101

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LETTER FROM ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

The Joffrey Ballet School Ballet Trainee Program is proud to present **HARMONY**. The show has been curated to engage our audiences with the students' diverse dance training. Choreographers from a variety of dance backgrounds have joined together to create works of classical and neo-classical ballet, jazz, and contemporary dance.

Thank you for joining us in support of this celebration of the Joffrey Ballet School New York City Ballet Trainees and Year 4 graduates!



ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
Era Jouravlev



PERFORMANCES

MAGIC GARDENS

Choreography by Mikhail Fokin; Staged by Marina Bogdanova
Music: From the opera *Ruslan* and *Lyudmila*; Composed by Mikhail Glinka

Performed by Year 1 Students

Abigail Horter, Alissa Acosta, Gabriela Betancourt, Amaury Castro Canchola, Ana Borges, Anna Urquhart, Ashley Barrett, Ava Pritchett, Carli Mingo, Emily Zatorski, Emma Nelson, Faahkir Bestman, Ida Torence Sharp, Iliana Jimenez-McDermott, Isabela Vargas Huyer, Isabella Arce, Isabelle Brown, Isadora Maria Cadore, Mary Emma Bennett, Mio Kinoshita, Niamh Thompson, Noelle Anches, Ragnheidur Steingrimsdottir, Siyoung Ryu, Summer Fowler, Wensley Eveillard

MASHUJAA

Choreography by Margo Sappington; Rehearsal Assistant: Emily Rosales
Music: *Mashujaa*; Composed by Jon Hassell; Music edited by Paul Schwartz

Performed by Year 3 & 4 Students

Alexander Marmolejos Duran
Ana Cecilia Cardoso Urcichi, Mari Murata, Emily Rosales
Alexis Wood, Andrea Gonzalez Roman, Andrea Licaj, Anna Maria Malins, Eleonora Ducceschi, Freje Randall, Phoebe Tsitsa, Skyla Jones, Taylor Ehlinger, Yeshe Cooley, Yumeno Takechi

REGALE

Choreography by Elie Lazar; Rehearsal Director: Andrei Jouravlev
Music: *Hamlet* opera; Composed by Ambroise Thomas

Performed by Year 2 Students

Akari Kato, Alesia Ymeri, Ayiana Lo-Fo-Wong, Beatriz Donato, Benjamin Soto, Benjamin Stoesz, Breeanna Palmer, Clark Hopgood, Daniele Campi, Destiny Casa, Emilia Howard, Emily McDean, Faith Medina, Flavia Giordano, Giavanna Damico, Joel Abidoye, Julia Felippi, Letícia Silva, Lucas Monteiro, Micaela Simons, Myka Damas, Paula Cirule, Riley Brock, Ruslana Makar, Sarah Kim, Sophia Rios, Van Beyer, Ximena Toledo Chang

NOSTOS VARIATION

Choreography by Alexander Marmolejos Duran
Music: *Afterglow*; Composed by Peter Kater

Performed by
Alexander Marmolejos Duran



VARIATION FROM HARLEQUINADE

Choreography by Marius Petipa

Music: *Harlequinade*; Composed by Riccardo Drigo

Performed by

Ana Cecilia Cardoso Urcichi

HEBE VARIATION FROM THE AWAKENING OF FLORA

Choreography by Marius Petipa

Music: *The Awakening of Flora*; Composed by Riccardo Drigo

Performed by

Andrea Gonzalez Roman

RAYMONDA ACT 3 SOLOIST VARIATION

Choreography by Marius Petipa

Music: Alexander Glazunov

Performed by

Alexis Wood

VARIATION FROM SWAN LAKE PAS DE TROIS

Choreography by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov

Music: *Swan Lake, Op.20, Act I, No. 4 Pas de Trois: III. Allegro Semplice*; Composed by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Performed by

Yeshe Cooley

VARIATION FROM LAURENCIA

Choreography by Vakhtang Chabukiani

Music: *Laurencia*; Composed by Alexander Krein

Performed by

Emily Rosales



REFLECTIONS

Choreographed by Andrei Jouravlev

Music: *Reflections on the Pond*; Composed by David Arkenstone

Performed by

Akari Kato & Alexander Marmolejos Duran

*This pas de deux won 1st place and cash prize at the 2023 New York Semi-Finals and Top Six Finals at YAGP in Tampa, FL

INTERMISSION

LEGACY

Choreographed by Kevin Jenkins; Rehearsal Director: Trisha Carter

Music: Composed by Paula Dreyer

Performed by Year 3 & 4 Students

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YOU WILL COME BACK

Choreographed by Wesley Ensminger in collaboration with the students

Music: Composed by Wesley Ensminger

Performed by Year 2 Students

Akari Kato, Alesia Ymeri, Ayiana Lo-Fo-Wong, Beatriz Donato, Benjamin Soto, Benjamin Stoesz, Breeanna Palmer, Clark Hopgood, Daniele Campi, Destiny Casa, Emilia Howard, Emily McDean, Faith Medina, Flavia Giordano, Joel Abidoye, Julia Felippi, Letícia Silva, Lucas Monteiro, Micaela Simons, Myka Damas, Paula Cirule, Riley Brock, Ruslana Makar, Sophia Rios, Van Beyer

UNDER PARIS SKIES

Choreographed by Bill Waldinger; Assistant to the Choreographer: Josie Rojas

Music: *Under Paris Skies*; Music by Hubert Giraud, Lyrics by Kim Gannon, Vocals by Andy Williams

Performed by Year 1 Students

Abigail Horter, Alissa Acosta, Gabriela Betancourt, Amaury Castro Canchola, Ana Borges, Anna Urquhart, Ashley Barrett, Ava Pritchett, Carli Mingo, Emily Zatorski, Emma Nelson, Faahkir Bestman, Ida Torence Sharp, Iliana Jimenez-McDermott, Isabela Vargas Huyer, Isabella Arce, Isabelle Brown, Isadora Maria Cadore, Mary Emma Bennett, Mio Kinoshita, Niamh Thompson, Noelle Anches, Ragnheidur Steingrimsdottir, Siyoung Ryu, Summer Fowler, Wensley Eveillard



LA FOLLIA

Choreographed by Akop Akopian & Gaiane Akopian
Music: *La Follia*; Composed by Antonio Vivaldi

Performed by Year 3 & 4 Students

Alexander Marmolejos Duran, Alexis Wood, Ana Cecilia Cardoso Urcichi, Andrea Licaj, Andrea Gonzalez Roman, Anna Maria Malins, Eleonora Ducceschi, Emily Rosales, Mari Murata, Phoebe Tsitsa, Seth Robinson, Skyla Jones, Taylor Ehlinger, Yeshe Cooley, Yumeno Takechi

EXCERPT FROM GRAND DÉFILÉ

Choreographed by Akop Akopian; Rehearsal Director: Gaiane Akopian
Music: Composed by Johann Strauss

Performed by All Students

YEAR 4 GRADUATION - CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES

Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 7pm



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