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## INTERNATIONAL BALLET ANNOUNCES 21ST SEASON

August 25, 2023 (GREENVILLE, SC) – International Ballet, under the Artistic Direction of Vlada Kysseleva, announces its 2023-2024 season. Reflecting IB's growth over the last 20 years, the season includes a Greenville debut, classical favorites and modern originals. This blend of programming creates IB's most dynamic repertoire to date.

*L'Automne* returns to the IB Theatre and showcases the classical depth of International Ballet youth company dancers juxtaposed against a new modern work created by local choreographer Uriah Boyd. Audience members will also be treated to IB Trainee Director Josha Williams' *The Day the Crayons Quit* (based on the book by Drew DeWalt) and a performance by Craig Price, member of the Greenville Chorale and Furman faculty.

The season continues with holiday favorite *The Nutcracker* accompanied by the Greenville Symphony Orchestra. More than 80 local dancers will take to the stage with one of the most recognizable scores and timeless choreography to welcome the holiday season. The Greenville Youth Chorale is also featured in the memorable Act I snow scene.

International Ballet will conclude the season with the Greenville debut of the full length production of *Swan Lake*, a first for upstate audiences. Accompanied by the Greenville Symphony Orchestra, IB is honored to bring this famous ballet, typically found only on the largest of stages, to the Upstate. *Swan Lake* is sponsored in part by Charles Wofford and Nancy Thomas.

"We have a very exciting season this year. *L'Automne* features the entire company and I think the audience is really going to enjoy it. IB performs *The Nutcracker* every year, but each year is unique and special with a new cast, new energy, and new inspiration. To close the season by debuting *Swan Lake* here on the Peace Center stage is something I'm very proud and honored to do. I am looking forward to sharing the 2023-2024 season with our audiences," says Artistic Director Vlada Kysseleva.

Single tickets for *L'Automne* are on sale now and can be purchased by visiting [internationalballetsc.org](http://internationalballetsc.org). *The Nutcracker* and *Swan Lake* ticket packages are available now through the Peace Center Box Office at 864.467.3000 and online at [peacecenter.org](http://peacecenter.org)

## THE INTERNATIONAL BALLET 2023-2024 SEASON PROGRAMMING

### ***L'Autome***

October 26 - 29 | IB Theatre

This intimate evening in the IB Theatre will include an exclusive preview of *Swan Lake* Act II staged by Artistic Director Vlada Kysselova performed by IB Company dancers and a new contemporary work by Uriah Boyd. IB Trainees will present Josha Williams' *The Day the Crayons Quit* based on the book by Drew DeWalt, and local vocalist from the Greenville Chorale, Craig Price, will round out the performance.

### ***The Nutcracker***

December 8-10 | Peace Concert Hall

Staged by: Vlada Kysselova, Music by: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

The beloved holiday classic returns to the Peace Center stage. Enjoy Tchaikovsky's timeless score performed live by the Greenville Symphony Orchestra and be dazzled by the angelic voices of the Greenville Youth Chorale as snow falls on the Concert Hall stage. No holiday season is complete without joining Clara and her Nutcracker prince as they encounter dancing snowflakes, spirited sword fights and a visit to the Kingdom of Sweets. With glittering costumes and exquisite sets, the holiday spirit will be on full display for this incredible performance.

### ***Swan Lake***

May 25 & 26 | Peace Concert Hall

Staged by: Vlada Kysselova, Music by: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Ballet's greatest love story debuts on the Peace Center stage when International Ballet presents *Swan Lake* accompanied by the Greenville Symphony Orchestra. Deeply moving and visually stunning, *Swan Lake* is the quintessential classical ballet, steeped in themes of temptation, jealousy, deception, and drama. Set against Tchaikovsky's iconic score, this story of love and betrayal features exciting Principal Guest Artists alongside International Ballet company dancers as the majestic, glimmering swans in the corps de ballet. With exquisite costumes and dramatic sets, this dynamic performance is not to be missed.

### **About International Ballet**

*International Ballet, founded in 2003, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the mission to inspire joy and success through professional ballet training and performances. As a Peace Center Resident Company, IB brings classical ballet to modern audiences. Performing as a guest company with the Greenville Symphony Orchestra and in local schools and communities, International Ballet maintains outreach programs including Project Pirouette, Adult Accessibility Class and Storytime Ballet in partnership with the Greenville County Library. In addition, International Ballet operates a training Academy in Greer, SC.*

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