

Founding Artistic Director

Lourdes Lopez Artistic Director -Tania Castroverde Moskalenko Executive Director -Toby Lerner Ansin Founder -Edward Villella September 27, 2021 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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TICKETS TO MIAMI CITY BALLET'S 21/22 SEASON Sunshine in Motion

On sale September 30, 2021

Features the North American premiere of Alexei Ratmansky's *Swan Lake,* Two company premieres: Christopher Wheeldon's *After the Rain Pas de Deux* and William Forsythe's *Herman Schmerman Pas de Deux*

Plus, a world premiere by Claudia Schreier and filmmaker Adam Barish



(Miami Beach, FL) – Tickets to <u>Miami City Ballet's</u> (MCB) 36th season of dance go on sale **September 30**, **2021** for performances at all three of its home theaters (Miami's Adrienne Arsht Center, Fort Lauderdale's Broward Center, and West Palm Beach's Kravis Center). Tickets to the 21/22 season, Sunshine in Motion, start at \$30. Subscriptions are on sale now and begin at \$84.



In her 10th season as Artistic Director, Lourdes Lopez has curated a season that warmly welcomes audiences back to live performance with enticing programs filled with, "stories – stories of childhood dreams and fantasy, of transcendent love, hope and courage, of distant places and times and of complete human forgiveness," says Lopez.

Before the return to the theater, MCB will open its season on **October 14, 2021, with the online premiere** of its underwater jewel, **A Midsummer Night's Dream** by George Balanchine. Tickets to this digital performance are \$20 and are available now at <u>miamicityballet.org/midsummer</u>.

Live performance returns in December with *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*® and continues with three invigorating ballets: Ratmansky's *Swan Lake*, the Balanchine masterpiece *Jewels*, and a mixed-rep bill headlined by the return of Balanchine's *Prodigal Son*, which also features two company premieres: William Forsythe's delectably fun *Herman Schmerman Pas de Deux* and Christopher Wheeldon's intimate *After the Rain Pas de Deux*. Completing the season is an innovative ballet-meets-technology world premiere by rising choreographic star Claudia Schreier and pioneering filmmaker Adam Barish. This marks MCB's second commission for Schreier after 2020s critically acclaimed *Places*.

MCB and our partner theaters are committed to the health and safety of our audiences, dancers, staff, and community. Arsht, Broward and Kravis Centers have implemented health and safety policies for guest entry. Each theater's protocols are similar, but with some key differences. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our communities, it is strongly advised to check the theater's health and safety pages for the latest guest entry policies. MCB will also be communicating the latest information to ticket-holders prior to performance dates. All protocols have been developed in line with the most recent recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control in collaboration with local and state health officials. For more information about health and safety and guest entry policies, visit miamicityballet.org/covidhealth.

Miami City Ballet 2021/2022 Season, Sunshine in Motion

<u>A Midsummer Night's Dream (Balanchine / Mendelssohn)</u> *Digital ticket price: \$20

Online Premiere: October 14, 2021 Available until October 31, 2021

From the comfort of home, enjoy the digital world premiere of MCB's very own *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, reimagined in a dreamy, underwater seascape with sets and costumes by famed environmental artist Michele Oka Doner. Balanchine's beloved ballet based on Shakespeare's delightfully mischievous, charm-filled tale of love is "a shimmery, shadowy, magical jewel box of a show." (The Miami Herald)

George Balanchine's The Nutcracker® (Balanchine / Tchaikovsky)

Broward Center: December 10-12, 2021 Arsht Center: December 16-26, 2021 Kravis Center: December 29-30, 2021



Delight in the must-see holiday spectacular, *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*®. For audiences of all ages, guests will journey with Marie and her Prince through MCB's vivid, Miami-inspired production that The Miami Herald calls "jaw-dropping," "exceptional" and "a riot of colors."

<u>Swan Lake (Ratmansky / Tchaikovsky)</u> *North American Premiere

Arsht Center: February 11-13, 2022 Kravis Center: February 19-20, 2022 Broward Center: February 26-27, 2022

The world's most famous ballet is an epic fairytale of love, magic, and betrayal is set to Tchaikovsky's achingly beautiful score and boasts a stage filled with more than 50 dancers, lavish costumes, and grand sets.

What was once forgotten is lovingly renewed. For this *Swan Lake*, Ratmansky dug deep within the history of the fabled ballet, reconstructing much of the original choreography through extensive research and notations dating back to the 1895 Marius Petipa/Lev Ivanov production.

Here you will discover why "this *Swan Lake* has become the one by which all others are judged," (The New York Times).

Jewels (Balanchine / Fauré / Stravinsky / Tchaikovsky)

Kravis Center: March 18-20, 2022 Arsht Center: April 1-3, 2022 Broward Center: April 23-24, 2022

Balanchine's crowning *Jewels* was inspired by a visit to famed French jewelers Van Cleef & Arpels. Those mesmerizing, light-reflecting stones ultimately led to the creation of one of Balanchine's most revered ballets. A pure dance tryptic it features three distinct mini-ballets -- the mysterious and poetic *Emeralds* that recalls a verdant French countryside, the quintessentially American *Rubies*, and the opulent, Imperial Russian splendor of *Diamonds*.

Prodigal Son (Balanchine / Prokofiev)

with *Herman Schmerman Pas de Deux* (Forsythe / Willems) *Company Premiere *After the Rain Pas de Deux* (Wheeldon / Pärt) * Company Premiere World Premiere (Schreier / Barish / TBD)

Kravis Center: April 29-May 1, 2022 Arsht Center: May 6-8, 2022 Broward Center: May 21-22, 2022



Balanchine premiered *Prodigal Son* at the age of 25 with Diaghilev's Ballets Russes in 1929. For nearly a century the soul-stirring biblical tale of sin and redemption has enraptured audiences through its gripping, powerful choreography that has long put the men of ballet on exquisite display.

Herman Schmerman is an irresistibly fun romp reminding us, as Forsythe puts it, "Isn't ballet delightful?" and Christopher Wheeldon's *After the Rain* is a melting duet that is like peering into the window of an intimate relationship filled with great tenderness.

Claudia Schreier's second world premiere for MCB, after 2020's *Places*, blends ballet with technology to explore a landscape of shifting perspectives. Expect a rich and thoughtful journey from this collaboration between the "skilled and sophisticated" Schreier (The New York Times) and innovative filmmaker Adam Barish.

Ticket Information

Single tickets begin at \$30 and go on sale Friday, September 30, 2021 at 9am.

Special Offer for New Subscribers

A special offer for new subscribers will be available for a limited time during October. See 3 ballets for \$150, or see 4 ballets for \$200, a savings of up to \$35 per ticket.

2021/22 Subscribers enjoy the additional piece of mind of our Flexibility Guarantee. Subscribers can exchange tickets free of cost, and rest assured that should there be a need to cancel a subscription during the season, MCB guarantees subscribers the ability to credit a purchase towards any future Miami City Ballet performance, donate tickets, or receive a refund for the balance of unused tickets.

Subscriptions and tickets may be purchased through the Miami City Ballet Box Office, Monday – Friday, 9am – 7pm, Saturday, 12 – 4pm.

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ABOUT MIAMI CITY BALLET

Miami City Ballet has a diverse roster of 53 dancers and a repertoire of more than 130 works. As one of the most renowned ballet companies in the country, Miami City Ballet performs for nearly 125,000 patrons annually during its South Florida home season in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and tours to



major cities domestically and internationally, including recent visits to New York City, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Los Angeles, and Paris.

Miami City Ballet School, the official school of Miami City Ballet, is one of the most respected ballet training academies in America. The School trains students, ages 3-18 year-round, and grants more than \$650,000 in scholarships annually.

Miami City Ballet's Community Engagement programs, serving more than 12,000 people annually in schools and communities; our free programs use the power of dance to uplift, teach and bring joy.

Executive Director Tania Castroverde Moskalenko and Artistic Director Lourdes Lopez lead the company. Lopez was recently awarded the prestigious Dance Magazine Award in 2018 and was named one of "The Most Influential People in Dance Today." She is on the Ford Foundation Board of Trustees, the first artist to ever serve on its Board.

Miami City Ballet was founded in 1985 by Miami philanthropist Toby Lerner Ansin and Founding Artistic Director Edward Villella. It is headquartered in Miami Beach, FL, at the Ophelia & Juan Js. Roca Center, a facility designed by renowned architectural firm, Arquitectonica.

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation has been a generous supporter of Miami City Ballet with over \$11 million in cumulative giving since the company's founding. Knight Foundation is a national foundation with strong local roots. We invest in journalism, in the arts, and in the success of cities where brothers John S. and James L. Knight once published newspapers. Our goal is to foster informed and engaged communities, which we believe are essential for a healthy democracy. For more, visit KF.org.

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