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## INTERNATIONAL BALLET PROUDLY ANNOUNCES 2024-2025 SEASON

September 24, 2024 (GREENVILLE, SC) – International Ballet, under Artistic Director Vlada Kysseleva, unveils its plans for the 2024-2025 season of performances. Audiences will be treated to exceptional works in both classical and contemporary dance and the programming exemplifies why IB is the top-selling dance company in the county, known for top-notch training and performances.

“This season promises to be an extraordinary journey. From the vibrant storytelling in *L’Automne*, showcasing the full depth of our company’s talent, to our cherished tradition of *The Nutcracker*, each performance brimming with new passion and artistry. Concluding the season with the grand debut of *Don Quixote*—a ballet that holds a special place in my heart—brings me immense pride and excitement. *Don Quixote* is a celebration of daring adventure, passionate romance, comedy and vibrant character work, all elements that I believe will resonate deeply with our audience. I am honored to present this masterpiece on the Peace Center stage and look forward to sharing our 2024-2025 season with our dedicated audiences,” says Artistic Director Vlada Kysseleva.

***L’Automne***, a diverse mixed repertoire program guest starring Logan Acker and Aiden Moss October 24-26 at the IB Theatre (Thurs, Fri at 7:30pm; Sat at 2pm and 7:30 pm)

***The Nutcracker***, guest starring Victoria Jaiani and Brooklyn Mack and accompanied by the Greenville Symphony Orchestra December 13-15 at the Peace Concert Hall (Fri, Sat at 7:30pm; Sun at 3pm)

***Don Quixote***, guest starring Melissa Gelfin and Rafael Quenedit and accompanied by the Greenville Symphony Orchestra May 31-June 1, 2025 at the Peace Concert Hall (Sat at 7:30pm; Sun at 3pm)

Single tickets for *L’Automne* are on sale now for \$45 at [internationalballetsc.org](http://internationalballetsc.org). *The Nutcracker* and *Don Quixote* ticket prices start at \$25 and are available through the Peace Center Box Office at 864.467.3000 and online at [peacecenter.org](http://peacecenter.org).

## THE INTERNATIONAL BALLET 2024-2025 MAINSTAGE SEASON PROGRAMMING

### ***L'Automne***

October 24-26 | IB Theatre

Our 22nd season begins with *L'Automne*, a beautiful, intimate evening of dance in the IB Theatre. Starring the IB Company in excerpts from classical ballets *Giselle*, *Coppélia*, and *La Bayadère*, staged by Artistic Director Vlada Kysseleva. The program also includes a contemporary ballet *To Mother With Love* choreographed by IB alum and choreographer Juliana Jordan, and *Dance of the Decades*, a brand new work by NYC based choreographer and Greenville native Michael McCrary. Special guest artists (appearing courtesy of Ballet San Antonio) include IB Alum Logan Acker and Aiden Moss. The IB Trainees will perform *The Circles All Around Us* based on the book by Brad Montague, choreographed by IB Trainee Director Josha Williams. *L'Automne* is a diverse program certain to impress and entertain!

### ***The Nutcracker***

December 13-15 | Peace Concert Hall

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

Greenville's favorite holiday tradition returns with *The Nutcracker*. International Ballet pre-professional company dancers and academy students will be joined by acclaimed principal guest artists Victoria Jaiani (courtesy of Joffrey Ballet) and Brooklyn Mack for a magical production. Enjoy Tchaikovsky's timeless score performed live by the Greenville Symphony Orchestra and be dazzled as the angelic voices of the Greenville Youth Chorale are featured as snow falls on the Concert Hall stage. Join 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 elaborate sets, this incredible performance is not to be missed.

### ***Don Quixote***

May 31-June 1 | Peace Concert Hall

Staged by: Vlada Kysseleva, Music by: Ludwig Minkus

The season concludes with ballet's original romantic comedy, *Don Quixote* at the Peace Concert Hall. Cincinnati Ballet Principal dancers Melissa Gelfin and Rafael Quenedit lead the cast of International Ballet pre-professional company dancers in a production choreographed by Marius Petipa and staged by Artistic Director Vlada Kysseleva. The spicy Ludwig Minkus score, performed by the Greenville Symphony Orchestra, is led by Maestro Edvard Tchivzhel. Based on Miguel de Cervantes' classic novel, the ballet is a high-energy, sunny romp through the Spanish countryside that follows the chivalrous Don Quixote and his loyal squire Sancho Panza, in addition to a blossoming romance between Kitri and the handsome Basilio. *Don Quixote* is can't-miss-entertainment for the whole family.

**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, IB maintains outreach programs including Project Pirouette, Adult Accessibility Class and Storytime Ballet. In addition, International Ballet has a pre-professional youth company and training academy in Greer, SC.*

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