

LOS ANGELES BALLET

LOS ANGELES BALLET ANNOUNCES 2022-2023 SEASON

PRODUCTIONS INCLUDE THE NUTCRACKER, AN EVENING OF CHRISTOPHER WHEELDON, LADY OF THE CAMELLIAS, AND WORLD PREMIERE OF MEMORYHOUSE

HOLIDAY FAVORITE THE NUTCRACKER KICKS OFF THE SEASON WITH PERFORMANCES BEGINNING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022 AT THE ALEX THEATER AND RETURNS TO DOLBY THEATRE WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA, DECEMBER 22-26, 2022

Los Angeles – September 13, 2022 – Los Angeles Ballet (LAB) (www.losangelesballet.org), announces its 2022-2023 Season. LAB, now in its seventeenth season, opens with the holiday favorite ***The Nutcracker*** in December including special Christmas Eve performances at Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, followed by ***An Evening of Christopher Wheeldon*** at The Broad Stage, then Caniparoli's love story ***Lady of the Camellias***, and culminating with ***Memoryhouse***, an original production by LAB's newly appointed Artistic Director, Melissa Barak presented by LAB and BroadStage at The Broad Stage. Programs are performed at UCLA's Royce Hall, Glendale's Alex Theatre, Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, and The Broad Stage in Santa Monica.

"I am looking forward to stewarding the upcoming season and presenting an original production, while working to develop and plan our future seasons," said **Melissa Barak, Artistic Director** of Los Angeles Ballet. "It is wonderful to be back at LAB and I cannot wait for audiences to watch the company grow in new and exciting ways."

"I am thrilled to be working with our new Artistic Director, Melissa Barak, on what promises to be an amazing season of renowned classics and brilliant contemporary works that illustrate LAB's commitment to setting the standard for dance in Los Angeles, and to passionately pursue innovation and creativity in performances," said **Brandon Lussier, Executive Director** of Los Angeles Ballet. "Melissa's vision and creative leadership will build on LAB's legacy, providing innovation, new opportunities for dancers, and world-premiere performances for our patrons."

LAB's popular ***The Nutcracker*** (December 2022), is a Los Angeles holiday tradition, essential for celebrating the season. Journey with young Clara and her beloved Nutcracker as they battle a most memorable Mouse King, encounter dancing Snowflakes and travel to the Palace of the Dolls. Los Angeles Ballet stays true to the traditions of the holiday story, with a few surprises. This production is set in 1912 Los Angeles and throughout the five scenes in two acts you will

find tastes of Southern California. Look for an elegant Spanish style Hancock Park home, calla lilies, bougainvillea, the snowy forests of Big Bear, Venice Beach archways, and the moonlit Pacific Ocean. Adding to the enchantment of *The Nutcracker*, LAB will once again perform Tchaikovsky's iconic score with the Los Angeles Ballet Orchestra at Dolby Theatre for performances December 22 through 26 with special performances on Christmas Eve.

The Nutcracker Tea, (November 2022) LAB's signature holiday fundraiser and will return to the Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills with a brand new immersive High Tea experience.

An Evening of Christopher Wheeldon (March 2023) Los Angeles Ballet presents an evening of three iconic Wheeldon works, exclusively at The Broad Stage in Santa Monica. *Morphoses* is a complex athletic ballet for four dancers, where the couples present pas de deux requiring flexibility and lyricism. *Ghosts* presents a realm where ethereal beings manifest in a shadowy playground. *Fool's Paradise* suggests the atmosphere of an enchanted forest as in William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Music by György Ligeti, C.F. Kip Winger and Joby Talbot.

Christopher Wheeldon is a major choreographer of our time. A two-time Tony Award winner for choreography, he is Artistic Associate of The Royal Ballet of London and has regularly choreographed for leading international companies.

Lady of the Camellias (May/June 2023) danced to **Chopin's** romantic score, is a story of love, sacrifice, and longing. Armand falls passionately in love with Marguerite, a celebrated French courtesan of 19th century high-society Paris. Only for a fleeting moment do the lovers live their dream in the countryside.

Val Caniparoli is a prolific choreographer whose works have been included in the repertoire of more than 50 ballet companies. *Lady of the Camellias* is one of his best-known works. Caniparoli's movement language is described as rooted in classical ballet, and he seeks inspiration in a variety of other styles including contemporary dance, ethnic dance, and figure skating. The latter is apparent in the many virtuoso lifts that the principal characters execute.

Memoryhouse (June 2023) marks **Melissa Barak's** first full-evening ballet, an abstract work composed of vignettes commemorating World War II and in particular, the Holocaust. Set to **Max Richter's** powerful album of the same name, *Memoryhouse* will reflect on both the somber as well as more heroic moments that illuminate this period in human history. Presented by Los Angeles Ballet and BroadStage at The Broad Stage in Santa Monica.

Los Angeles Ballet Outreach Programs

At a time when the arts are still underfunded and continue to be absent from public school curricula, it is Los Angeles Ballet's mission to share the gift of dance with the broadest possible audience and give back to the community that has so generously supported it through two popular public programs.

A Chance to Dance (ACTD) LAB opens its doors to all ages in the community each month, and connects live on Instagram, for a day of free ballet classes, alternative dance/fitness classes, and lectures and demonstrations. In-person classes resume September 25, 2022.

Power of Performance (POP!) provides free access to LAB performances each season to community organizations throughout Los Angeles County such as Hope Street Family Center (Dignity Health), Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Los Angeles, WISE and Healthy Aging, Lula Washington Dance Theatre, and more. To date, POP! has provided over 50 community partners with nearly 200,000 free performance tickets.

Subscriptions and Single Tickets

Season subscribers can renew their subscriptions for the 2022/2023 Season beginning **September 15, 2022**. Choose-3 and Choose-2 performance subscriptions will also be available. Subscriptions range in price from \$66 to \$439. **Individual tickets for the 2022/2023 Season, starting at \$38, will be available October 1, 2022.**

Tickets: \$38.00 - \$131.00

Dolby Theatre w/Live Orchestra Tickets: \$45.00 - \$138.00

Discounts available on standard ticket prices for students, children, seniors, and military.

Box Office Phone: 310-998-7782, Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm; Website <http://www.losangelesballet.org>; email tickets@losangelesballet.org

[Season 2022/2023 photos](#)

About Los Angeles Ballet - Los Angeles Ballet is known for its superb stagings of the Balanchine repertory, stylistically meticulous classical ballets, dramatic contemporary works and innovative new choreography. LAB has become recognized as a world-class ballet company and tours throughout LA County, regularly appearing at multiple venues. Since its inception in 2006, LAB's *Power of Performance (POP!)* arts education program has provided thousands of free tickets to underserved communities throughout Los Angeles County. LAB's *A Chance to Dance* outreach program was launched in October 2012. Melissa Barak, LAB's new Artistic Director, joins Executive Director Brandon Lussier, who has been with LAB since 2019. The company was founded in 2004 and led until recently by Artistic Directors Thordal Christensen and Colleen Neary, who were responsible for programming the Wheeldon and Val Caniparoli performances.

Calendar Listing for Los Angeles Ballet 2022-2023 Season

NUTCRACKER TEA!

Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills

Sat, November 19, 2022	10:00 am
Sat, November 19, 2022	1:30 pm
Sat, November 19, 2022	5:00 pm
Sun, November 20, 2022	11:00 am
Sun, November 20, 2022	2:30 pm

THE NUTCRACKER

Alex Theatre

Sat, December 3, 2022	6:00 pm
Sun, December 4, 2022	2:00 pm

Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center

Sat, December 10, 2022	12:00 pm
Sat, December 10, 2022	5:00 pm
Sun, December 11, 2022	12:00 pm

Royce Hall

Fri, December 16, 2022	8:00 pm
Sat, December 17, 2022	12:00 pm
Sat, December 17, 2022	5:00 pm
Sun, December 18, 2022	12:00 pm
Sun, December 18, 2022	5:00 pm

Dolby Theatre with Los Angeles Ballet Orchestra

Thurs, December 22, 2022	2:00 pm
Fri, December 23, 2022	2:00 pm
Fri, December 23, 2022	8:00 pm
Sat, December 24, 2022	12:00 pm
Mon, December 26, 2022	2:00 pm

AN EVENING OF CHRISTOPHER WHEELDON

BroadStage

Thurs, March 16, 2023	7:30 pm
Thurs, March 17, 2023	7:30 pm
Sat, March 18, 2023	7:30 pm

LADY OF THE CAMELLIAS

Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center

Sat., May 27, 2023	7:30 pm
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Royce Hall

Fri, June 2, 2023	7:30 pm
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Sat June 3, 2023

2:00 pm

MEMORYHOUSE

BroadStage

Thurs, June, 2023

7:30 pm

Fri, June, 2023

7:30 pm

Sat, June, 2023

7:30 pm

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