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Dear Friends of Diablo Ballet,

As we present the final program of our 32nd Season, I am thrilled to share an exciting preview of our 33rd Season (2026-2027) - one that will be filled with magic, beauty, and unforgettable performances.

Highlights of the upcoming season include the Diablo Ballet premiere of *Valse Fantaisie* by George Balanchine, as well as brand-new productions of *Carmen* by Brian Enos, *Little Red Riding Hood* by acclaimed dancemaker Val Caniparoli, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Julia Adam. And for those who missed *Company B* by Paul Taylor, we are delighted to bring it back next season!

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your continued support. Because of you, our sponsors, subscribers, donors, and patrons, we are able to share the power and artistry of dance. I hope you will join me in celebrating 33 years of Diablo Ballet and this extraordinary company of dancers.

With profound gratitude,



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Jonas". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and elegant.

Lauren Jonas
Artistic Director, Diablo Ballet

Coppélia

Choreography: Lauren Jonas, Sean Kelly after Arthur Saint-Léon

Music: Léo Delibes

Staging: Lauren Jonas, Sean Kelly

Additional Staging: Nicole Ciapponi, Amanda Farris, Luis Gonzalez, Olivia Powell

Coaching: Carolyn Goto, Kaori Ogasawara, Dawn Perrin, Pierre-Francois Vilanoba

Costumes: Amanda Farris, Christopher Dunn, Renee Rothmann

Sets: Courtesy of Western Ballet

Lighting Design: Cassie Barnes

Act I

Swanhilda: OLIVIA POWELL

NICOLE CIAPPONI (Saturday 7:30 pm)

Franz: MARCO CLEMENTE

ELIJAH HARTLEY (Saturday 7:30 pm)

Dr. Coppelius: DIEGO CRUZ ALVAREZ

Coppélia: Emma Caseres*

Friends

GENEVIEVE BOYLE ASTRID ARVELO LIZZIE DEVANNEY AMANDA FARRIS ALINA GONZALEZ
ALISON RAMORAN MICHEAL BUSHMAN BINA ANVARI

Mazurka

NICOLE CIAPPONI LUIS GONZALEZ (Friday 7:30 pm & Saturday 2 pm)

OLIVIA POWELL LUIS GONZALEZ (Saturday 7:30 pm)

With

MARCO CLEMENTE (Friday 7:30 pm & Saturday 2 pm)

ELIJAH HARTLEY (Saturday 7:30 pm)

NATALIE ALLENTON EVELYN FEBUARY MIA HANFLIG KYLA MARCUS GRACE THOMPSON
BINA ANVARI PHOENIX BREESE

Charlotte Caseres*, Michelle Li*, Neha Mistry*, Andrea Nevarez*, Lucy Tong*

Dolls

Explorer: Andrea Nevarez*

Jack & Jill: Michelle Li and Lucy Tong*

Spanish: Neha Mistry*

Scottish: Charlotte Caseres*

Intermission

Act II

Dawn

AMANDA FARRIS DIEGO CRUZ ALVAREZ

Joy & Harmony

ALISON RAMORAN LIZZIE DEVANNEY LUIS GONZALEZ

Waltz of the Hours

NICOLE CIAPPONI (Friday 7:30 pm, Saturday 2 pm)

OLIVIA POWELL (Saturday 7:30 pm)

With

NATALIE ALLENTON MIA HANFLIG KYLA MARCUS GRACE THOMPSON
Julianna Anonuevo*, Emma Caseres*, Dominique Rivera*, Colette Sawyer*, Abbie Wang*

Prayer

ALINA GONZALEZ MICHEAL BUSHMAN

ASTRID ARVELO BINA ANVARI

Ribbon Dance

EVELYN FEBUARY MIA HANFLIG GENEVIEVE BOYLE GRACE THOMPSON

LUIS GONZALEZ

Celebration of Marriage

LIZZIE DEVANNEY ELIJAH HARTLEY (Friday 7:30 pm & Saturday 2 pm)

ALISON RAMORAN MARCO CLEMENTE (Saturday 7:30 pm)

Wedding Pas de Deux

OLIVIA POWELL MARCO CLEMENTE (Friday 7:30 pm & Saturday 2 pm)

NICOLE CIAPPONI ELIJAH HARTLEY (Saturday 7:30 pm)

Finale

Full Company

*Diablo Ballet School

World Premiere: May 25, 1870, Théâtre Impérial de l'Opéra, Paris, France.

Diablo Ballet Premiere: May 20, 2022, Leshner Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, California.

Artists of the Company



Diego Cruz Alvarez
Born: Zaragoza, Spain
Companies performed with:
San Francisco Ballet



Astrid Arvelo
Born: Caracas, Venezuela
Companies performed with:
Teresa Carreño Ballet de
Caracas & Ballet Clásico
Cubano de Miami



Micheal Bushman
Born: Los Angeles, CA
Companies performed with:
Pacific Northwest Ballet,
Ballet West



Nicola Ciapponi
Born: Vancouver, BC
Companies performed with:
San Francisco Ballet and
Joffrey Ballet



Marco Clemente
Born: Chicago, IL
Companies performed with:
Dayton Ballet, Minnesota
Ballet and Ballet Nebraska



Lizzie Devanney
Born: Bel Air, MD
Companies performed with:
Pittsburgh Ballet,
Pacific Northwest Ballet



Amanda Farris
Born: Modesto, CA
Companies performed with:
The Georgia Ballet



Alina Gonzalez
Born: Pittsburg, CA
Companies performed with:
Diablo Ballet



Luis Gonzalez
Born: Bogota, Colombia
Companies performed with:
Houston Ballet II, Orlando
Ballet, Joffrey Ballet,
Sarasota Ballet



Elijah Hartley
Born: Montesano, WA
Companies performed with:
Ballet West



Olivia Powell
Born: Boston, MA
Companies performed with:
The Alabama Ballet,
Ballet Memphis



Alison Ramoran
Born: Torrance, CA
Companies performed with:
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Smuin Contemporary Ballet



Bina Anvari
Apprentice
Born: Castro Valley, CA



Genevieve Boyle
Apprentice
Born: Salt Lake City, UT



Evelyn Febuary
Apprentice
Born: Lafayette, LA



Mia Hanflig
JR Apprentice
Born: Cape Cod, MA



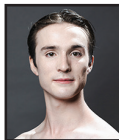
Grace Thompson
JR Apprentice
Born: Berkeley, CA



Natalie Allenton
Trainee



Kyla Marcus
Trainee



Phoenix Brees
JR Trainee

A spotlight shines from the top left corner, creating a bright glow and several rays of light that fan out across the top of the poster.

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The Nutcracker Suite

November 13 - 14, 2026

Choreographer Julia Adam's newly expanded *The Nutcracker Suite* offers a charming reimagining of the beloved holiday classic. Clara and her family are swept into a magical world of enchantment—where the Sugar Plum Fairy reigns, the mischievous Mouse King lurks, and snow falls in a breathtaking on-stage dream perfect for audiences of all ages.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

February 12 - 13, 2027

The February program features Julia Adam's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a playful ballet inspired by William Shakespeare, where fairies, sprites, and young lovers get tangled in magical adventures. The program also includes George Balanchine's *Valse-Fantaisie* dazzles with exciting, dancing set to Mikhail Glinka's sweeping melodies and a reprise of Paul Taylor's *Company B*, which brings high-energy jazz and jitterbug to life with the iconic music of the Andrews Sisters.

Carmen

March 19 - 20, 2027

Carmen, choreographed by Brian Enos with costumes created by Patricia Barker, is a lively and dramatic ballet that tells the story of a strong-willed woman named Carmen who values her independence and follows her heart. This brand-new ballet features the iconic music from *Carmen*, one of the most frequently performed operas in the world.

Val Caniparoli's Little Red Riding Hood

May 14 - 15, 2027

Internationally renowned choreographer Val Caniparoli brings a beloved fairy tale to life with a thrilling ballet inspired by *Little Red Riding Hood*. Drawing from Charles Perrault's classic story, this new work blends charm, suspense, and timeless lessons about trust and courage. Also included is Gerald Arpino's beautiful *Reflections*, a neoclassical, pure dance ballet complete with high lifts, a flying pace, and classic beauty!

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