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Pennsylvania Ballet II Premieres *Snow White*

Assistant Artistic Director Samantha Dunster Creates Snow White for the Pennsylvania Ballet's Family Series

Philadelphia, PA (March 8, 2017) — [Pennsylvania Ballet II](#) (PBII) invites families to enjoy the beloved story of Snow White. This tale will be brought to life through the wonderful choreography of Samantha Dunster and an original musical score by Kermit Poling, performed by Curtis student musicians. The first two performances are on March 26, presented as part of the Curtis Family Concert Series, followed by a performance at the Upper Darby Performing Arts Center on April 29.

"*Snow White* is a perfect fit for our Family Series. It's a familiar story that people easily recognize," said Samantha Dunster, Pennsylvania Ballet's Assistant Artistic Director. "I am more of a storyteller than a choreographer; I tell the story through movement in a way that children can relate to and understand."

The music is an original score that was intended to help portray the story of Snow White. Poling uses several melodies throughout the score to help children better understand the characters.

"I am a tuneful composer; I like to attach tunes and melodies to each part of the story, especially when composing for children," said Composer Kermit Poling. "Since there are numerous characters and a strong story line in *Snow White*, I attached a theme to each character so the audience can follow the story through the dance and the music."

Performance Information:

- **The Curtis Institute of Music:** Sunday, March 26, 2017, 12:00 PM – *SOLD OUT*
- **The Curtis Institute of Music:** Sunday, March 26, 2017, 2:00 PM – *SOLD OUT*
- **Upper Darby Performing Arts Center:** Saturday, April 29, 2017, 11:00 AM

Tickets for the April 29 performance are available online at <http://www.paballet.org/snow-white>.

About Pennsylvania Ballet II (PBII)

Pennsylvania Ballet II is a company of pre-professional dancers who have completed their ballet training and are gaining invaluable performing experience in preparation for professional ballet careers.

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