

# PENNSYLVANIA BALLET

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## Pennsylvania Ballet Presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

**March 7-17 at the Academy of Music**  
**Presented by Bank of America**

Philadelphia, PA (February 14, 2013) – Visit the vibrant, mystical fantasy of George Balanchine's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, March 7-17, 2013 at the Academy of Music. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is presented by Bank of America.

"*A Midsummer Night's Dream* is undoubtedly one of my favorite full-length ballets," Artistic Director Roy Kaiser says. "Mr. Balanchine tells the Shakespeare story so clearly with beautiful choreography throughout."

Set to Felix Mendelssohn's lush score, this enchanting ballet brings William Shakespeare's classic comedy to life. The hilarious tale follows the adventures and misadventures of a group of mortals and immortals in their quest for love. More than 20 young dance students from The School of Pennsylvania Ballet fill the forest as fireflies and fairies. For the first time ever, the sets and costumes have been designed by the late Tony Award-winning designer Martin Pakledinaz. The Philadelphia Singers Chorale adds to the magic of this elaborate production, fit for all ages!

**Tickets to *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Academy of Music are on sale now, starting at \$30.** Tickets are available online at [paballet.org](http://paballet.org), by phone at 215.893.1999, and in person at the Kimmel Center Box Office.

### ***A Midsummer Night's Dream* performances at the Academy of Music:**

- Thursday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 9 at noon
- Sunday, March 10 at 2 p.m.
- Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
- Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.

**Groups of 10 or more get discounts and great seats!** Ask about special talks with staff and dancers and dining options near the theater for your group. For tickets and more information, contact Group Sales Manager Arajua Backman at 215.587.6921 or [abackman@paballet.org](mailto:abackman@paballet.org).

Join us for whimsical afternoon at ***A Midsummer Night's Dream Children's Ball on Saturday, March 9!*** Start the day at the noon performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Academy of Music, followed by an enchanting children's party at 2 p.m. across the street at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. Dress as your favorite fairy or forest creature and enjoy an afternoon of face painting, character visits, games, prizes, and a tasty buffet of sandwiches and sweets. Package prices start at \$65 per person and include both the performance and the ball. For tickets and more information, please contact Group Sales Manager Arajua Backman at 215.587.6921 or [abackman@paballet.org](mailto:abackman@paballet.org).

Experience a magical evening at ***A Midsummer Night's Dream Auction on Saturday, March 9.*** Bid on one-of-a-kind items like the chance to watch a performance of *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*<sup>TM</sup> from the wings, a week in a Tuscan villa, and dinner prepared in your home by Artistic Director Roy Kaiser. Cocktails and a silent auction in the Academy of Music's exquisite ballroom begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner by Jose Garces Catering and a spirited live auction on stage with the dancers and special guest Alasdair Nichol, Vice Chairman of Freeman's and featured on *Antiques Roadshow*. Black tie optional. Pennsylvania Ballet thanks the Independence Foundation for its support of this event. Tickets start at \$195 and tables start at \$3,000. To purchase, please RSVP by February 28 to Barbara Vogdes, Manager of Special Events, at 215.587.6916 or [bvogdes@paballet.org](mailto:bvogdes@paballet.org) or visit [paballet.org](http://paballet.org).

Celebrate the end of winter at ***Pennsylvania Ballet Young Friends Party on Saturday, March 16!*** The evening begins with the 8 p.m. performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, followed by an after party at the Orpheus Club in Center City, with drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres, music, dancing, and the Pennsylvania Ballet dancers themselves. Black tie optional. For more information on ticket packages, please contact Annual Fund Manager Jessica Holl at 215.587.6913 or [jholl@paballet.org](mailto:jholl@paballet.org).

Connect with us! Follow Pennsylvania Ballet on **Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube** to go behind-the-scenes anytime, day or night.

**Spring 2013 Season subscriptions are available at 215.893.1955 and at [paballet.org](http://paballet.org).** Save up to 15% on single ticket prices with a custom subscription. Subscribers enjoy the best seats at the best prices, personalized service, lost ticket insurance, flexible ticket exchanges, a monthly payment plan, discounted parking, and more.

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* is presented by Bank of America.

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Pennsylvania Ballet's 2012-2013 Season sponsors include DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, The Sporting Club at the Bellevue, and US Airways.

Pennsylvania Ballet receives support from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts – a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency – and The Philadelphia Cultural Fund.

Founded in 1963 by Balanchine student and protégée Barbara Weisberger, **Pennsylvania Ballet** is one of the nation's leading ballet companies. Headquartered in Philadelphia, the Company's annual local season features six programs of classic favorites and new works, including the Philadelphia holiday tradition, *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*<sup>TM</sup>. For more information, visit [paballet.org](http://paballet.org) or call 215.551.7000.

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