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Pennsylvania Ballet Presents *Swan Lake*

Angel Corella premieres his vision based on the Marius Petipa classic

Philadelphia, PA (January 10, 2018) [Pennsylvania Ballet's](#) spring season opens with *Swan Lake*, one of the most celebrated classical ballets of all time, at the Academy of Music March 8 – 18. This will be Pennsylvania Ballet's first time presenting the full traditional production based on the choreography of Marius Petipa. In the past, the company has only performed shortened or re-imagined versions of *Swan Lake*.

"I'm excited to re-stage Marius Petipa's *Swan Lake* to give our audience the opportunity to see the traditional version of one of ballet's most famous classics," said Angel Corella, Pennsylvania Ballet Artistic Director. "I am thrilled to premiere this *Swan Lake* at the Academy of Music in a dramatic and beautiful production that I know audiences will love."

Swan Lake shares the story of a young Prince Siegfried and his love for Odette. Cursed to live the life of a swan by day and a human by night, Odette's only hope of breaking the evil spell is a declaration of true love. Unaware of the curse, Prince Siegfried is enamored by Odette and promises to pledge his love to her. However, all hope of a happy ending is lost when the Prince is tricked into pledging his love to von Rothbart's daughter, Odile, disguised by magic as Odette.

Impressive dancing, beautiful sets and costumes, and the gorgeous Tchaikovsky score bring to life this heartbreaking story of the beautiful Swan Queen Odette, accompanied by a full corps de ballet of swans.

[Enjoy this classic full-length ballet at the Academy of Music this March:](#)

- Thursday, March 8 at 7:30pm
- Friday, March 9 at 7:30pm
- Saturday, March 10 at 2:00pm
- Saturday, March 10 at 8:00pm
- Sunday, March 11 at 2:00pm
- Friday, March 16 at 11:00am
- Friday, March 16 at 7:30pm
- Saturday, March 17 at 2:00pm
- Saturday, March 17 at 8:00pm
- Sunday, March 18 at 2:00pm

Tickets are available online at paballet.org or by phone at 215.893.1999, and in person at the Kimmel Center Box Office.

Conversations with Pennsylvania Ballet

Please join us for Conversations with Pennsylvania Ballet, a free informal discussion with a dancer from the company who will talk about preparing for *Swan Lake*. This free event will be held on **Monday, March 5 at 6:30pm** at the Philadelphia City Institute Free Library (1905 Locust St, Philadelphia, PA).

Preludes

Ignite your passion for dance with Preludes – Pennsylvania Ballet’s pre-show discussions. Held in the theater prior to most performances, Preludes features an ever-changing roster of company members, artistic and administrative staff, and visiting artists discussing Pennsylvania Ballet’s performances, taking questions, and offering behind-the-scenes insights. Preludes begins one hour prior to show time and is free and open to all patrons holding a ticket for the performance that follows. Preludes is a great way to meet other ballet fans, enhance your knowledge of the art form, and get to know the artists behind Pennsylvania Ballet’s beautiful and thrilling performances. *Please note: Preludes is free and open to all ticket holders for the day listed on the ticket.*

Swan Lake Dinner

Pennsylvania Ballet will mark the opening night of *Swan Lake* with an elegant dinner under the Academy of Music Ballroom chandeliers celebrating The Honorable Joyce Kean and Herbert Kean, M.D. Following the dinner, enjoy premier seating for the Opening Night performance of *Swan Lake*. Proceeds from this event will benefit new repertory works. For more information about this event, please contact Rachael Glashan Rupisan at rrupisan@paballet.org, or 215.587.6943 or visit <http://paballet.org/events/swan-lake-dinner/>.

About Pennsylvania Ballet

Founded in 1963 by Balanchine student and protégée Barbara Weisberger, Pennsylvania Ballet is one of the nation’s leading ballet companies. In its most diverse season yet, the Pennsylvania Ballet presents six programs featuring two full length classical ballets, Balanchine classics, contemporary works, world premieres, and the Philadelphia holiday tradition, *George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker*®. For more information, visit paballet.org, call 215.551.7000 or connect with us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#) to get a behind the scenes looks at our dancers in the studio and onstage.

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

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