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Pennsylvania Ballet II Presenting *Snow White with a Sensory Friendly Performance*

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

Philadelphia, PA (February 6, 2018) — [Pennsylvania Ballet II \(PBII\)](#) invites families to enjoy the beloved story of *Snow White* at Prince Theater, April 14-15. This tale will be brought to life through the wonderful choreography by Samantha Dunster and an original musical score by Kermit Poling.

"*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 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."

Sensory Friendly Performance

Pennsylvania Ballet is proud to offer, for the first time, a specially adjusted sensory-friendly *Snow White* family series performance. In partnership with [Art Reach](#), Pennsylvania Ballet will offer a theater experience focused on providing a relaxed atmosphere that is welcoming and inclusive of children and families with a wide range of sensory, learning, and communication differences including autism spectrum. The program gives families space to move around, permission to speak during the performance, and areas to decompress with assistance from trained staff.

Performance Information:

- **Prince Theater:**
 - o Saturday, April 14 at 11am (Sensory Friendly)
 - o Saturday, April 14 at 3pm
 - o Sunday, April 15 at 3pm

Tickets are available online at <http://paballet.org/programs/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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