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Pennsylvania Ballet II to Present World Premiere of *Prince Charming*

Assistant Artistic Director Samantha Dunster Creates Prince Charming for Pennsylvania Ballet's Family Series

Philadelphia, PA (February 14, 2018) — [Pennsylvania Ballet II \(PBII\)](#) to present the premiere of *Prince Charming* at the Upper Darby Performing Arts Center, April 28 at 11am. This ballet will present the beloved *Cinderella* story in a different way, from Prince Charming's perspective, with choreography by Samantha Dunster, Pennsylvania Ballet Assistant Artistic Director, and an original musical score by composer Kermit Poling.

"*Prince Charming* will be a fun twist on a familiar tale, making it a perfect fit for our Family Series," said Samantha Dunster. "Audiences will see the story of Cinderella from the Prince's view. All will recognize the traditional story with some added surprises!"

The original score is written to accompany the dance. Different characters, such as the mice and the Prince, have different musical themes to help tell their story. The Prince and Cinderella also have their own theme when they first meet, which comes back in a more dramatic mode when the clock strikes midnight.

"I work on making the music approachable and have it work seamlessly with the choreography," said composer Kermit Poling. "This allows the music to further tell the story, which is fitting for this Family Series performance."

Performance Information:

- **Upper Darby Performing Arts Center:** Saturday, April 28, 2018, 11:00 AM

Tickets are available online at <http://paballet.org/programs/prince-charming/>.

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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