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**MILWAUKEE
BALLET**
MICHAEL PINK, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

MILWAUKEE BALLET OPENS SEASON WITH *SWAN LAKE*

- *The most beloved of classic ballet productions runs November 3-6 at Marcus Center -*

Milwaukee, WI – October 28, 2022 – Milwaukee Ballet presents the exquisite dark beauty of Michael Pink’s *Swan Lake*. Opening November 3, the production runs through November 6 with six performances at Marcus Performing Arts Center. This program marks the start of the Company’s 2022/2023 *Season of Timeless Tales*, which has been carefully curated to transport audiences through story, music, and dance.

From romance to betrayal, from good to evil, *Swan Lake* takes audiences on an epic journey through human emotions, love, and loss. Choreography by Milwaukee Ballet Artistic Director Michael Pink after Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov will showcase the stunning talents of Milwaukee Ballet Company. Tchaikovsky’s romantic score will be played by Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra under the direction of Conductor Andrews Sill.

“*Swan Lake* is the perfect way to begin our season,” said Pink. “With lavish costumes, beautiful scenic and set design, lighting by Emmy-winning Lighting Director David Grill, a story that will captivate existing and new patrons alike, and our Company Artists performing at their peak technical brilliance, this production lacks for nothing.”

Milwaukee Ballet Artists Marize Fumero and Alana Griffith return to the roles of Odile (Black Swan) and Odette (White Swan), respectively. In the alternating cast, Marie Harrison-Collins will portray Odile, with Lizzie Tripp as Odette—the first time both Artists are taking on these iconic roles. Randy Crespo and Parker Brassler-Vos share the role of Prince Siegfried, and Davit Hovhannisyan will take the stage as the sorcerer Count von Rothbart.

Story Summary

Von Rothbart and his accomplice Odile reveal their evil intent to seize the crown. The young prince Siegfried and his sweetheart Odette play by the lake side. Von Rothbart curses Odette and her friends, transforming them into swans by day and women by night. Odette is lost to the prince until his 21st birthday when he is reunited with her. Von Rothbart’s deception leads to his downfall. Odette and Siegfried’s death unites them forever in each other’s arms.

Performance Information

Swan Lake runs November 3–6, at Marcus Performing Arts Center. To purchase tickets, call the Milwaukee Ballet Box Office at 414-902-2103, the Marcus Center Box Office at 414.273.7206, or visit milwaukeeballet.org.

The performance schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, November 3, 7:30 PM

- Friday, November 4, 7:30 PM
- Saturday, November 5, 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM
- Sunday, November 6, 1:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Milwaukee Ballet's 2022/2023 *Season of Timeless Tales* is presented by Donald & Donna Baumgartner with support from United Performing Arts Fund, Wisconsin Arts Board, CAMPAC, Milwaukee Arts Board, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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About Milwaukee Ballet

Milwaukee Ballet was founded in 1970. Led by Artistic Director Michael Pink, Milwaukee Ballet creates a rich and diverse community through its inspiring dance performance, education, and outreach. Milwaukee Ballet hosts an international Company of dancers and maintains its own orchestra. Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy is the only professional dance school in the Midwest accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance, teaching beginner through pre-professional levels in three locations: Third Ward, Fox Point, and Brookfield. Milwaukee Ballet's award-winning Community Engagement department serves thousands of people in Southeastern Wisconsin each year through original, interactive programs. Milwaukee Ballet is a proud cornerstone member of United Performing Arts Fund and holds a four-star rating from Charity Navigator.

Note to Editors: Interviews with Milwaukee Ballet Artistic Director Michael Pink and high-resolution images are available upon request.