

JUL 25 - AUG 5  
**2025**

# BALANCHINE **CELEBRATION**

Monday, July 28, 2025  
Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater

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*Generously Underwritten by Tina & David Wilson and  
The Carol F. Storr Endowment for Classical Ballet.*

# CONCERTO BAROCCO

*Music by Johann Sebastian Bach*

*Choreography by George Balanchine*

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*Original Costume Design by Eugene Berman*

*Corps de Ballet staging by Eve Lawson*

*Original lighting by Mark Stanley, Recreated by Clifton Taylor*

MIRA NADON    DOMINIKA AFANASENKOV\*

New York City Ballet

BROOKS LANDEGGER\*

American Ballet Theatre

LILY BINES    ALEXANDRA GILLIOM    EVER LARSON

CATHERINE MCGREGOR    STEFANEE MONTESANTOS    SONATA ROSS

MACKENZIE DESSENS STUDINSKI    SARA THOMAS

Colorado Ballet

Violin: JOHNNY GANDELSMAN, COLIN JACOBSEN

Cello: MICHAEL NICOLAS    Piano: CAMERON GRANT

# SQUARE DANCE (excerpt)

*Music by Antonio Vivaldi and Arcangelo Corelli*

*Choreography by George Balanchine*

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*Original lighting by Nananne Porcher, Recreated by Roya Abab*

JOSEPH GORDON

New York City Ballet

Violin: JOHNNY GANDELSMAN, COLIN JACOBSEN

Viola: CAROLINE SHAW    Cello: MICHAEL NICOLAS

*\*Debut in role*

**IN THE INN**  
**Excerpt from *Ivesiana***

*Music by Charles Ives*

*Choreography by George Balanchine*

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*Original lighting by Jean Rosenthal, Recreated by Clifton Taylor*

NAOMI CORTI\*    ROBBIE FAIRCHILD\*  
New York City Ballet

Piano: DEREK WANG

*Ivesiana originally premiered in 1954 in celebration of the composer Charles Ives. The ballet presents a series of unrelated vignettes. The third movement, In the Inn, depicts a friendly competition between two dancers, who encounter each other unexpectedly before parting ways, seemingly exhausted.*

**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**  
**Divertissement Pas de Deux**

*Music by Felix Mendelssohn*

*Choreography by George Balanchine*

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*Original lighting by Ronald Bates, Recreated by Roya Abab*

UNITY PHELAN\*    CHUN WAI CHAN  
New York City Ballet

Violin: JOHNNY GANDELSMAN, COLIN JACOBSEN

Viola: CAROLINE SHAW    Cello: MICHAEL NICOLAS

**INTERMISSION**

*\*Debut in role*

## **AGON Pas de Deux**

*Music by Igor Stravinsky*

*Choreography by George Balanchine*

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*Original lighting by Natanne Porcher, Recreated by Roya Abab*

UNITY PHELAN  
New York City Ballet

CALVIN ROYAL III  
American Ballet Theatre

Piano: CAMERON GRANT

## **PAVANE**

*Music by Maurice Ravel*

*Choreography by George Balanchine*

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SARA MEARNS  
New York City Ballet

Violin: JOHNNY GANDELSMAN

Piano: MICHAEL SCALES

## **APOLLO**

*Music by Igor Stravinsky*

*Choreography by George Balanchine*

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ROMAN MEJIA  
New York City Ballet

INDIA BRADLEY\*  
New York City Ballet

OLIVIA BELL\*  
New York City Ballet

MAYFIELD MYERS  
Philadelphia Ballet

Piano: CAMERON GRANT

*The ballet depicts the young god Apollo, who is visited and instructed by three muses: Calliope, Muse of poetry; Polyhymnia, Muse of mime; and Terpsichore, Muse of dance and song.*

*\*Debut in role*

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

These performances of *CONCERTO BAROCCO*, *SQUARE DANCE*,  
*A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM Divertissement Pas de Deux*,  
*IN THE INN*, *AGON Pas de Deux*, *PAVANE*, and *APOLLO*,  
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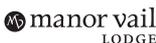


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# UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

**TUESDAY, JULY 29 // 7:30PM**

## **PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY**

Witness this legendary force in American modern dance continuing to innovate and shape dance today.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 // 11:00PM**

## **WATCHING DANCE WITH HEATHER WATTS**

Legendary Balanchine ballerina Heather Watts hosts an interactive exploration of dance repertory through live demonstrations with Festival artists.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 // 7:30PM**

## **THE CENTER WILL NOT HOLD** **A Dorrance Dance Production**

Explore the artistry of powerhouse singular performers in street, club, social, and vernacular dances who fuse rhythm, movement, and original live music.

**THURSDAY, JULY 29 // 7:30PM**

## **DANCING IN THE PARK**

Free and open to all, this program showcases the beauty of BalletX, Colorado Ballet, DanceAspen, and Festival artists with a performance by Celebrate the Beat's Celebration Team.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 // 7:30PM**

## **INTERNATIONAL EVENINGS OF DANCE I**

As the sun sets, the biggest stars of dance light up the stage with unmatched passion and talent.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 // 5:00PM**

## **INTERNATIONAL EVENINGS OF DANCE II**

This 60-minute, no-intermission performance is packed with the Festival's world-class dancers at an earlier showtime, perfect for all ages.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 // 8:00PM**

## **INTERNATIONAL EVENINGS OF DANCE III**

The series concludes with an unforgettable late-evening performance set against the beauty of the Colorado night sky.

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