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Coastal City Ballet celebrates its 5th anniversary season
with the Canadian premiere of
“Swan Lake”

Canadian premiere of the definitive classical ballet: Swan Lake

VANCOUVER, BC – Coastal City Ballet presents the highlight of the 2015-2016 Season: the illustrious and beloved ballet *Swan Lake*, a Canadian premiere choreographed by Irene Schneider. Schneider presents a modern twist on this timeless classic, **on May 21st at 8:00 pm at The Playhouse in Vancouver** and **June 10th at 8:00pm at Surrey Arts Centre in Surrey**, that the whole family will love.

Schneider's *Swan Lake* explores the human emotion of a romantic love contrasted against a realistic and practical love of an arranged marriage. Odette (White Swan) comes to Siegfried in his dream, embodying the ideal of true love, while Odile (Black Swan) is presented to Siegfried by Rothbarth as the woman he is to wed. Schneider is able to give us a story that is more relatable to modern day while maintaining the tradition and essence of the *Swan Lake* we all expect to see. Audiences will not be disappointed to experience the classic second Act with the beautiful swans in unison and the tragic ending of Act 4. The diverse talents of Coastal City Ballet along with the beautiful score of Pytor Tchaikovsky, glorious costumes and imaginative sets bring this heart wrenching love story to life. This full-length ballet, enjoyed by young and old, is a masterpiece not to be missed.

Li Yaming, Artistic Director of Coastal City Ballet, is excited to stage this ambitious ballet in the company's fifth season. “I wanted to challenge the dancers and the company,” says Li, “and provide Vancouver audiences with a magnificent classic such as *Swan Lake*.” Irene Schneider's first commission for Coastal City Ballet was in 2012, when she choreographed the world premiere ballet “*Hansel and Gretel*.” “A long friendship has kept me in touch with Li Yaming, and in the following years I came to choreograph “*A Midsummer Night's Dream*”, “*Coppelia*” and “*Cinderella*.” Coming back to Coastal City Ballet to remount *Swan Lake* is like coming home,” says Schneider.

About Irene Schneider

Irene Schneider is an independent choreographer who has created over 60 ballets presented in numerous Opera houses in Germany and throughout the world. After finishing her professional ballet career, primarily with Stuttgart Ballet, Ms. Schneider began teaching and choreographing. Her career led her to Magdeburg Ballet where she was Artistic Director for fifteen years.

About Coastal City Ballet

Coastal City Ballet is a repertory ballet company, based in Vancouver, that provides performance opportunities for emerging dancers, both Canadian and international. Coastal City Ballet's repertoire ranges from original story ballets to classical and commissioned contemporary works by established international choreographers.

Since its inaugural season beginning September 2011, Coastal City Ballet has successfully presented nine productions to audiences in greater Vancouver and Regina, Saskatchewan. Performances include Coastal City Ballet's first original story ballet "Hansel and Gretel" (2012), "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (2013), "Coppelia" (2014) and "Cinderella" (2015), as well as the staging of classical excerpts and commissioned world premieres by Wen Wei Wang, Joshua Beamish, Erica Trivett, Farley Johansson, and Artistic Director, Li Yaming, among others.

To learn more about Coastal City Ballet:

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LISTING INFORMATION: COASTAL CITY BALLET PRESENTS 'Swan Lake'

Vancouver:

Date: May 21st, 2016 at 8:00 pm
Ticket prices: From \$25.00 - \$45.00 with discounts for Groups of 10 or more
Address: The Vancouver Playhouse, 600 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC
Box Office: [Vtixonline.com](http://www.vtixonline.com) /604.241.7292
http://www.vtixonline.com/event.php?event_id=726
Vancouver Playhouse 604.665.3050

Surrey:

Date: June 10th, 2016 at 8:00 pm
Ticket prices: From \$25.00 - \$35.00 with discounts for Groups of 10 or more
Address: Surrey Arts Centre, 13750 88 Ave, Surrey, BC
Box Office: www.surrey.ca /604.501.5566
<https://tickets.surrey.ca/TheatreManager/1/login?event=1670>

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