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**Coastal City Ballet presents Swan Lake with new direction and a brilliant principal cast**

*Swan Lake, the incomparable full length masterpiece, returns to Vancouver*

VANCOUVER, BC - Coastal City Ballet performs the highlight of the 2018-2019 season with its critically acclaimed production of Swan Lake. Back by popular demand, Irene Schneider's illustrious and beloved ballet presents a modern twist on the timeless classic, on **May 18th at 7:30 pm at The Playhouse in Vancouver** and **June 15th at 7:30 pm at the Bell Performing Arts Centre in Surrey**.

Schneider's Swan Lake explores the human emotion of a romantic love contrasted against a realistic and practical love of an arranged marriage. The White Swan comes to Siegfried in his dream, embodying the ideal of true love, while Odile (Black Swan) is presented by the evil Rothbarth as the woman Siegfried 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 brings this heart wrenching love story to life.

Newly appointed Artistic Director, Katrina Bois, is excited to stage the iconic ballet with its brilliant principal cast in her first season leading the company. "Swan Lake is one of the only ballets that you can see again and again. Whether it's your first time or your hundredth, the experience is truly magical," says Bois. She further believes Schneider's rendition adds something to the experience. "Schneider's Swan Lake was designed to be seen over and over again because you find little details in it each time that make it exciting and fresh," says Bois. "The story itself is magical as it is but with the addition of Schneider's subtle yet realistic plot twists you'll discover something new every year." Choreographer Irene Schneider returns to Vancouver to continue her partnership with Coastal City Ballet. "A long friendship has kept me in touch with Li Yaming, founder of Coastal City Ballet, and Katrina Bois. Coming back to Coastal City Ballet to remount Swan Lake is like coming home," says Schneider.

Coastal City Ballet's production of Swan Lake features a professional principal cast with close connections to the company. Dancing the title roles are Ana Paula Oioli, former dancer with Thuringen Ballett and current Company Director, as Odette; Yoko Kanomata, former dancer with Atlanta Ballet and current company member, as Odile; Diego Ramalho, current dancer with Ballet Edmonton and former company member, as Siegfried; Kostyantyn Keshyshev, former soloist with Royal Winnipeg Ballet and current Ballet Master, as Rothbarth; and Marcio Teixeira, current dancer with Ballet Jorgen and current company member, as Benno.

**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 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 conception in September 2011, Coastal City Ballet has successfully presented numerous productions to audiences in greater Vancouver and Regina, Saskatchewan. Productions performed include Coastal City Ballet's first original story ballet Hansel and Gretel, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Coppelia, Cinderella, Swan Lake, and Giselle as well as the staging of classical excerpts and commissioned world premieres by Wen Wei Wang, Joshua Beamish, Erica Trivett, Farley Johansson, and 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: Saturday, May 18th, 2019 at 7:30 pm  
Ticket prices: From \$19.95 - \$59.95 with discounts for Groups of 10 or more  
Add a VIP Experience to your ticket purchase for \$30  
Address: The Vancouver Playhouse, 600 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC  
Box Office: [Vtixonline.com](http://Vtixonline.com) / 604.241.7292  
Vancouver Playhouse 604.665.3050

### Surrey

Date: Saturday, June 15th, 2019 at 7:30 pm  
Ticket prices: From \$19.95 - \$59.95 with discounts for Groups of 10 or more  
Add a VIP Experience to your ticket purchase for \$30  
Address: Bell Performing Arts Centre, 6250-144th Street, Surrey, BC  
Box Office: [www.bellperformingartscentre.com](http://www.bellperformingartscentre.com) 604.507.6355  
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