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Coastal City Ballet Brings a Comic “Coppélia” To North Vancouver & Surrey

**A humorous tale
of love and mistaken identity in a full-length ballet**

VANCOUVER, BC – **Coastal City Ballet**, established in 2011, brings its third full-length classical ballet, the **Canadian premiere** of Irene Schneider’s “**Coppélia**”, ballet’s great comedy, on **May 16th at 7:30pm at Centennial Theatre in North Vancouver** and **May 31st at 7:30 pm at Surrey Arts Centre in Surrey**. Presented by **Ballet Productions Canada Society**, this full-length ballet set to the stories by E.T.A Hoffman, with Léo Delibes’ irresistibly melodic score.

“Yes, it’s a ballet with a humorous story,” says Li Yaming, CCB Artistic Director, “It’s also a beautiful story about love and dreams, two of the most distinctive features of humanity which we all can identify with. Since its Paris premiere in 1870, Coppélia has been one of the most beloved ballets around world. CCB is delighted to bring this all-time classic to the audience of Lower Mainland”

Coppélia is a ballet for families and children of all ages. The ballet, choreographed by Irene Schneider, former Artistic Director of Germany’s Magdeburg Ballet, will be brought to life by Coastal City Ballet’s international company dancers, with costumes, stage sets designed and made in Germany. It’s a ballet the whole family can enjoy.

The delightful story of Coppelia is one of mistaken identity. Storyteller E.T.A Hoffmann weaves a tale of a toymaker, his doll, and a young couple in love. Dr. Coppelius, the toymaker, has created a lifelike doll – Coppelia, and wishes to bring her to life. He believes his dream has finally come true only to realize he is caught up in a hilarious lover’s spat.

About Coastal City Ballet

Coastal City Ballet is a performance based ballet company located in Vancouver, BC. Coastal City Ballet’s repertoire includes neoclassical and classical ballet commissions, as well the development of story ballets, and contemporary works. Since its conception in 2011, Coastal City Ballet has presented two professional full-length story ballets, “Hansel and Gretel” and “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” to audiences in greater Vancouver and Regina, Saskatchewan. Moreover, Coastal City Ballet has staged the one act classical ballets “Paquita” and “Les Sylphides” as well as Act II of “Swan Lake”. In addition to its classical repertoires, Coastal City Ballet has also presented six commissioned original choreographies by established choreographers such as Erica Trivett and Wen Wei Wang.

Coastal City Ballet is led by Artistic Director Li Yaming and Company Manager Andrea Allen, and is comprised of well-known and highly respected dance professionals from North America, Europe, and Asia.

Learn more about Coastal City ballet at: www.coastalcityballet.com

About Ballet Productions Canada Society

Ballet Productions Canada Society's mission is to provide performance opportunities for emerging dance artists, and to bring dance to a wider audience. The Society fulfils this mission through its financial support of Coastal City Ballet productions, the funding of a scholarship and bursary program for dance students, and the funding of special projects such as the production of an original story ballet directed at youth audiences.

Ballet Productions Canada Society welcomes financial support from individual donations as well as corporate sponsorships. Your support is an important investment in the future of the arts.

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LISTING INFORMATION: COASTAL CITY BALLET PRESENTS "COPPELIA"

North Vancouver

Centennial Theatre Centre
Date: May 16th at 7:30pm
Ticket prices: \$30 Adults, \$22 Students/Seniors / \$20 for Groups of 10
Address: 2300 Lonsdale Ave. North Vancouver, B.C.
Box Office: www.ctcboxoffice@northvanrec.com / 604.984.4484
Website: www.coastalcityballet.com

Surrey

Surrey Arts Centre, Main Stage
Date: May 31st at 7:30pm
Ticket prices: \$30 Adults, \$22 Students /Seniors / \$20 for Groups of 10
Address: 13750 88 Avenue, Surrey, BC
Box Office: www.surrey.ca / 604.501.5566
Website: www.coastalcityballet.com

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