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Coastal City Ballet Announces Season Finale with Choreographer Irene Schneider's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Mischief, Magic and Misadventure of Shakespeare's Beloved Play Re-imagined in Full-length Ballet

VANCOUVER, BC – Coastal City Ballet closes its 2017/18 season with the remount of Irene Schneider's enchanting ballet, Shakespeare's ***A Midsummer Night's Dream***, **May 19 at Vancouver Playhouse** and **June 8 at Surrey Arts Centre**. Set to the exquisite music of Felix Mendelssohn, this full-length ballet, which premiered in 2013, will showcase the prodigious talents of the Lower Mainland's finest young dancers in their season finale.

"As we wrap up our seventh season, we are delighted to revisit German choreographer Irene Schneider's magnificent ballet," says Li Yaming, CCB Artistic Director. "For this production, translating the elegance of Shakespeare's language into the joyous, expressive form that is dance, we are thrilled to welcome back a number of our graduates who now enjoy professional careers with prestigious companies across the globe. This end of season presentation is thus not only a celebration of our current dancers as they embark on their next steps, but also marks the triumphant return of some of our star pupils."

Commissioned from Schneider, former Artistic Director of Germany's Magdeburg Ballet, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is one of more than 60 original dance works developed by the choreographer for ballet companies and opera houses around the world. Created for families and children of all ages, this adventurous performance features lavish sets, spritely costumes, and a delightful score.

A Midsummer Night's Dream is one of magic, mischief, and mistaken identities. Two sets of lovers have fled the city for the forest where they become entangled in a lover's quarrel between the Fairy King and Queen. Matters swiftly become more complicated with the introduction of the incorrigible Puck, a haphazardly applied love potion, and a crew of rough craftsmen attempting to rehearse a play. In the end, naturally, love conquers all and each character enjoys their happy ending.

Building on two successful, sold-out performances – 2016's *Swan Lake* and 2017's *Giselle*, Coastal City Ballet continues its tradition of spotlighting BC's most promising dance talent as they prepare to launch to the world stage.

About Coastal City Ballet (coastalcityballet.com)

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 conception in September 2011, Coastal City Ballet has successfully presented thirteen productions to audiences in greater Vancouver and Regina, Saskatchewan including six full-length story ballets as well as the staging of classical excerpts and commissioned world premieres and choreographies by Wen Wei Wang, Ben Stevenson, Joshua Beamish, Erica Trivett, Farley Johansson, and Artistic Director, Li Yaming, among others.

LISTING INFORMATION:

**Coastal City Ballet presents :
*A Midsummer Night's Dream***

Vancouver

Date:

May 19, 8pm

Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$29.95-\$59.95,

Students/Seniors/Groups 10+: \$19.95-\$49.95

Address:

Vancouver Playhouse, 600 Hamilton St, Vancouver, BC

Box office:

vtixonline.com

Surrey

Date:

June 8, 8pm

Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$40, Students/Seniors: \$30, Groups 10+: \$25

Address:

Surrey Arts Centre, 13750 88 Ave, Surrey, BC

Box office:

tickets.surrey.ca

Website:

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