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Coastal City Ballet debuts 3 world premieres in its 5th anniversary performance

'Fall for Ballet' by: Coastal City Ballet

VANCOUVER, BC – Coastal City Ballet celebrates its 5th anniversary with an opening season performance of three world premieres and *Paquita*, November 9th at Centennial Theatre in North Vancouver and November 19th at Surrey Arts Centre. The evening's program showcases the diverse talents of Coastal City Ballet with world premieres by award winning local choreographer Wen Wei Wang, locally-born choreographer Joshua Beamish and Artistic Director, Li Yaming. From Bach, to Marc Mellits, to Vivaldi, the premieres displayed on stage will leave you wanting more, and perhaps even make you fall for ballet itself.

A world premiere to Vivaldi's greatest composition, *The Four Seasons* is Artistic Director, Li Yaming's biggest choreographic endeavor to date. Inspired by the beautiful music of Vivaldi, Li Yaming says he wanted to celebrate Coastal City Ballet's 5th anniversary by creating a new ballet in coordination with the dancers. "We have a wonderful group of talented dancers from all over the world and I wanted to work with them personally to create something special for this milestone our company has reached," he says.

Coastal City Ballet is excited to perform the world premiere "Suites - Bach" by Vancouver's world renowned choreographer Wen Wei Wang, recipient of the Clifford E. Lee choreographic Award and the Rio Tinto Alcan and Isadora Awards for Choreography. "Suites - Bach" is Wang's third world premiere for Coastal City Ballet and uses Bach's Suite for Cello No. 1 to complement the dancers. His company, Wen Wei Dance, has toured across Canada five times, and has presented works at dance festivals around the world including the International Dance Festival in Vancouver.

Joshua Beamish, Artistic Director of MOVE: the company, is a celebrated local choreographer who has worked with dancers from The Royal Ballet, New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theatre and more. Originally from Kelowna, British Columbia, Joshua returns to his former school Pacific DanceArts, home to Coastal City Ballet, to choreograph the world premiere "Standing at the Gates". "It's great to be at Pacific DanceArts with the 25 members of Coastal City Ballet. I thoroughly enjoy being back here with the next generation of professional dancers," says Joshua. Set to the music of Marc Mellits, "Standing at the Gates" is an exciting piece, showcasing the diverse talents of the young vibrant dancers of Coastal City Ballet.

A truly spectacular, *Paquita* is one of the most memorable ballets by legendary choreographer, Marius Petipa. Originally a full three-act ballet, *Paquita* is now mostly performed as a classical showpiece. Set to the music of Ludwig Minkus, this Spanish brilliance cannot be missed. "*Paquita* displays the technical ability of our dancers through exquisite precision by the corps, a stunning pas de deux by the leads and beautiful costumes," says Yaming. "We're thrilled to be able to provide Vancouver audiences with classical ballet for the fifth season in a row."

LISTING INFORMATION:

COASTAL CITY BALLET PRESENTS "Fall for Ballet"

North Vancouver

Date:

Ticket prices:

Address:

Box Office:

Website:

Centennial Theatre Centre

November 9, 2015 at 8:00 pm

\$30 Adults, \$22 Students/Seniors, \$20 for Groups of 10

2300 Lonsdale Ave. North Vancouver, B.C.

www.ctcboxoffice@northvanrec.com / 604.984.4484

www.coastalcityballet.com

Surrey

Date:

Ticket prices:

Address:

Box Office:

Website:

Surrey Arts Centre, Main Stage

November 19, 2015 at 8:00 pm

\$30 Adults, \$22 Students/Seniors, \$20 for Groups of 10

13750 88 Avenue, Surrey, BC

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Monday, November 9th • 8pm | Centennial Theatre,
North Vancouver
Thursday, November 19th • 8pm | Surrey Arts Centre, Surrey

FALL FOR BALLET



PAQUITA

WITH NEW CHOREOGRAPHY BY:

WEN WEI WANG

JOSHUA BEAMISH

LI YAMING

30\$ ADULTS | 22\$ STUDENTS/SENIORS | 20\$ GROUPS OF 10+/CHILDREN UNDER 12

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