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Coastal City Ballet performs *Fall for Ballet 2018* showcasing local talent alongside world-renowned choreography

Diverse mixed repertoire performance includes award-winning choreography, timeless classics and a world premiere

VANCOUVER, BC - Coastal City Ballet opens its 8th season with the mixed repertoire program ***Fall for Ballet*** on **November 24, 2018** at **Chief Sepass Theatre in Fort Langley**. The evening's program showcases the diverse local and international talents of Coastal City Ballet with award-winning choreography by Ben Stevenson, a world premiere by local choreographer Thys Armstrong, and excerpts from the timeless classics *Raymonda* and *Don Quixote*. From Minkus, to Glazunov, to Rachmaninoff, the display on stage will leave you wanting more, and perhaps even make you fall for ballet itself.

The award-winning *Three Preludes* was created by Ben Stevenson in 1969 and is performed to selections of Sergei Rachmaninoff's Preludes. This popular work has been performed in the repertoires of many companies about the world, including American Ballet Theatre, Paris Opera Ballet, and La Scala Ballet. The gentle, loving pas de deux is comprised of three movements that develop in both speed and intensity as the emotion between the dancers evolves into passion. *Three Preludes* was awarded the Gold medal for choreography at the International Ballet Competition in Varna, Bulgaria in 1972.

Also on the bill is world-premiere choreography by Thys Armstrong. "*Night Sweats* dives into the world of dreams and scratchy bedsheets. Lying awake in bed, skirting the lines between awareness and sleep, the dancers begin to breathe life into whatever warped visions float around their less conscious minds." Anchoring the performance will be selections from Petipa's classical ballets *Raymonda* and *Don Quixote*. First performed at the Mariinsky in 1898, *Raymonda* features music by Alexander Glazunov. Coastal City Ballet performs the most celebrated passage, *Pas de dix*. *Don Quixote* is a classical ballet staged in four Acts with music by Ludwig Minkus. Coastal City Ballet performs the enchanting Dream scene in which Don Quixote encounters beautiful maidens and his love Dulcinea. "The Dream scene displays the technical ability of our dancers through exquisite precision by the corps, stunning solos by the leads and beautiful costumes and scenery to set the mood," comments Artistic Director, Katrina Bois.

Langley native Sharon Collins joins the company as a dancer and is excited to perform in her hometown. "Growing up in Langley, I always dreamed of being a professional dancer. While I had to train outside the city, Langley is still my home. That's why I am so honored to be involved in this world-class production that is being offered to Langley residents," says Collins.



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 numerous 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 Li Yaming, among others.

LISTING INFORMATION:

Coastal City Ballet presents:

Fall for Ballet

Date:

Saturday, November 24, 7pm

Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$30 Students/Seniors: \$25 Groups of 10+: \$20

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