



Press Release

MOSCOW CITY BALLET TO PERFORM ROMEO & JULIET AT DUBAI OPERA

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 17 September 2017: Dubai Opera, together with Van Cleef & Arpels, is pleased to announce that it will welcome the Moscow City Ballet and Orchestra to the stage from 19 – 21 April 2018 for three spectacular performances of Shakespeare's much-loved tale, Romeo and Juliet. Tickets will be available from midday on Wednesday 20th September.

One of the best-known love stories of all time, Romeo and Juliet is the enduring tragic tale of two young star-crossed lovers whose untimely deaths ultimately unite their feuding families. Romeo and Juliet was completed in 1935 by acclaimed Russian composer Sergey Prokofiev, but only first performed as a complete ballet in 1938.

Set against the sumptuous setting of Renaissance Italy, Victor Smirnov Golovanov's masterful interpretation of Shakespeare's romantic tragedy perfectly marries with the exquisite musical score by Prokofiev to create the powerful and dazzling production.

Outstanding principals, stunning soloists and a sublime corps de ballet are enhanced by the dynamic vitality of a live orchestra to create a dazzling dance tapestry of dramatic sword fighting scenes, haunting death spectres and synchronised ball sequences. Led by principal dancers Yulia Zhuravleva (Juliet) and Dmitry Lazovik (Romeo), audiences will be mesmerised by the haunting rendition of the beloved story of star-crossed lovers.

Founded in 1988 by distinguished Russian choreographer Victor Smirnov-Golovanov, the Moscow City Ballet is renowned for the perfection of its corps de ballet in the best traditions of the Russian school of classical ballet. One of Russia's most extensively toured ballet companies, the Moscow City Ballet has performed at iconic venues across the world.

Dubai Opera's Chief Executive, Jasper Hope, commented: "I am so looking forward to enjoying the world's greatest love story performed by a great Russian ballet company and a fantastic live orchestra in the splendour and intimacy of Dubai Opera. From the moment they meet to their tragic final embrace, Shakespeare's story of Romeo and Juliet accompanied by Prokofiev's score is a favourite with audiences young and old around the world."

Tickets for Romeo and Juliet will be available to purchase from midday on 20 September on the Dubai Opera website. Romeo and Juliet is proudly sponsored by Van Cleef & Arpels.

For more details, visit: [Dubai Opera website](#)

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Note to Editors

About Dubai Opera:

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also stages musical theatre, fashion shows, jazz, comedy, family shows and a full range of live entertainment.

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