



Press Release

STARS OF AMERICAN BALLET TO GRACE THE DUBAI OPERA STAGE IN MARCH 2019

Dubai, UAE, 6 May 2018 – Dubai Opera, in partnership with Van Cleef & Arpels, today announced it will be welcoming the esteemed *Stars of American Ballet* on Friday 8 March 2019. Stars of American Ballet will take to the stage to mesmerize audiences with two spectacular performances at 2pm and 8pm.

Stars of American Ballet will present a programme including works by Ulbricht, Pepita, Forsyth, Tony Award winning choreographer Christopher Wheeldon of *An American in Paris* fame and 'Who Cares', a piece by New York City Ballet's co-founder and founding choreographer George Balanchine to the songs of George Gershwin.

Stars of American Ballet travels all over the United States and abroad to bring the highest calibre of dancers and performances to places that are hungry for world class dance. Founded and directed by New York City Ballet principal dancer Daniel Ulbricht, who works alongside Executive Director Andrew Robertson, the mission of Stars of American Ballet is to see people entertained, educated, uplifted and inspired by the art of ballet and great dancing.

A principal dancer with New York City Ballet since 2007, Ulbricht is lauded as "one of the best male ballet dancers in New York" by Dance Magazine's Wendy Perron. Now coming to Dubai Opera in 2019, audiences can expect a series of moving performances that guarantees to have the audience on their feet in applause.

Dubai Opera's Chief Executive, Jasper Hope, commented: *"The Stars of American Ballet are an outstanding company and I am thrilled they've agreed to perform twice at Dubai Opera next March with a programme which includes pieces by New York City Ballet's co-founder and founding choreographer George Balanchine"*.

Tickets for *Stars of American Ballet* will be available to purchase from Monday 7 May 2018 at 4pm from www.dubaiopera.com. An early bird offer of 20% off all seat categories will also be available until 21 May, with tickets starting at only AED 140. *Stars of American Ballet* is proudly sponsored by Van Cleef & Arpels.

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Programme:

Apollo
Sing, Sing, Sing
White Swan Pas de Deux (Swan Lake)
After the Rain
Herman Schmermann Pas de Deux

George Balanchine
Daniel Ulbricht
Marius Petipa
Christopher Wheeldon
William Forsythe

Interval



Who Cares

George Balanchine

About Dubai Opera:

Dubai Opera is a truly unique venue and the city's first purpose built multi-format performing arts theatre, situated in the heart of Downtown Dubai. With an iconic dhow shaped design rooted in Emirati heritage, Dubai Opera offers the ultimate flexibility of a proscenium arch theatre, an acoustic concert hall and a 2000m2 flat floor event space, and is the definitive destination for quality entertainment productions and performances. Dubai Opera's stage will host an incredible array of world-class talent, with opera, ballet and classical music concerts and productions at the core, Dubai Opera will also stage musical theatre, fashion shows, jazz, comedy, family shows and a full range of live entertainment.

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