

Ballet Tucson: Dance & Dessert

Written by Jackie Stahl

Ballet Tucson is offering a performance fit for anyone's taste – literally. There is nothing sweeter going on in Tucson this weekend, March 12 through 14, than the company's annual Dance & Dessert showcase at the University of Arizona's Stevie Eller Dance Theatre. The best and most unique part is the post performance soiree where guests can tempt their palettes with decadent dessert from many of Tucson's favorite restaurants. Dance & Dessert is truly a treat for the eyes and the mouth.



Meredith Dulaney and Peter Lisanti in Ballet Tucson's "Hibiki"

Ballet Tucson will continue their tradition in working with renowned choreographer Antony Tudor with the premiere of his *Dark Elegies* this weekend at Dance & Dessert. Also on the dance menu is a Charleston-era ballet with choreography by Mark Schneider known as *Joplin*, as well as an interesting contemporary piece created by Chieko Imada's called *Hibiki*, which is set to kodo drums!



Jenna Johnson and Daniel Precup dance "The More Things Change."

"Ballet Tucson dancers are known for their refined artistry, powerful athleticism, and uncommon versatility. Dance & Dessert serves as the perfect vehicle for the artists to showcase their dynamic range of dance styles."

The exciting gourmet desserts will be served at a after-performance reception. Sweet tooths were delighted as last season's event featured more than 60 local restaurants that participated in Ballet Tucson's Dance & Dessert events.



Tickets are only \$25 for general admission. Groups of 10 persons or more can purchase tickets for only \$20 each. Tickets can be purchased by calling Ballet Tucson at 520.903.1445.

Schedule:

Friday, March 12 - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 13 - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 14 - 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Eller Dance Theatre
University of Arizona
1737 E. University Blvd.
Tucson, Arizona

Ballet Arizona is ran under the artistic direction of Mary Beth Cabana and is increasingly becoming a versatile and highly-regarded dance

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company in the US. Many of its signature dancers have even worked with top ballet organizations including the American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Ballet West, Alvin Ailey, Boston Ballet, and Dance Theatre of Harlem.



Ballet Tucson's popularity continues to grow and enables the company to claim its place as the premier dance company in Tucson and Southern Arizona."

Tucson locals can be on the look out for historic classics as well as innovative contemporary pieces in Ballet Tucson's agenda. The up and coming ballet also features an "exceptional" children's company of more than 100 students who perform with the professional dancers in such full-length productions as *The Nutcracker*, *Cinderella*, *Sleeping Beauty* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (May 22 and 23, 2010).

Visit www.ballettucson.org for more information on Ballet Arizona.