

NEWS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET

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The Australian Ballet's *Scent of Love*, *Swan Lake* and *The Nutcracker*. Photography Daniel Boud and Jeff Busby

The Australian Ballet announce full program for sold-out Ballet Under The Stars

The Australian Ballet has announced the full program for **Ballet Under The Stars**, its free outdoor event presented exclusively in Western Sydney at the **Sydney International Regatta Centre in Penrith**, on **Saturday 5 November 2016**.

A special excerpt performance from the sold-out Sydney season of Stephen Baynes' *Swan Lake* will be the highlight of the night. Presented alongside this performance of ballet's greatest love story will be five divertissements including *Scent of Love*, pas de deux's from *Le Corsaire*, *Flower Festival in Genzano*, *The Nutcracker* and a newly created pas de deux from *Spartacus*, by Lucas Jervies.

NSW Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events and Member for Penrith Stuart Ayres said, "To have Australia's premier ballet company presenting this magnificent free outdoor performance in Penrith is a real coup for Western Sydney."

"More than 12,000 people have registered to attend what is sure to be a spectacular evening of world class ballet. With the performance set against the backdrop of Penrith Lakes and the surrounding parklands, Ballet Under the Stars will be a major drawcard for visitors who are expected to inject over \$1.3 million into the local visitor economy during the next three years."

Artistic Director of The Australian Ballet, David McAllister said, "We're thrilled to be returning to NSW to perform in such a picturesque setting. Dancing *Swan Lake* by Penrith Lakes will be incredibly special and our mixed program will showcase the athleticism, diversity and grace of our dancers. There's something for everyone."

"It's a wonderful family event and it's sure to be a magical performance as the sun sets against this beautiful natural background," McAllister added.

Ballet Under the Stars is a free outdoor performance of world-class ballet in Penrith supported by our **Strategic Partner Destination NSW** and **Major Partner Penrith City Council**.

Event Information

This event is fully booked. Please bring your printed ticket with you to gain access to the event. Electronic tickets will not be accepted. Food, beverages and merchandise will be available to purchase on the day.

On Saturday Sydney Trains is planning the closure of the Western Line between Granville and St Marys/Penrith/Richmond. Buses will replace these train services and will also run directly between the Central Station and the Venue. Please check australianballet.com.au/penrith to help plan your trip.

4.00pm Gates open
5.30pm Dancers Class on Stage
7.00pm Interval break
7.30pm Performance begins
8.25pm Interval break
9.20pm Performance concludes

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