

Single tickets to The Australian Ballet's 2016 season go on sale next week, along with an exciting program of behind-the-scenes events



Photo by Justin Ridler

Previously only available as part of a 2016 subscription, individual tickets for all productions in The Australian Ballet's 2016 season will go on sale at **9am AEDT on Thursday 28 January 2016**. This year the national company performs in **Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide**, and each season is accompanied by unique behind-the-scenes events to perfectly complement the mainstage productions.

The Australian Ballet 2016 season

Cinderella

Everyone's favourite fairytale - with a twist. Witty, vibrant, glamorous and romantic, Alexei Ratmansky's *Cinderella* will sweep audiences off their feet. After sell-out seasons in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, this smash-hit crowd-pleaser heads north to bewitch audiences in an exclusive Brisbane season.

BRIS 19-24 FEB (6 performances)

Lyric Theatre, QPAC

Vitesse

In a heart-pounding night of modern ballet, three of the world's greatest contemporary choreographers - Christopher Wheeldon, Jiří Kylián and William Forsythe - shake the artform to its foundations.

MEL 11-21 MAR (11 performances)

State Theatre, Arts Centre Melbourne

SYD 26 APR-16 MAY (11 performances)

Joan Sutherland Theatre, Sydney Opera House

Swan Lake

From the first yearning bars of Tchaikovsky's score, *Swan Lake* casts an otherworldly spell. With its bewitched Swan Queen, its doomed Prince, its glittering villainess and its drifts of white tutus, this is the ultimate night at the ballet.

SYD 1-20 APR (21 performances)

Joan Sutherland Theatre, Sydney Opera House

ADE 26-31 MAY (6 performances)

Festival Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre

MEL 7-18 JUNE (14 performances)

State Theatre, Arts Centre Melbourne

Symphony in C

Spins, leaps and lifts: *Symphony in C* is dance at its most exhilarating. This all-thrills double bill offers George Balanchine's tutu extravaganza alongside a gala program of glittering party pieces and two new works from The Australian Ballet's emerging choreographic stars.

SYD 29 APR-14 MAY (9 performances)

Joan Sutherland Theatre, Sydney Opera House

Romeo and Juliet

Melbourne audiences will swoon for one of the USA's leading ballet companies when Houston Ballet presents its vibrant, sensual new production of *Romeo and Juliet*. Acclaimed Australian choreographer Stanton Welch's traditional production is faithful to the Shakespearean tale, brimming with swordplay, bawdy humour and tragic love, all set to Sergei Prokofiev's heartrending score.

MEL 30 JUNE-9 JULY (12 performances)

State Theatre, Arts Centre Melbourne

Nijinsky

Celebrity, visionary, muse: Vaslav Nijinsky changed dance forever with his explosive leap and his shockingly sensual choreography, before a dark descent into madness ended his career. John Neumeier, one of the greatest living choreographers of the story ballet, charts Nijinsky's rise and fall through the vivid memories unfolding in the dancer's mind during his last performance in a Swiss hotel.

MEL 7-17 SEPT (11 performances)

State Theatre, Arts Centre Melbourne

ADE 14-19 OCT (6 performances)

Festival Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre

SYD 11-28 NOV (19 performances)

Joan Sutherland Theatre, Sydney Opera House

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Coppélia

This sparkling tale of magic and mischief romps along to Delibes' lilting score. It's amusing fun for the whole family – but its playful confusion of girl and doll packs a contemporary punch in the “uncanny valley” of the modern era.

MEL 23 SEPT-1 OCT (11 performances)

Palais Theatre, Lower Esplanade, St Kilda

SYD 2-21 DEC (22 performances)

Joan Sutherland Theatre, Sydney Opera House

Step Inside The Australian Ballet in 2016

Peek behind the curtain, try out your ballet shoes or delve deeper into the mainstage programs with these special events (all held at the mainstage performance venues, except where specified).

Boys' Day

Take a boys-only class taught by a male dancer of The Australian Ballet, then watch the daily ritual of company class.

BRIS 20 FEB

SYD 2 APR, 12 NOV

MEL 10 SEPT

ADE 15 OCT

Tickets \$29

Brisbane Open Day

Take part in a free ballet class with Artistic Director David McAllister, then meet dancers of the company.

BRIS 21 FEB at the Courier Mail Piazza

10am-12.30pm

FREE

Q&A

Stay behind after the show for a special Q&A with Artistic Director David McAllister and a panel of artistic staff and dancers.

BRIS 22 FEB

MEL 14 MAR, 13 JUNE, 4 JULY, 12 SEPT, 26 SEPT

SYD 11 APR, 9 MAY, 21 NOV

ADE 30 MAY, 17 OCT

FREE

Behind the Scenes

A unique behind-the-scenes look at the life of a dancer. Watch the Company take their daily morning class, and then see two lead dancers in a private coaching session as they prepare for an upcoming performance.

BRIS 24 FEB

MEL 15 MAR, 16 JUNE, 5 JULY, 13 SEPT

SYD 14 APR, 22 NOV, 6 DEC

ADE 31 MAY, 18 OCT

11.30am-12.30pm

Tickets \$19-\$39

McAllister in Conversation

Artistic Director David McAllister hosts an intimate talk with a luminary from the ballet world.

MEL 12 MAR, 11 JUNE, 2 JULY, 10 SEPT

SYD 2 APR, 30 APR, 12 NOV, 3 DEC

ADE 28 MAY

5pm-5.45pm

Tickets \$25

In the Middle Program

Elevate your heartrate with this 45-minute, fully staged performance of William Forsythe's ground-breaking *In the Middle, Somewhat Elevated*.

MEL 17 MAR

SYD 4 MAY

12.30pm-1.15pm

Tickets \$29-\$40

The Black Swan Program

In this fascinating 45-minute performance, learn about the villainous Black Swan from Stephen Baynes' *Swan Lake*.

SYD 12 APR

MEL 9 JUNE

12.30pm-1.15pm

Tickets \$29-\$40

Once Upon a Time: Coppélia

This special one-hour version of family favourite *Coppélia* is performed live on stage and narrated by one of the characters. Perfect for little ballet fans.

MEL 30 SEPT

SYD 20 DEC

12.30pm-1.30pm

Tickets \$40-\$75

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