



DANCE VICTORIA

THE WORLD'S BEST DANCE

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Dance Victoria Announces 2017/18 Season with the Return of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater for One Night Only!

VICTORIA, B.C. – For its 21st season, Dance Victoria brings the *World's Best Dance* to Victoria with a roster of riveting and relevant dance performances choreographed by some of world's leading male and female choreographers.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater returns to Victoria for ONE NIGHT ONLY on May 1, 2018 for a special performance. Recognized as a vital "Cultural Ambassador to the World", the company has performed for over 23 million people in 48 states and in 71 countries, celebrating the African-American cultural experience and the American modern dance tradition. You don't just see an Ailey performance, you *feel* it. The program of contemporary works will engage your emotions and touch on timely topics. *Only Dance Victoria subscribers can buy Ailey tickets before sales are open to the general public on November 20, 2017.*

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, a Victoria premiere, kicks off the *Dance at the Royal Series* on November 17 and 18, 2017 featuring choreography by three leading dance-makers from Spain and Finland. Now in its 20th year, the 11-person ensemble, under the direction of two former Joffrey Ballet (Chicago) principals, has a dual-city business model with Aspen, Colorado and Santa Fe, Mexico, and nurtures long-term relationships with global choreographers. The Triple Bill will include *1st Flash* by Jorma Elo, *Silent Ghost* by Alejandro Cerrudo and *Huma Rojo* by Cayetano Soto.

On February 2 and 3, 2018, **ODC/Dance** returns to Victoria with two powerful, dynamic works by the company's co-artistic directors including *Dead Reckoning* exploring the anxiety, indifference and panic brought on by a world transformed and threatened by climate change, and a new work, *What we carry What we keep*.

Company Wayne McGregor, resident Company of Sadler's Wells, London, brings 10 incredible dancers to the Royal Theatre on March 16 and 17, 2018 to perform the hauntingly beautiful *Atomos*. McGregor CBE is a leading contemporary choreographer and The Royal Ballet's first Resident Choreographer. Atomizing bodies, movement, film, sound and light, audience members will be invited to wear 3D glasses for a completely unique sensory experience.

Ballet Hispánico concludes the *Dance at the Royal Series* on April 6 and 7, 2018 with an eclectic evening of new works by three Latina choreographers that includes a fiery homage to flamenco and a deeply personal work, *Catorce Dieciséis* by Mexico's Tania Pérez-Salas,



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set to a rich score of classical music and opera.

In addition to the *Dance at the Royal Series*, **Alberta Ballet's** beloved *The Nutcracker* accompanied by the Victoria Symphony will be performed December 1 through 3, 2017. Extravagant bejeweled sets and gorgeous costumes by Emmy-Award winner Zack Brown recreate 19th century Russia with the captivating magic of a wonderfully illustrated children's book. Early bird *Nutcracker* tickets will be available to the public from August 15 through to September 30, 2017.

As part of Dance Days 2018, **Dancers of Damelahamid** bring Margaret Grenier's *Flicker* to the McPherson Playhouse for ONE NIGHT ONLY on January 19, 2018. Grenier aims to preserve the Gitksan people's traditional songs and dances, and make them accessible for new generations. The First Nations contemporary work incorporates multimedia technology, incredible costumes and music to express a story about a young man who discovers his potential.

"All of the companies in our season next year have all been responsive and adaptive to their communities, experimenting, growing and changing to find new opportunities to augment their offerings. Their works are timely and timeless, and sometimes touch on difficult topics, but they're asking us to connect and really experience something special together in the theatre," said Stephen White, Executive Producer, Dance Victoria.

How to Buy Tickets

- The 2017/18 *Dance at the Royal Series* subscriptions begin from \$192 and are on sale now to current subscribers. Subscriptions will be available to *new* subscribers beginning **April 10, 2017** (Box Office: 250-386-6121 or DanceVictoria.com). Subscribers **save up to \$83** over regular prices.
- Single tickets for *Dance at the Royal Series* shows begin at \$29 and will go on sale **September 5, 2017**.
- Single tickets for Alvin Ailey will go on sale **November 20, 2017**.
- Learn about Pay Your Age (12-29 yrs.) and Night Moves (30-45 yrs.) [ticket options \(https://dancevictoria.com/performances/tickets/\)](https://dancevictoria.com/performances/tickets/).

About Dance Victoria

About to embark on its 21st season this fall, Dance Victoria brings the World's Best Dance to the Royal Theatre and supports the development of new dance for the international stage from its studios in Quadra Village. Dance Victoria is a non-profit charitable society. DanceVictoria.com