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**Brazil's Nationally Acclaimed Dance Troupe, *Grupo Corpo*, in a Dazzling Double Bill
From February 25 through February 28, 2021
Dance Victoria's Virtual Home Season**

Virtuosic Dancers Bring Passion, Power & Brazilian Rhythms

VICTORIA, B.C. – Dance Victoria is presenting Brazil's nationally acclaimed, wildly popular dance company, [Grupo Corpo](http://GrupoCorpo.com), as part of its Virtual Home Season from February 25 through to February 28, 2021 on DanceVictoria.com.

Grupo Corpo, known for its unique fusion of the precision of ballet with the laid-back allure of Latin American influences, will share two signature works created by resident choreographer Rodrigo Pederneiras: *Parabelo* and *Dança Sinfônica*.

Founded in 1975 in Belo Horizonte by Paulo Pederneiras, Grupo Corpo is a company that embodies Brazil in all its diversity and infuses ballet with traits rooted in Brazilian culture. With scores specially written for each production, Grupo Corpo's creations are renowned for their highly refined stage and lighting designs, innovative costumes and compelling choreography.

Parabelo, the "most Brazilian and the most regional" of the company's works, is suffused with the culture of north-eastern Brazil and its back country, the poor and arid *sertão*, whose music and dance freely mixes folk traditions from indigenous Brazilian, European, and African sources. *Parabelo* opens with the slow pounding of hammers, evoking not only toil, but the weapon of the northeast sun, the "sol parabelo", that is so hot it kills. Expect exuberant hip swaying and foot stomping, and an explosive, energetic finale.

"*Parabelo* draws inspiration from the art of the northeast, a very poor region where life is really hard, but the paintings people do there are full of colour, and the music is absolutely happy—the dances too. That, for me, is a great paradox. It's almost the opposite of what their lives are like," explains Pederneiras.

Dança Sinfônica was choreographed for the company's 40th anniversary in 2015, features an original symphonic score, and over 1,000 photo projections of every person who has danced or worked for Grupo Corpo over the years. The 90-member Philharmonic Orchestra of Minas Gerais, along with unique sounds of Brazilian experimental group Uakti, perform the music. Memories are woven together climaxing in an exquisite pas de deux which



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Pederneiras, whose residence with the company spans a period of over thirty years, calls *"the best that he has ever worked on."*

Ticket holders to the virtual *Grupo Corpo* program enjoy a password-protected HD video presentation available from Thursday, February 25 at 5 pm until Sunday, February 28 at 10 pm. Extras include a pre-show conversation with Rodrigo Pederneiras and Dr. Allana Lindgren, University of Victoria's Associate Dean of Fine Arts and a dance historian; detailed program notes with complete casting, a signature cocktail video demonstration with [Cascadia Liquor](#), messages from the show's sponsors, discount offers from local retailers and more – all accessible from DanceVictoria.com.

"They are trained to pirouette as expertly as they samba or shimmy, and the steps seem to pour out of their sleek, supple limbs with unstoppable force." - THE GUARDIAN

"The virtuosic dancers of the Brazilian troupe Grupo Corpo carry fire in their veins and history in their muscles. They bring to life — with undulating hips and slip-sliding joints, jittering or stomping feet, and roiling shoulders — the works of house choreographer Rodrigo Pederneiras." - THE BOSTON GLOBE

Grupo Corpo

Thurs, February 25 – Available 5 pm

Friday, February 26 – All Day

Saturday, February 27 – All Day

Sunday, February 28 – Ends 10 pm

How To Buy

Online at DanceVictoria.com \$25/show

Dance Victoria's (Virtual) Home Season in 2021:

[Grupo Corpo](#) | Feb 25-28, 2021 - Watch Together/Chat After: Saturday, Feb 27, 5 p.m.
[Bereishit Dance Company](#) | Apr 8-11, 2021 - Watch Together/Chat After: Saturday, Apr 10, 5 p.m.



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About Grupo Corpo

The contemporary Brazilian dance company, Grupo Corpo, was founded in 1975 by Paulo Pederneiras. The company's trademark style combines classical technique with a contemporary re-reading of popular Brazilian dance forms that push the limits of technical rigor. Today, having created 35 choreographies and more than 2,300 pieces, the Brazilian dance company maintains 10 ballets in its repertoire and gives 80 performances a year in places as distinctive as Iceland and South Korea, the United States and Lebanon, Canada, Italy, Singapore, the Netherlands, Israel, France, Japan and Mexico.

About Dance Victoria

Dance Victoria brings the *World's Best Dance* to the Royal Theatre and to your home 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

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