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## **A Canadian Premiere! Ballet Hispánico's *Doña Perón* Offers Intriguing Glimpse into the Life of Eva "Evita" Perón**

Royal Theatre, April 8 + 9, 2022, 7:30 pm

VICTORIA, B.C. – [Ballet Hispánico](http://BalletHispánico.com), New York's premier Latinx dance organization, brings the Canadian premiere of *Doña Perón*, a new full-length contemporary ballet to the Royal Theatre on April 8 and 9, 2022. Tickets start at \$29 and are on sale now at [DanceVictoria.com](http://DanceVictoria.com).

*Doña Perón* celebrates one of the most spellbinding women in South American history. Eva "Evita" Perón rose from dancehall performer to First Lady of Argentina before her untimely death at 33 years old. She became powerful within the pro-Peronist trade unions, primarily for speaking on behalf of labour rights. Perón also ran the Ministries of Labour and Health, founded the charitable Eva Perón Foundation, championed women's suffrage in Argentina, and ran the nation's first large-scale Female Peronist Party. She has become a part of international popular culture, most famously as the subject of the musical *Evita* (1976) and later the movie (1996) starring Madonna. Ballet Hispánico's contemporary ballet takes an empowering view into the little-known aspects of her personal life that shaped her into such a beloved public figure.

Starting from Evita's fear of sleeping alone, the ballet weaves episodes of her life into a collection of moving snapshots that piece together an extraordinary new picture of her as a leader and agent of change. Sumptuous, surprising, and instantly popular—like Evita herself—*Doña Perón* is choreographed by Belgian-Colombian **Annabelle Lopez Ochoa**, the internationally-renowned creator of the Scottish Ballet's *A Streetcar Named Desire* which received the Critics' Circle National Dance Award for "Best Classical Choreography" and was nominated for the prestigious Olivier Award for Best New Dance Production the following year. Set to music by the ballet composer Peter Salem, *Doña Perón* will make its world premiere in the U.S. just prior to its Canadian premiere in Victoria as part of the Company's national tour.

Join us for a free, pre-show chat at 6:50 pm in the West (Blanshard Street) Lobby of the Royal Theatre with a member of the Company and Dr. Allana Lindgren, University of Victoria's Acting Dean of Fine Arts and dance historian.

**Ballet Hispánico**  
**Royal Theatre**  
Friday, April 8, 7:30 pm  
Saturday, April 9, 7:30 pm



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## How To Buy Tickets

**Tickets include optional livestreaming from the Royal Theatre to your home in lieu of attending in-person (your seat will not be sold, even if you opt to watch from home).**

**In Person:** Visit [the Royal or McPherson Box Offices](#), Monday to Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (Royal closed 1:00 – 1:30 pm daily)

**Phone:** 250-386-6121 or Toll Free 1-888-717-6121

**Online @** [DanceVictoria.com](http://DanceVictoria.com)

Prices include GST, credit card fees and ticket surcharges.

Visit [DanceVictoria.com](http://DanceVictoria.com) to learn about [ticket options](#) including Pay Your Age (PYA) (ages 12 to 29) and Night Moves (NM) (ages 30 to 45).

**A two-show mini subscription (Ballet BC and Ballet Hispánico) is available until March 12, 2022, for savings of up to \$37.50.**

### Single Tickets (Non-Subscriber Prices)

Premium	\$96.50
A	\$85.50
B	\$65.50
C+	\$35.00
C	\$29.00

### Two-Show Mini Sub Prices (until Mar 12)

Premium	\$155.50 (you save \$37.50)
A	\$139.00 (you save \$32.00)
B	\$106.50 (you save \$24.50)
NM-A	\$95.50 (you save \$19.00)
NM-B	\$84.50 (you save \$13.50)

**Discount Flex Pass (four tickets to use in any combination):** \$299 (A seats) & \$233 (B seats)

## About Ballet Hispánico

Ballet Hispánico celebrates 50 years of access to dance, education and diversity bringing communities together to celebrate and explore Latinx cultures through innovative dance productions, transformative dance training, and community engagement. Founded in 1970, the organization emerged during the post-civil rights movement on New York's Upper West Side, providing a safe haven for primarily Black and Brown Latinx youth seeking artistic sanctuary during New York City's plight in the 1970s. The need for place, both culturally and artistically, led families to find Ballet Hispánico. Over the past five decades, by leading with Latinx culture at the forefront of performance, education, and advocacy, Ballet Hispánico's mission is a catalyst of change and possibility for communities worldwide. The Company is also committed to staging works by female, Latinx choreographers.



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### About Annabelle Lopez Ochoa

Annabelle Lopez Ochoa has been choreographing since 2003 following a 12-year dance career in various contemporary dance companies throughout Europe. She has created works on 60 companies worldwide including Ballet Hispánico, Cincinnati Ballet, Compañía Nacional de Danza, Dutch National Ballet, Finnish National Ballet, Royal Ballet of Flanders, Ballet du Grand Théâtre de Genève, Göteborg Ballet, Joffrey Ballet, BJM-Danse Montréal, New York City Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Pennsylvania Ballet, Tulsa Ballet, English National Ballet, San Francisco Ballet and Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, to name a few. She is the recipient of the Jacob's Pillow Dance Award 2019.

### Health & Safety

The health of our patrons, performers, staff, and community is very important to us. Dance Victoria and the Royal and McPherson Theatres Society follow recommendations from the Public Health Office to ensure the communicative diseases safety plan meets all current standards. Please visit [rmts.bc.ca](http://rmts.bc.ca) for their ticketing policy and the most up-to-date safety guidelines while attending theatre events.

### 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](http://DanceVictoria.com)

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