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LES GRANDS BALLETS IS GOING ON TOUR

Montreal, November 3, 2022 – Les Grands Ballets is pleased to announce that it will go on tour around Quebec in November 2022, before heading to Ottawa from December 1 to 4 to present *The Nutcracker* by Fernand Nault. In spring 2023, the company will be in Sherbrooke to perform *REQUIEM* by Andrew Skeels.

From November 5 to 14, 2022, the company will have the pleasure to tour Quebec with a mixed program of recent creations by figures of the new generation of choreographers and works from the repertoire. This program will give the public the opportunity to discover excerpts from *The Four Seasons* by Mauro Bigonzetti, from *The Nutcracker* by Fernand Nault and *Symphonie No7* by Uwe Scholz, as well as *Les bourgeois* by Ben Van Cauwenbergh, *Fukuoka* by Marcos Morau, and other surprises. In Quebec's Grand Théâtre, the program will be completed by *Stabat MATER*, a striking work by choreographer Edward Clug.

The tour will include Gaspé, Rimouski, Baie-Comeau and Québec.

"It has been 25 years since we last did a tour across the province. I thought it was important to make ballet accessible throughout the territory, not only in Montreal and major centers." - Ivan Cavallari, artistic director of Les Grands Ballets

For the very first time, the company will perform in Gaspé, bringing the biggest artistic and production team the Centre de création et de diffusion de Gaspé has ever seen. The tour will also make up for an absence of 35 years in Rimouski and 25 years in Baie-Comeau.

"What a joy to be able to dance in the St-Lawrence estuary! I was born in Baie-Saint-Paul, so this area holds a very special place in my heart. After performing all around the world, I feel very fortunate to dance on local stages, in front of a different audience than our metropolis."
- Raphaël Bouchard, Les Grands Ballets Canadiens' principal dancer

At the beginning of December, six performances of *The Nutcracker* by Fernand Nault will be held in Ottawa, for the first time since 2006. Finally, the dancers will perform in Sherbrooke at the end of March with *REQUIEM* by Andrew Skeels, a creation that will be unveiled a few days before at Place des Arts in Montreal. By next Spring, over 17,000 spectators will have been reached by the company.

Tour dates

Quebec tour - November 2022

Mixed program

Gaspé, Centre de création et de diffusion
November 5, 2022

Rimouski, Salle Desjardins-Telus
November 8, 2022

Baie-Comeau, Centre des Arts
November 11, 2022

Québec, Grand Théâtre de Québec / salle Louis-Frédette
November 14, 2022

Ottawa - December 1 to 4, 2022

The Nutcracker

National Arts Center, Southam Hall

Sherbrooke - March 28, 2023

REQUIEM

Centre culturel de l'Université de Sherbrooke - Salle Maurice-O'Bready

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About Les Grands Ballets

A creation and production company, Les Grands Ballets Canadiens is devoted to the development of dance in all its forms, building on the discipline of classical ballet.

Under the artistic direction of Ivan Cavallari, some fifty Canadian and international dancers - accompanied by Les Grands Ballets Orchestra - bring the great classics of ballet to the stage, as well as the creations and repertoire of established and emerging contemporary artists.

Located in the heart of Montréal's Quartier des spectacles, Les Grands Ballets is wholly committed to give to as many people as possible access to dance, whether through the Nutcracker Fund for Children, leisure activities in the Grands Ballets STUDIOS or with the National Centre for Dance Therapy (NCDT), which is devoted to greater wellbeing through the benefits of dance.

Through the excellence of its productions and the scope of its cultural and social actions, the company seeks to inspire discovery and conjure emotions, stimulate the imagination, convey a passion for dance and create a lasting impact.

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