

# LES GRANDSBALLETS

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DANCING  
**BEETHOVEN**  
SYMPHONIES — N° **5** & **7**  
BY GARRETT SMITH & UWE SCHOLZ



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**February 19 to 23, 2020**  
**Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier, Place des Arts**

**Montreal, January 10, 2020** – From February 19 to 23, **Les Grands Ballets Canadiens** is presenting **Beethoven's Symphonies No. 5 and No. 7** – two immense works by the great composer to observe the **250th anniversary** of the birth of this monumental figure in classical music.

The American **Garrett Smith** will open the evening with the remarkable *Symphony No. 5*, one of the world's most important and recognized symphonies. Drawing inspiration from the differences and singularity of each of us, Smith creates a piece celebrating the power that can

result from acceptance of our individuality and the excitement stemming from the discovery of a uniqueness regained when masks fall.

In the second part, a bequest from the late **Uwe Scholz**. The dancers, in symbiosis with the majestic music of Symphony No. 7, will present a work that produces, with its athletic achievements and its geometry danced in unison, a leitmotif effect. Performed to open the 2017 season, the gifted German choreographer's work instantly won over the hearts of Montrealers.

**The Grands Ballets Orchestra** will be conducted by **Dina Gilbert, the company's Principal Conductor**. The ensemble consists of 70 top-level musicians and soloists, and for over thirty years has been a factor in Les Grands Ballets' success.

#### **Educational Matinée**

On Friday, February 21, the show will be staged at 1:15 p.m. as an Educational Matinée. At a cost of **\$15 for students**, this is an excellent way of introducing young people to neoclassical and contemporary styles of ballet.

**Les Grands Ballets wishes to thank Hydro-Québec, the title sponsor of the show, and Dentons, the evening sponsor.**

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