

LES GRANDSBALLETS

**THE SOIRÉE DES ÉTOILES:
A DAZZLING EVENING WITH THE WORLD'S FINEST DANCERS!
MAY 30 AND 31 AND JUNE 1 AT SALLE WILFRID-PELLETIER**

Montreal, April 18, 2019 – The dancers of **Les Grands Ballets** will celebrate the end of the season in the company of the finest dancers in the world at the *Soirée des Étoiles*. Following the tradition of prestigious European galas, artistic director **Ivan Cavallari** will be presenting some of the stars of the international scene, who will perform in a program made up of pieces that audiences love. The evening will open with a number presented by students at the **École supérieure de Ballet du Québec** (ESBQ) and will be punctuated by songs performed by **Les Petits chanteurs du Mont-Royal**. For three evenings only, the best of classical dance will come together onstage at **Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier**, on May **30 and 31 and June 1**. A dazzling and exhilarating event is in store!

On the program for this evening*:

Performed by guest dancers:

Sérénade (George Balanchine)

Dancers from the ESBQ

Flammes de Paris, pas de deux (Vassili Vainonen)

Yolanda Correa & Alejandro Virelles, from Cuba

Le Corsaire (Joseph Mazilier)

Adiarys Almeida & Taras Domitro, from Cuba

Soul, pas de deux (Andonis Foniadakis)

Ballets jazz de Montréal

La Esmeralda, pas de deux (Marius Petipa)

Liudmila Konovalova of the Wiener Staatsballett & **Dinu Tamazlacaru** of the Staatsballet Berlin

Musical interludes by Les Petits chanteurs du Mont-Royal



Performed by the dancers of Les Grands Ballets:

Paquita (Joseph Mazilier & Paul Foucher)

Blushing (Peter Quanz)

Vessel (Andrew Skeels) – CREATION

Ballet 101 (Eric Gauthier)

André Santos, demi-soloist

Beethoven's 5th Symphony, excerpt – **PREMIERE PERFORMANCE**** (Garrett Smith)

Dov'è la Luna (Jean-Christophe Maillot)

Raphaël Bouchard, soloist, and Maude Sabourin

Four Seasons, solo (Mauro Bigonzetti)

Hervé Courtain, first soloist***

The public can find out more and get tickets for the Grands Ballets *Soirée des Étoiles* by visiting grandsballets.com.

*Performances listed randomly.

** This program will be staged in its entirety at Les Grands Ballets' Soirée Beethoven in February 2020.

*** Hervé Courtain will be presenting his final solo as a Grands Ballets First soloist; he will become ballet master for the company in the fall of 2019.

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