

San Diego *Ballet*

2024-2025 Season

DESTINATION DANCE

San Diego Ballet's Season Promises a Global Journey of Discovery

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - August 13, 2024 - For San Diego Ballet's 35th season, artistic director Javier Velasco has crafted a season that promises to take audiences on a world-wide journey while presenting the unique San Diego Ballet style.

By charting a course across nations, Velasco incorporates international influences while remaining true to his local roots. The season of four Main Stage productions has something for everyone, from beloved San Diego Ballet classics to a World Premiere of new work.

"To truly be San Diego's Ballet Company, it's important to present work across our county to ensure that as wide an audience as possible has the opportunity to experience the magic of live dance," explained Velasco.

Each destination for dance will be unique and creative. "By charting a course around the world and across the County, we continue to build diverse and engaged audiences for the future," he added.

San Diego Ballet is committed to representing the diversity of San Diego. This is seen in its annual presentations that are represented in the following series: All Ages, Holiday Traditions, Ritmos Latinos: Celebrating Latin Culture, and Classical.

ALL AGES ENTERTAINMENT

Firebird and Mambomania

**Joan B. Kroc Theatre
6611 University Ave, San Diego, CA 92115**

October 11-12, Friday 7pm, Saturday 2pm

Dance and Music that Ignites Your Soul.

First up... Folklore meets Funk in *Firebird!* An ancient tale of a magical bird of fire comes alive with a contemporary twist. Artistic Director Javier Velasco's modern/ballet fusion staging, teaming classical dancers with hip hop artists, lights up the stage with originality and boundless energy.

Also on the program, uno, dos, tres, cuatro... Maaaambo! Physical pyrotechnics abound in SDB's sizzling signature piece, Mambomania. Set to the propulsive beat of Latin jazz great Perez Prado.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRADITION

The Nutcracker

The Magnolia

210 E Main St, El Cajon, CA 92020

December 21, Saturday 1pm & 5pm

A Magical Journey through a Young Girl's Imagination.

San Diego Ballet presents America's favorite holiday spectacle. Sugarplum fairies, leaping Cossacks and flurries of snowflakes swirl across the stage, in this magical journey through a young girl's imagination. SDB's annual production of *The Nutcracker* features Tchaikovsky's timeless score and an international cast of more than 100 beautifully costumed dancers.

RITMOS LATINOS: CELEBRATING LATIN CULTURE

***Carnival of the Animals* and *Tangata* – Featuring LIVE music by International Latin jazz musician and composer Gilbert Castellanos**

The Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center

7600 Fay Ave, La Jolla, CA 92037

February 15, Saturday, 2pm & 7pm

World Premiere Music and Dance

First up, the evocative, mysterious *Tangata*. Tango and Ballet come together to create a world of dangerous beauty within the sensual music of Argentine composer Astor Piazzolla.

Then, *Carnival of the Animals* gets a new life, set to a world premiere Latin jazz score by San Diego's own trumpeter and composer Gilbert Castellanos with the Gilbert Castellanos Quartet. Join us on this dazzling look at the animal kingdom through the lens of Latin rhythms.

CLASSICAL STORY BALLET

Romeo et Juliet

Balboa Theater

868 Fourth Ave, San Diego, CA 92101

May 17, Saturday, 2pm & 7pm

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Dance that Evokes Passion and Sparks the Soul.

Lovely and lyrical. Compelling and heartbreaking. SDB's production of *Romeo et Juliet* has been moving San Diego audiences for the past decade. A rapturous evening devoted to young love and to those who remember its triumphs and tragedies. Artistic Director Javier Velasco's re-staging of Shakespeare's masterpiece is a lush, yet intimate rumination that focuses on the inner desires of the most famous star-crossed lovers of all time.

Season Tickets:

<https://sandiegoballet.org/season-tickets/>

Individual show tickets go on sale 90 days before the performance date

Firebird/Mambomania

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