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Ballet Pensacola presents *The Phantom of the Opera*

Choreographed and Directed by Artistic Director Darren McIntyre

The Center, Clark Family Cultural Center

October 7-9, & 14-16, 2022

The Phantom of the Opera, Ballet Pensacola's 2022-2023 Season opener, tells the story of a masked figure lurking below in the catacombs of the Paris Opera House, exercising a reign of terror on all the inhabit it. The masked figure falls madly in love with a young ballerina and devotes himself to creating a new star by nurturing her extraordinary talents and by employing his devious methods.

Artistic Director Darren McIntyre uses his well-honed, imaginative choreography skills to bring *The Phantom of the Opera* to life with a unique interpretation of the story. Principal Dancer Hannah Holtsclaw is excited to dance the part of Christine, the object of the Phantom's love obsession.

"My favorite part of Darren McIntyre's The Phantom of the Opera is performing a ballet inside a ballet. I find it very interesting how his version of the story displays the life of a dancer working their way up through the ranks of a professional ballet company from student to principal. It shows a side of ballet that the audience doesn't typically get to experience. It is also an incredible opportunity to dance one of the oldest versions of ballet to exist, La Sylphide (a romantic ballet in two acts.)" - Hannah Holtsclaw

McIntyre has assembled the largest Ballet Pensacola company ever, featuring twenty professional dancers from around the world. Audiences can experience the new company in *The Phantom of the Opera* at The Center, Clark Family Cultural Center on October 7-9 and 14-16, 2022.

Tickets are available online at www.balletpensacola.org or by calling or visiting The Pensacola Little Theatre Box Office at (850) 432-2042, ext. 1. Individual tickets range in price from \$35-\$45.

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