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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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