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SACRAMENTO BALLET'S BEER & BALLET RETURNS WITH 17 WORLD PREMIERES AND A CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY

A bold, audience-favorite program featuring original works by company dancers and a special farewell performance for Enrico Hipolito

WHAT:

Sacramento Ballet's wildly popular **Beer & Ballet** returns **May 28–31, 2026**, at The Sofia, presenting an electrifying program of **17 world premiere works** choreographed and performed by Sacramento Ballet's own company artists.

This one-of-a-kind production offers audiences a rare opportunity to experience ballet in its most immediate and inventive form, where dancers step into the role of choreographers, shaping original works that reflect their unique voices, perspectives, and artistic risk-taking. The result is a dynamic, ever-evolving evening of dance that pushes boundaries while remaining deeply personal.

Each ticket includes a **complimentary beverage** — beer, wine, or a non-alcoholic option — with craft beer provided by **Bike Dog Brewing Company**, creating a relaxed,

social atmosphere that invites audiences to engage with dance in a fresh and accessible way.

This year's program also marks a poignant moment for the company, as it features the **final performances of beloved company artist Enrico Hipolito**, who takes the stage for the last time with Sacramento Ballet before pursuing a new chapter in nursing school.

WHEN:

- **Thursday, May 28** at 7:30 PM
- **Friday, May 29** at 7:30 PM
- **Saturday, May 30** at 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM
- **Sunday, May 31** at 2:00 PM

WHERE:

The Sofia, Home of B Street Theatre
2700 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95816

Tickets and details:

www.sacballet.org

WHO:

Created and performed by Sacramento Ballet's internationally recognized roster of professional dancers, *Beer & Ballet* places artistry directly in the hands of the performers. With **17 original premieres**, audiences will witness a wide spectrum of choreographic styles — from bold contemporary explorations to intimate, narrative-driven works — all crafted within the collaborative spirit of the company.

"Beer & Ballet is where our dancers' voices come fully to life," said **Elise Elliott**, Rehearsal Director. *"It's an opportunity for them to take creative ownership, experiment, and share something deeply personal with our audiences."*

"There's an incredible sense of energy and discovery in this program," added **Stefan Calka**, Rehearsal Director. *"Each piece offers a different perspective, and together they create an evening that is as diverse and exciting as the artists themselves."*

The program also serves as a heartfelt sendoff for **Enrico Hipolito**, whose artistry, dedication, and presence have made a lasting impact on the company and its audiences. His final performances promise to be a meaningful celebration of his contributions and a moment of reflection for the Sacramento Ballet community.

WHY THIS MATTERS:

Engaging with innovative performances like *Beer & Ballet* provides significant cultural and personal value, fostering creativity, empathy, and connection between artists and audiences. By placing choreography in the hands of its dancers, Sacramento Ballet cultivates the next generation of creative voices while offering audiences a direct window into the artistic process.

On a broader scale, productions like *Beer & Ballet* contribute to Sacramento's cultural vibrancy by presenting bold, contemporary work alongside the classical canon. This commitment to innovation strengthens the region's artistic identity, supports the local creative economy, and reinforces Sacramento's standing as a city where world-class art is both created and celebrated.

ABOUT SACRAMENTO BALLET

Since its founding in 1954, Sacramento Ballet has been a beacon of artistic excellence in the California Capital Region, delivering world-class dance performances, education, and community outreach programs. As the only dance company in the region with a roster of professional artists, Sacramento Ballet's mission is to enhance the human condition through dance, making this transformative art form accessible to all.

Through innovative programming and collaborations with internationally renowned artists, Sacramento Ballet remains a vital contributor to Sacramento's thriving cultural landscape. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the company is supported by ticket sales, individual donors, and corporate, foundation, and government contributions — enabling it to inspire audiences through unparalleled performances and impactful educational initiatives.

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