

SACRAMENTO BALLET

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Sacramento Ballet Presents Michael Pink's World-Renowned *Dracula*—A California Premiere

What:

This fall, Sacramento Ballet proudly presents *Dracula*, choreographed by internationally renowned choreographer Michael Pink. Running from November 1-3 at the SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center, this will mark the **first time this production has ever been performed in Sacramento—or anywhere in California.**

Dracula has captivated audiences around the globe, with performances in Australia, New Zealand, Tokyo, Norway, England, and across the United States. Originally created for Northern Ballet in Leeds, England to commemorate the centenary of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, Pink's production brings gothic storytelling to life with thrilling original elements, including a final battle in the crypt of a cathedral.

When:

November 1, 2024 - 7:30pm

November 2, 2024 - 2:00pm

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November 3, 2024 - 2:00pm

Where:

SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center
1301 L St, Sacramento, CA 95814

How:

Tickets are available now at sacballet.org or by calling the Sacramento Ballet box office at (916) 552-5810.

About the Production and Choreographer:

This highly anticipated California premiere of *Dracula* will be brought to life by the celebrated Michael Pink, whose distinguished career has redefined classical ballet for modern audiences. Pink, the longest-serving Artistic Director in the history of Milwaukee Ballet, has earned widespread acclaim for his theatrical interpretations of iconic works such as *Romeo & Juliet*, *The Sleeping Beauty*, and *Swan Lake*. His production of *Dracula* stays true to Stoker's novel while introducing new dramatic elements, culminating in a gripping final showdown with a hoard of the undead in a cathedral crypt.

Michael Pink's accolades include the Wisconsin Dance Council's Choreography/Performance Award and the Milwaukee Press Club's Headliner Award for his outstanding contributions to the arts. His vision continues to elevate the international dance scene by merging classical storytelling with innovative choreography.

The production will feature set design by the Tony Award-winning Lez Brotherston, whose haunting, immersive designs perfectly capture *Dracula's* chilling world. The visual experience will be further elevated by the lighting design of David Grill, a five-time Primetime Emmy Award-winning lighting designer known for his spectacular work on events like the Super Bowl Halftime Shows.

Why This Matters:

Sacramento Ballet's first-ever California staging of Michael Pink's *Dracula* represents a monumental moment for the city's arts scene. This production is not only a premiere event for local audiences but also underscores Sacramento Ballet's role in bringing globally renowned artistic experiences to California.

Engaging with world-class performances like *Dracula* provides significant cultural and personal value, fostering creativity, empathy, and inspiration in audiences. On a larger scale, Sacramento Ballet's ability to present such productions connects the city to the global dance community, enhancing its cultural vibrancy while contributing to economic growth. With a production of this magnitude, Sacramento Ballet continues to elevate the arts in

California, bringing transformative, world-class experiences to the Capital Region.

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