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**BALLET SUN VALLEY'S 2020 FESTIVAL FEATURES  
PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET IN THE SUN VALLEY PAVILION**

*July 13 & 14, 2020*

*"The audience is taken to the heart of the art." – New York Times' review of  
Pacific Northwest Ballet*

**SUN VALLEY, IDAHO, December 9, 2019** — Ballet Sun Valley is pleased to present the internationally acclaimed **Pacific Northwest Ballet (PNB)**, led by **Artistic Director Peter Boal**, at the iconic **Sun Valley Pavilion** on **July 13 and 14, 2020**.

"I am thrilled that our company will have an opportunity to perform in Ballet Sun Valley's 2020 Festival," said Mr. Boal. "While attending last summer's Festival, I was moved by the enthusiasm of the community and the sheer beauty of the Pavilion. Nestled seamlessly in the bucolic alpine setting, the venue offers a perfect complement to the art on stage. We are excited to present two programs, which offer the timeless grandeur of classical ballet and the thrill of groundbreaking contemporary dances."

Mr. Boal joined PNB in 2005, where he serves as artistic director of the company as well as director of the PNB School. Prior to joining the Seattle-based company, his professional dance career included 22 years with New York City Ballet where he was featured in more than 40 roles. Additionally, he originated numerous roles in works created by choreographers including Jerome Robbins, Christopher Wheeldon and Twyla Tharp. He was also a full-time faculty member at the School of American Ballet from 1997 to 2005.

Mr. Boal is known for his focus on both classical and contemporary ballet. The contemporary repertoire of the company includes the choreography of many of the most

celebrated dance innovators in the world of ballet today, such as Crystal Pite, Alejandro Cerrudo, Edwaard Liang, Jessica Lang, and Benjamin Millepied.

As a Company, PNB has created 109 new works since 2005 as part of their New Works initiative. This type of initiative supports dancers, choreographers and the audience toward the creation of the ballet of tomorrow. PNB sees their work with community as a core principle of both company and school, and looks forward to aligning their work with the community programs of Ballet Sun Valley.

Ballet Sun Valley's 2020 Festival will once again feature different programming each night. Specific programming details to be announced later.

**Tickets to Ballet Sun Valley's performances on July 13 and 14 go on sale Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am MST. To purchase tickets, visit: [balletsunvalley.org](http://balletsunvalley.org)**

#### **ABOUT BALLET SUN VALLEY**

Ballet Sun Valley is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the predecessor of which was founded in 2011 to bring international ballet to the Sun Valley, Idaho area. Its founder was a long-time member of the Board of San Francisco Ballet and part-time resident of Sun Valley. Since its inception, Ballet Sun Valley performances have featured works from some of the ballet world's most celebrated choreographers, including George Balanchine, William Forsythe, Helgi Tomasson, Christopher Wheeldon, and Justin Peck. Ballet Sun Valley festivals have featured dancers from the San Francisco Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, The Royal Danish Ballet, The Royal Ballet in London, The Paris Opera Ballet, and the Mariinsky Ballet, among others.

#### **ABOUT PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET**

Pacific Northwest Ballet, one of the largest and most highly regarded ballet companies in the United States, was founded in 1972. In July 2005, Peter Boal became Artistic Director, succeeding Kent Stowell and Franca Russell, Artistic Directors since 1977. The Company of nearly fifty dancers presents more than 100 performances each year of full-length and mixed repertory ballets at Marion Oliver McCaw Hall in Seattle and on tour. The Company has toured to Europe, Australia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Canada, and throughout the United States, with celebrated appearances at Jacob's Pillow, Vail and in New York City and Washington DC.

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