



allet Sun Valley (BSV) returns to the Sun Valley Pavilion this summer for an exciting season of dance, with two festivals of in-person, outdoor performances, July 12 & 13 and August 22 & 23. The enhanced season of two ballet festivals (four performances), will provide Sun Valley audience members with the rare opportunity to see a variety of dance artists at one of the most breathtaking venues for ballet in the world.

In July, the festival will bring dancers from many of the most prestigious ballet companies in the United States and will introduce new artistic dance talent to the Sun Valley community. Dancers from New York City Ballet, Miami City Ballet, Houston Ballet, Washington Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, and Pacific Northwest Ballet will dance in two unique performances curated for this festival.

The August festival will feature

BalletX, one of the most innovative ballet companies in the world of dance. Known for more contemporary ballet, they have produced over 100 new works in the last 20 years. Their dancers were recently named "among America's best" by The New York Times.

BalletX's extensive touring schedule has taken the company to world-class venues, including Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, the Vail Dance Festival, Bermuda Festival, Belgrade Festival, The Joyce Theater, New York City Center, and many more.

We believe that over the last decade, Ballet Sun Valley has been able to enrich the summer arts and culture scene in the Sun Valley community," says **Ballet Sun Valley Executive** Director Kelli Quinlan. "We are thrilled to bring new artists to the Pavilion this summer and introduce BalletX to Sun Valley."

The 2021 season will also include an Education Intensive in partnership with Pacific Northwest Ballet School and San Francisco Ballet School. The organization is also working with Boston Ballet School on its Adaptive Dance Education Program, which will be held in the fall.

BSV recently made a significant investment in its staging assets with the purchase of a professional ballet floor, referred to as a Sprung Floor, that is required for professional ballet dancers to perform. This floor will be used for Pavilion performances, for performances in The Argyros, and for its advanced ballet education programs. The new Sprung Floor will significantly expand BSV's ability to bring more ballet to the Sun Valley area.

Ballet Sun Valley's expanded season is also scheduled to include performances in the fall at the Argyros Performing Arts Center.

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