



EDITION 2

Beauty, Ballet and Wonderment!

What does being a Friend of The Australian Ballet mean to you?

Over the years The Friends of The Australian Ballet have been the primary support organisation for The Australian Ballet in NSW. Since its inception in 1973 which coincided with the opening of the Sydney Opera House, the Friends has contributed millions of dollars to the Company and created thousands of events, this is all possible because of your Membership and support.

Times are changing, corporate sponsorship and private donors contribute much needed funds annually to ensure The Australian Ballet remains one of the world's foremost companies, so where does that leave The Friends?

The Friends of The Australian Ballet NSW continues to raise funds for specific projects as requested by The Australian Ballet, but more than that The Friends connect members to the ballet in so many ways. Through our events, dress rehearsals and by bringing our Members together to celebrate all things ballet.

Help The Friends continue our legacy of contribution by joining as a financial Member or by giving the gift of Membership to a friend, help us by coming along to an event, or by bringing a friend to a dress rehearsal when possible.

By supporting The Friends of The Australian Ballet, you are ensuring a 'Night at the Ballet' is an affordable luxury for young and old.

With more events and activities always popping up throughout the year make sure your following us on Facebook: facebook.com/friendsofAB or check our website for all bookings, events and membership at www.fab.org.au

Until next time.

Sally-Anne, Jo and The Friends Council

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you would like to purchase tickets for the Dress Rehearsals you must have a current membership.

You can renew online through the website or call the office so we can check your status.
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THE FRIENDS ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE HIGH TEA

Alice's Tea Party!

Sunday 30 July | The Establishment – Ballroom

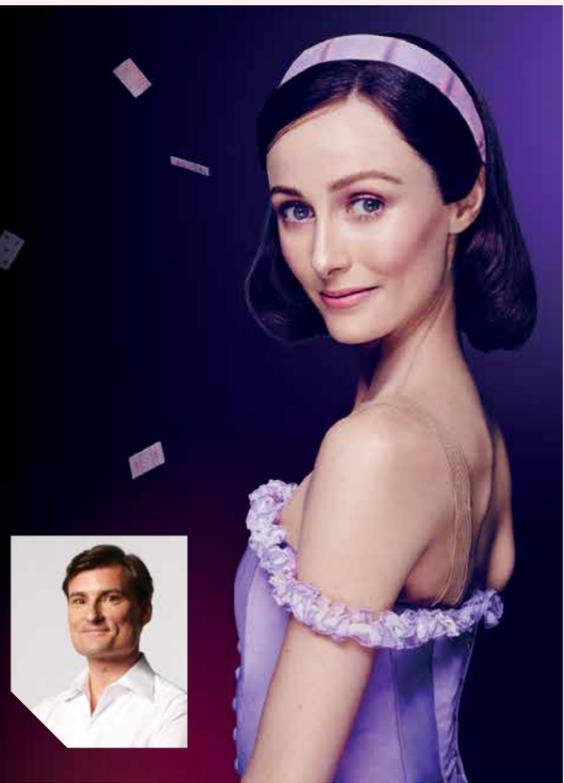
The Friends of the Australian Ballet invite you to join us down the rabbit hole... for a morning of colour, fun and fantasy!

Our annual High Tea is the event of the year not to be missed! It's a time to dress up, get a group together and celebrate ballet. This year as always, our guest of honor is Artistic Director of The Australian Ballet – David McAllister AM. David will be joined on stage by Principal Dancer in the role of Alice – Amber Scott who will take us behind the curtain of this fantastic, whimsical production.

One of the things that makes this event so special is the invited former dancers of The Australian Ballet living in NSW and you can honor them by 'Sponsoring a Dancer' to sit at your table. Sponsoring a dancer also allows you VIP access to an exclusive pre-function Meet and Greet with David, Amber and all the former dancers.

In honor of the Alice in Wonderland theme we will be holding a Mad-hatters Hat competition for young and old, so don your most spectacular hat to be part of the fun!

Tickets to this event always sell out, so don't delay book now online at www.fab.org.au



LEO SCHOFIELD PRESENTS...

The Friends of The Australian Ballet would like to thank our long-time supporter and champion of all things Ballet, Leo Schofield for hosting two wonderful Premiere movie screenings for Friends Members.

Over 100 Friends Members and their Guest attended either The Royal Ballet – *Jewels* or The Paris Opera Ballet – *Swan Lake* and were delighted with stories of the company and cast relayed from Leo's personal experience.



THE FRIENDS OF THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET DRESS REHEARSAL
DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE ... TO A WORLD OF COLOUR, FUN AND FANTASY

Alice's Adventures In Wonderland

Monday 4 December | 7pm | The Capitol Theatre

Follow Alice through the looking glass into a world of colour, fun and fantasy in this dazzling international extravaganza.

Witness as Christopher Wheeldon translates the wit and charm of Lewis Carroll's story into dance, with extravagant sets and costumes and an extraordinary score. Wonderland comes to life with puppetry, eye-bending illusions and playful costumes as Alice meets a twitchy White Rabbit, tap-dancing Mad Hatter and a tyrannical Red Queen.

With the spectacle of Broadway, this ballet will transport you to into the depths of your imagination.

Puppetry and projections are spectacularly employed to bring Lewis Carroll's whimsical visions to life. Vast sets and clever illusions create spectacular effects.

As in Carroll's book, the Cheshire Cat appears and disappears in the most peculiar way ... helped by some wizard puppeteers.

The production was commissioned and first performed by The Royal Ballet and The National Ballet of Canada

Book tickets to The Australian Ballet dress rehearsal of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* online at www.fab.org.au



"...one fantastical episode after another in a heady rush of color and movement."

OUR FIRST EVER SATURDAY MATINEE,
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET'S MOST LAVISH PRODUCTION RETURNS FOR A SPECIAL ENCORE SEASON

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

Saturday 11 November | 1pm | The Capitol Theatre

Come celebrate NSW's own Lilac fairy at the Friends of The Australian Ballet Dress Rehearsal.

The curtain goes up ... the audience gasps ... and David McAllister's spectacular Beauty unfolds like a rose, drawing you into a world of romance, wonder and imperial grandeur. Gleaming with Baroque golds and creams, glowing with vivid colour, and spilling over with fairies, princes, woodland nymphs and story-book charm, this ballet casts a spell of delight all the way to true love's kiss.

Set to Tchaikovsky's celebrated score and blessed with breathtaking designs by Gabriela Tylesova, our artistic director's new production stays true to the magic and majesty of the original and showcases the talents of the entire company in iconic moments like the Rose Adage and the Bluebird Pas de deux.

Opulent splendor, fairytale charm: this reawakened classic will sweep you off your feet.

Book tickets to The Australian Ballet dress rehearsal of *The Sleeping Beauty* online at www.fab.org.au

"The fairies' tutus are possibly some of the most beautifully designed and the senior women of the company look terrific dancing this repertoire in brilliant sparkles, fanciful wigs and feathery embellishments."

– Stephanie Glickman, Herald Sun, 2015



Friends' Dance Card

Below is a list of dates for 2017 to add to your diary. More will be added throughout the year so keep an eye on the website and 'Like' us on Facebook for regular postings.

- \\ ALICE'S TEA PARTY – Champagne High Tea | 11am | Sunday 30 July | The Establishment – Ballroom
- \\ THE SLEEPING BEAUTY – Dress Rehearsal | 1pm | Saturday 11 November | The Capitol Theatre
- \\ MEET THE LILAC FAIRY – Post-performance Champagne function | approx 3pm | Saturday 11 November | The Capitol Theatre
- \\ ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND – Dress Rehearsal | 7pm | Monday 4 December | The Capitol Theatre
- \\ THE FRIENDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY – Luncheon | TBC

Meet The Lilac Fairy

following the Saturday Matinee! 11 November The Capitol Theatre



The Friends of The Australian Ballet NSW are permanently acknowledged as the custodian of *The Lilac Fairy* character from The Australian Ballet's landmark production of *The Sleeping Beauty*. We hold this position in high esteem and our members have contributed and continue to contribute to the preservation of this iconic character.

As a thank you to our Members we invite you to contribute to this ongoing fund by attending a post-performance function to meet *The Lilac Fairy* following the matinee dress rehearsal of *The Sleeping Beauty* at The Capitol in the upstairs foyer.

Tickets will be \$20 per person and will included a Champagne reception. Please note numbers are restricted so make sure you book for the 'Meet the Lilac Fairy' with your booking to *The Sleeping Beauty*.

BOOK tickets to 'Meet *The Lilac Fairy*' online at www.fab.org.au

THE FRIENDS EXCLUSIVE



SUPPORT THE LILAC FAIRY 2017 CAMPAIGN

Beauty returns!

In 2015 The Friends of the Australian Ballet committed a major financial gift to The Australian Ballet for the development of David McAllister's new envisioning of *The Sleeping Beauty*. This world acclaimed lavish new production of *The Sleeping Beauty* has fast become an international standard for all new ballet productions!

The Friends of The Australian Ballet are now permanently acknowledged as the custodian of *The Lilac Fairy* character for the life of the production. As a Member of the Friends of The Australian Ballet we are asking you to continue to be a part of *The Sleeping Beauty* journey and make a donation to support the legacy of *The Lilac Fairy*.

The Lilac Fairy is a unique and special part of the *Sleeping Beauty* story and the Friends of The Australian Ballet cherish the role of custodian.

Donor names are published in our newsletter, *En Pointe* and donations over \$20 will receive a Lilac Ribbon Pin to wear in support of *The Lilac Fairy*.

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Thank you to those members who have made a recent donation.

GOLD DONORS – \$100

Julie Goold
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Iris Luke

SILVER DONORS – \$50

Phil Bendrey
Graham Matheson
Bruce Pollack

BRONZE DONORS – \$20

Marlie Berman
Judy Devai
Christine Steel
Bridget Zammit

Meet the New Dancers

4 April – The Establishment Hotel

As is The Friends tradition we formally welcomed dancers new to the company in 2017 at a sold-out event. The Friends of The Australian Ballet contributed \$5,000 to the dancers Pointe Shoe fund and the event was supported by our wonderful annual sponsors Bloch, Mr Rebell Barnes and Showface cosmetics. David McAllister AM Artistic Director of The Australian Ballet spoke with passion as he introduced us to the new dancers and what made each of them successful in their selection to the company. In addition to the new dancers we also heard from the delightful and enthusiastic recipient of the Kelvin Coe Award, Drew Hedditch who was most grateful for the scholarship awarded to him from The Friends of The Australian Ballet.

PHOTOS

Top Centre – David McAllister with the new dancers, Robert McCormack and our sponsors.
Top Right – David McAllister with Drew Hedditch at The Establishment Hotel.

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