

# en pointe



EDITION 3

## Welcome to the blockbuster second season of The Australian Ballet!

Talk about a season of Blockbuster Ballet, The Australian Ballet are giving us all we could hope for with two spectacular full length ballets.

November see's the return of David McAllister's AM *The Sleeping Beauty* which is sure to be absolutely magical on the big stage of The Capital theatre! I'm sorry to say if you haven't already bought your tickets to the dress rehearsal you are out of luck as unfortunately we are sold out! To avoid disappointment in the future please ensure you financial Membership is up to date so you are first to receive your application to attend.

Following on from *The Sleeping Beauty* is the Australian premier production of Christopher Wheeldon's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Wonderland is brought to life with puppetry, illusions and playful costumes as Alice meets the Mad Hatter and the imperious Queen of Hearts. Blending thrills and laughs this is a ballet spectacular not to be missed!

Last but not least will be The Friends annual Christmas Party. A special Christmas themed luncheon with not one but two yet to be announced guests of honour that you will not want to miss!

With so much going on make sure you're following us on Facebook: [facebook.com/friendsofAB](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofAB) or check out our website for all bookings, events and membership at [www.fab.org.au](http://www.fab.org.au)

Until next time.  
Sally-Anne and Jo



### MEMBERSHIP

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. Ph: 02 9252 7322 or [www.fab.org.au](http://www.fab.org.au)

### LADY MARY FAIRFAX AC OBE

Lady Fairfax was one of the great philanthropic leaders of our country and was one of the greatest ambassadors and profile builders of the performing arts. Her lifetime dedication, energy and drive to the theatre were inspirational.

In January 1973 Lady Fairfax established the NSW Friends of The Australian Ballet and became its founding President. The inaugural event was the gala film premiere of Sir Robert Helpmann's brilliant film of *Don Quixote* starring Rudolf Nureyev, Lucette Aldous and artists of The Australian Ballet. This film, considered by many as one of the greatest ballet films, was screened to a glittering packed house in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House.

There are many stories regarding Lady Fairfax's influence and effect on the arts and The Australian Ballet and we are truly grateful for the legacy she has left us.

The Friends of The Australian Ballet NSW and The Australian Ballet extend deepest sympathies to Lady Fairfax's family and friends.

## Save the Date

THE FRIENDS CHRISTMAS –  
12pm | Sunday 26 November



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# SOLD OUT!

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](http://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



## 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 include 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](http://www.fab.org.au)

## 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.

- \\ THE SLEEPING BEAUTY – Dress Rehearsal | 1pm | Saturday 11 November | The Capitol Theatre **SOLD OUT!**
- \\ 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 CHRISTMAS – Luncheon | 12pm | Sunday 26 November | The Ivy Sun Room
- \\ 2018 SEASON LAUNCH – March 2018

## FRIENDS ON THE TOWN...

It's been a very busy couple of months for Friends Members in what's a traditionally quiet time for ballet lovers. Our Members been kept busy with a selection of fantastic events, designed to take the love of ballet to the next level. Giving members the opportunity to go behind the curtain to meet and talk with Australian and International ballet stars, artistic directors, future stars.

### Alice's Tea Party

On a beautiful Sunday morning close to 200 members and Friends mingled at The Establishment Ballroom with former dancers from The Australian Ballet as well as VIP guests Artistic Director David McAllister AM and Principle Artist Amber Scott.

Guests were treated to an insight into the challenges behind bringing an extravaganza like The Australian Ballets upcoming production *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Being a fully immersive experience, the dancers are challenged by performing different styles of dance as well as physical theatre.



### Give the Gift of Ballet all year round

Share your love of ballet with your friends and family, give the gift of ballet and support The Australian Ballet. Purchase online at [www.fab.org.au](http://www.fab.org.au) or phone 9252 7322.



### An Afternoon with David Hallberg

International Ballet Star David Hallberg 'In Conversation' with Brooke Lockett former artist of The Australian Ballet. David was so giving of his time to speak individually with guests young and old. His personal story of self-discovery and recovery was an inspiration to all in attendance.



### Behind the scenes with The Australian Ballet School

Rarely does one get the opportunity look into the workings of an elite training school such as The Australian Ballet School. Audience members were able to watch a class on stage taught by Simon Dow featuring students from levels 7 & 8. We were then treated to a mixture of rehearsals and excerpts from the annual Showcase.



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](http://www.fab.org.au)

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



MASTHEAD IMAGE The Australian Ballet, *Alice's Adventure in Wonderland* | PHOTOGRAPHY Justin Ridler

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