

Russian Ballet Theatre to present New Production of Swan Lake at Pikes Peak Center Saturday, October 12

Tickets will go on sale on Friday, April 12

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Colorado Springs, CO (April, 2019) – The Russian Ballet Theatre is pleased to present a breathtaking, new production of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s Swan Lake on Saturday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pikes Peak Center for the Performing Arts. This marks the first time the Russian Ballet Theatre has ever performed in Colorado Springs.

The Russian Ballet Theatre’s Swan Lake will delight with new, as well as, time-honored Russian traditions. Gorgeous, detailed hand-painted sets and added choreography accent the production. Radiant hand-sewn costumes following designs originally envisioned by the great theater masters further enlighten the performance; it embodies all of the splendor which has mesmerized ballet audiences for more than a century.

Tickets for this one-night only performance start at \$39 plus applicable fees and will go on sale Friday, April 12 at 10 a.m. They can be purchased online at [PikesPeakCenter.com](https://www.pikespeakcenter.com) and [AXS.com](https://www.axs.com), via phone at (719) 520-SHOW or in person at the Pikes Peak Center box office. They will also be available at The Broadmoor World Arena box office and at [BroadmoorWorldArena.com](https://www.broadmoorworldarena.com).

Prima Ballerina Olga Kifyak will dance the lead roles of Odette (The White Swan) and Odile (The Black Swan). Many ballerinas proclaim Swan Lake as the highlight of their career. Kifyak said, “Dancing the lead in *Swan Lake* is like climbing Mt. Everest.” At one point, the Black Swan performs 32 fouettés.

Choreographer Nadezhda Kalinina (Mariinsky Theatre, Omsk State Music Theatre, Teatro Lirico), lovingly retouches the oldest St. Petersburg version of the ballet. With a new prologue, she offers explanation for the wrath of evil sorcerer Rothbart, undoubtedly leaving the audience flushed with emotion.

Equally fascinating is the work of young, accomplished designer Sergei Novikov (Mariinsky Theatre, Omsk State Music Theatre, St. Petersburg State Music Hall Theatre) who has perfected not only exquisite new sets, but also 150 gorgeous costumes that bring fresh representation to this timeless ballet.

Irina Strukova’s grand artistry perfects this already magnificent production. Award-winning Strukova, known for her film makeup creations (Netflix, HBO, *Crazy Rich Asians*), has created hair designs and special effects makeup that, together with the dazzling costumes, further enlighten this whimsical fantasy.

What makes this evening of ballet more brilliant is the Russian Ballet Theatre’s collaboration with the Plus 1 Initiative, an organization which raises funds to bring teacher/classroom dreams

to life. Through DonorsChoose.org, \$1 of each ticket sold will go toward funding Colorado Springs public school needs.

For more information on the Russian Ballet Theatre's Swan Lake at Pikes Peak Center on October 12, visit RussianBalletTheatre.com or PikesPeakCenter.com.