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Ballet Virginia International Presents “Snow White”

April 7th at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts

(Norfolk, Va., March 1, 2019)— [Ballet Virginia](#)

[International](#) (BVI) is proud to present “Snow White”,

April 7 at the [Sandler Center for the Performing Arts](#) in Virginia Beach. Featuring guest artists, BVI’s company and students, the production is among a series of full-length classical ballets the company has presented over the past eleven seasons, appealing to both young audiences and those who are young at heart.

“Choreographing an original ballet is both challenging and rewarding, said Suzanne Lownsbury, co- director for BVI. “We are creating choreography from scratch with direct inspiration from our dancers”.

This year’s production will feature original and updated choreography by Lownsbury, co-director Janina Michalski and Lydia Roberts Coco, a BVI faculty member. The collaboration of these three talented choreographers makes for an innovative and entertaining production. “Snow White is a classic fairy tale of good and evil with so many interesting and fun characters”, said Janina Michalski, from the purity of Snow White herself to the comedy of Dopey”.

BVI’s reputation in creating and producing professional quality performances has grown since the organization began in 2008, enabling the group to attract guest artists and nurture local talent. In the lead role of Snow White will be guest artist Julia Stewart, a former Royal Ballet student. Isabel Cary, formerly with Washington Ballet and American Ballet Theater’s Studio Company, will dance the role of the Evil Queen.

Along with guest artists, the cast boasts BVI’s Company, younger BVI students and community dancers. The cast of 115 dancers allows BVI to offer the youth of Hampton Roads an unparalleled experience of being a part of a professional quality dance production committed to excellence in dance arts education.

In addition to watching the ballet, children ages 4 to 10 are invited to participate in our Spring Ballet Parade during intermission. Come as you are or dress up as your favorite “Snow White” character. This fun event is free with ticket purchase.

BVI is the resident ballet company of the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts in Virginia Beach and a member of the Southeastern Regional Ballet Association (RDA/SERBA). Tickets for “Snow White” range in price from \$20 to \$42 and can be purchased at the [Sandler Center Box Office](#), <http://www.ynottix.com/> or 1-877-YnotTix

Please visit www.balletvirginia.org for additional information regarding this performance, the 2017/2018 season performance schedule or BVI's Academy.

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About Ballet Virginia International

Co-founded by Janina Michalski and Suzanne Lownsbury, [BVI](#) is committed to providing dancers in the Hampton Roads community with a professional dance education, training and technique, as well as fostering a love of movement and the arts. With a combined experience of over 100 years, BVI instructors are dedicated to bringing students to the highest technical and artistic level possible by freely sharing their talents.