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BALLET VIRGINIA KICKS OFF THE SEASON WITH PERFORMANCES ON NOV. 7



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Ballet Virginia is excited for our upcoming "Season Opening" mixed repertoire performances on November 7th at 2 PM and 6 PM at the Virginia MOCA Museum Theater. The company will perform contemporary and classical works. This professional group of talented artists continues to raise the level of dance performances in Hampton Roads.

"It's exciting to work with such an amazing group of diverse dancers from all over the country. The range these dancers have from their ballet to contemporary skills will bring so much artistry, passion and fire to the stage! Along with dynamic new works, I think Hampton

Roads will be proud to call us their professional ballet company." says Lydia Roberts Coco, Ballet Virginia's professional company artistic director and choreographer.

Our "Season Opening" will showcase works by Ms. Coco, a former Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater principal dancer and sought-after choreographer. The feature work will be set to Ravel's musical masterpiece, "Bolero", and include all ten company members in innovative and mesmerizing choreography. The performances will also feature choreography by Ballet Virginia's artistic directors, Suzanne Lownsbury and Janina Michalski who will add members of Ballet Virginia's second company (BVII) to their works.

The Virginia MOCA Museum Theater offers an intimate setting with easy access from I-264 as well as on-site parking. The contemporary art museum is located at 2200 Parks Avenue, near the Virginia Beach oceanfront resort area.

The upcoming season, Ballet Virginia's 14th, also includes a collaborative performance of "Bolero" with Symphonycity on October 17th at the Sandler Center, seven performances of "The Nutcracker" from December 15th to 19th at the Sandler Center, "Truth and Beauty" winter repertoire at Zeiders American Dream Theater on February 4th and 5th plus February 6th at Norfolk State University and "Sleeping Beauty" on April 9th and 10th. Live orchestra accompaniment from Symphonycity is planned for all public performances of "The Nutcracker".

Tickets for Ballet Virginia's "Season Opening" are on sale at [EventBrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). Visit our website www.balletvirginia.org for the latest

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About Ballet Virginia

Ballet Virginia is a professional ballet company with an associated academy. The organization provides professional quality productions, performances and training for the Hampton Roads community. The organization also provides opportunities for lighting, set and costume designers as well as choreographers while continuing education and outreach programs for our community-at-large.

The academy draws from a diverse ballet syllabus inspired by the American, Russian, Italian and French schools. This solid technical base ensures added success in other dance genres offered at the Academy. Our professional productions allow selected students and community dancers the opportunity to experience dance as a performance art.

Our Mission

At Ballet Virginia, we are committed to fostering a lifelong passion for dance through nurturing education, invigorating performances and artistic excellence. Our Norfolk and Virginia Beach academies teach to the whole student by instilling discipline, self-confidence, joy and sense of teamwork. Our performances are of the highest caliber as academy students perform side-by-side with professionals. We uphold the highest standards and strive to maintain artistic excellence in all our endeavors.