

# Ballet in the City

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## **BALLET IN THE CITY HOSTS THE 2018 BALLET IN THE CITY GALA AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

**The Gala Weekend includes open rehearsals, photo shoots, professional artist workshops, Q&A sessions and a culminating performance in Ann Arbor, Michigan**

**ANN ARBOR, Mich.** -- Ballet in the City presents its 2018 Gala on Friday, Aug. 31 and Saturday, Sept. 1 at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Tickets are available at [balletinthecity.org](http://balletinthecity.org).

Ballet in the City, a presentation company that showcases the nation's top professional ballet dancers for performances and master classes, will host dancers and artists from the Dance Theatre of Harlem, Miami City Ballet, The Boston Pops and the world-renowned New York City Ballet at the 2018 Gala.

The 2018 Ballet in the City Gala Performance will take place on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 8:00 p.m. in The Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre at The University of Michigan. This performance will include excerpts from George Balanchine's *Jewels*, *Who Cares*, *Valse Fantaisie* and more, as well as the special presentation of The Ballet in the City Scholarship. VIP receptions will be held prior to the performance, during intermission and following the show for VIP Ticket Holders. VIP Tickets also include the opportunity to meet the performers.

"Bringing world-class artists to the top-ranked public university in the country is an honor. Ann Arbor is an arts-centric community, however bringing professional ballet dancers from around the country to perform the works of George Balanchine is something unique that the city very rarely gets to experience," said Ballet in the City Executive Director and Founder Jessica Wallis. "Additionally, there is an added unique element of excitement because Ballet in the City is bringing both new and time-honored works to The University of Michigan."

The Gala weekend will also include a "Meet the Pros" Event on Friday, Aug. 31 from 6-10 p.m. in the Michigan League Koessler Room. Guests will hear a professional perspective on a life in the arts from a variety of different artists including Alison Stroming, Zippora Karz, Francis

Veyette, Lauren Fadeley Veyette, Michael Patterson and Justin Hopkins. This event will include a Q&A session with the performers as well.

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*About Ballet in the City*

Ballet in the City is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. Its mission is to present professional ballet performances, programming, and events in cities around the nation, cultivating and enhancing the unique culture of ballet in each location and beyond. For more information, visit its website at [www.balletinthecity.org](http://www.balletinthecity.org).

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