

SERENADE BY GEORGE BALANCHINE AND SYMPHONY OF LIFE

Connor Palace at Playhouse Square

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See the world premiere of *Symphony of Life* and the debut of the Cleveland Ballet Orchestra!
A great city deserves a great ballet company!

Serenade By George Balanchine

Cleveland Ballet, with the permission of The George Balanchine Trust - The George Balanchine Foundation, for the first time has been granted the right to perform one of the most famous ballets in the history of dance, *Serenade*, choreographed by George Balanchine. *Serenade*, a New York City Ballet signature piece, has been added to Cleveland Ballet's rapidly growing repertoire and will be the first ballet to be performed by Cleveland Ballet while accompanied by their own live orchestra.

DEBORAH WINGERT - Repetiteur on Behalf of The George Balanchine Trust. She is one of a small group of artists chosen by The George Balanchine Trust to disseminate and recreate Balanchine productions around the world. Currently, she is the co-artistic director of the Manhattan Youth Ballet.

Serenade
Choreography by George Balanchine
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Symphony of Life

Enjoy the beautiful and elegant musical score, the first specially commissioned musical score for Cleveland Ballet, composed by internationally renowned Israeli composer **Anna Segal**. Internationally renowned and critically acclaimed choreographer, **Ilya Zhivoy** staged *Symphony of Life* to the beautiful music. The 25-piece orchestra, led by conductor **Caleb Young**, who will make his Playhouse Square debut, and concertmaster **Alexandra Preucil**, will bring Segal's remarkable piece of music to life. *Symphony of Life* breathes new life into Cleveland Ballet as it closes its eighth season on the highest note.



ANNA SEGAL - Composer. The amazing talent of the world famous Israeli composer Anna Segal is at the heart of this prestigious creative team.



CALEB YOUNG - Conductor. Caleb Young is known as one of the most promising American conductors of the new generation. Brilliantly combining the knowledge of European classical traditions and specific features of American music, Mr. Young is able to create an unforgettable interpretation of any score.

ILYA ZHIVOY - Choreographer. Using the music of Ms. Segal as the base, the famous choreographer Ilya Zhivoy has created an emotional and dynamic performance. Zhivoy is a former Mariinsky Ballet dancer and resident choreographer. By masterfully saturating the ballet with unique choreography, Mr. Zhivoy immerses the audience into his fantasies, making them feel all emotions, as if they were the performers themselves.



SONYA VARTANYAN - Costume Designer. A native Georgian, she became the permanent creative partner of Ilya Zhivoy. Ms. Vartanyan has been successfully designing costumes for dancers since 2015, striving to bring out the unity of music and choreography in the designs she creates.



ALEXANDRA PREUCIL - Concertmaster. The world-renowned violinist and musical advisor to Cleveland Ballet has conducted an international search across many countries seeking talented musicians for Cleveland Ballet Orchestra. Comprising 25 experienced performers, Cleveland Ballet Orchestra and Ms. Preucil will present their fresh interpretation not only of Tchaikovsky's classical score but also of Anna Segal's new composition.