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Welcome to *Nouveau* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*! This weekend marks an exciting milestone—the first time Ballet Arkansas has presented two full productions on the same weekend. *Nouveau* features stunning world-premiere works, each inspired

by the elegance and innovation of the Nouveau period, performed to live music by the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra's Quapaw Quartet. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is a vibrant, abbreviated production that highlights the most magical and dance-filled moments of the story, brought to life by a cast of over 60 community performers.

This weekend also marks the final production run of our 24|25 season. We're thrilled to have just announced next season's programming, filled with dynamic and innovative productions for all walks of life—taking place at both AMFA and the Robinson Center.

To explore what's ahead or to make a gift in support of Ballet Arkansas, visit www.balletarkansas.org. Thank you for joining us and enjoy the performance!

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Peaseblossom Fairy	
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Titania's Fairies	erridwyn Schanck, Murray McCormack (SA)
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Oberon's Fairy Attendants Je	ssica Gonzales, Ava Lawson, Shelby Fullington Emma McGraw, Alex Sebree, Berkeley Brown Madison Robinson, Matilda Ann Louvring Randi Renfro, Susana Conti
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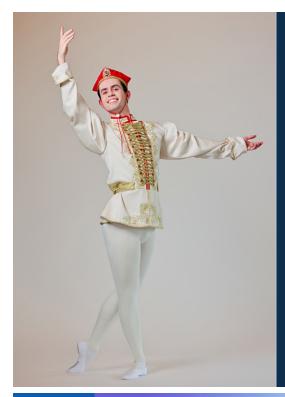
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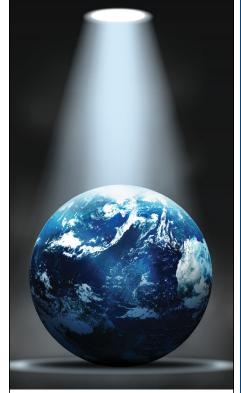
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