

Thursday, June 22, 2023

New Ballet "Mavka" and the 36th Annual Children's Festival, "The World of Dance,"

Company: Brighton Ballet Theater co inc
Venue: Leon M. Goldstein Performing Arts Center.
Location: Brooklyn, NY

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Brighton Ballet Theater is happy to announce returning to the Leon M. Goldstein Performing Arts Center, on a professional stage, with a new full-scale ballet Mavka and the 36th Annual Children's Dance Festival, "The World of Dance."

The original ballet "Mavka," based on a folktale by Lesya Ukrainka, "The Forest Song," celebrates BBT Artistic Director Mr. Kouchnarev's Ukrainian heritage.

The performance supports literacy for children and youths by demonstrating narrative techniques in 3-D, from setting details to plot elements like conflict and resolution, character development, and themes of peace and harmony. The forest setting provides lovely visual dynamics and prompts audiences to connect with the natural world as the ballet tells a story centered on the triumph of love against forces of evil. These themes are reassuring to children and relevant to the current global cultural and political climate. Because understanding and appreciating ballet is independent of having a standard literary language, it is well-suited for dancers and audiences whose primary language is not English. Thus, it can build a community between children and families from various linguistic and cultural backgrounds who may not otherwise have opportunities to connect.

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Those interested in attending the performance can purchase tickets online at www.bbtballet.org or in person at the office of BBT by appointment.

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