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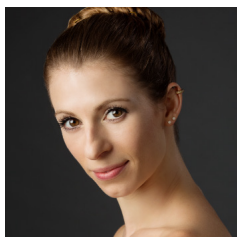
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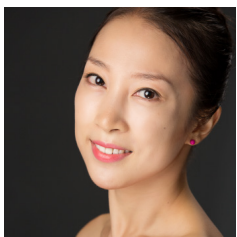
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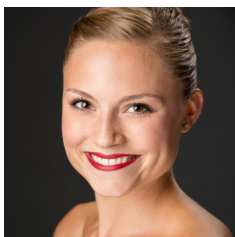
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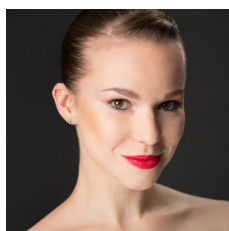
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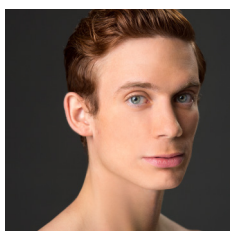
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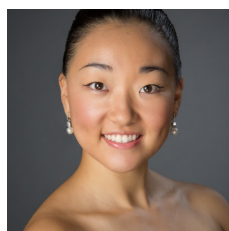


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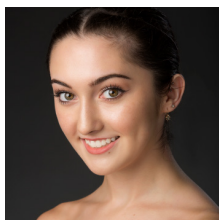


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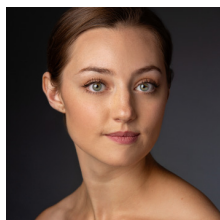
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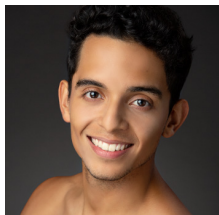
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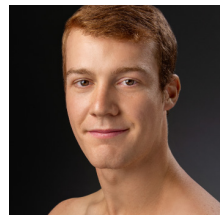
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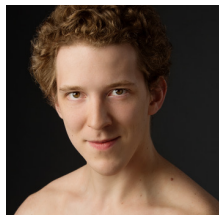


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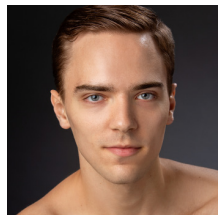


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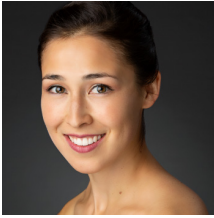


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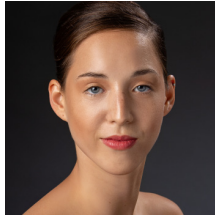


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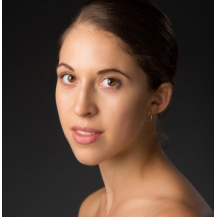
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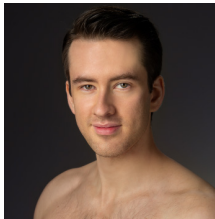
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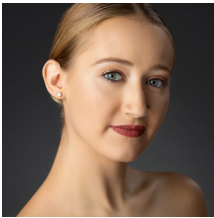
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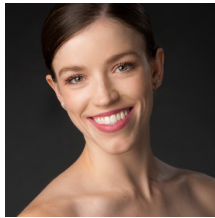
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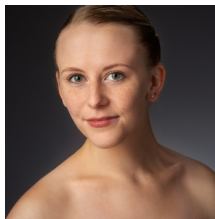


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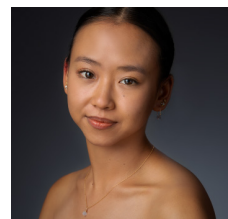
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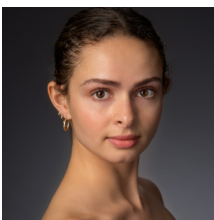
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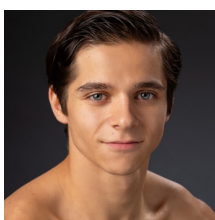
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Marius Pepita

Music

Riccardo Drigo

Music Performed by

Evergreen Symphony Orchestra
Moscow International Symphonic Orchestra

Costumes

Elena Damiani, Suzanne Hubbs,
and Racheal Nye

Mickayla Carr & Alejandro González

PUSHING PENNIES

PAS DE DEUX

Choreography

Robert Mills

Music

Philip Glass

Costumes

Robert Mills
Michael Jones

Music Performed by

Carducci String Quartet

Music Courtesy of

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Pushing Pennies premiered at the Civic Center
Music Hall in February of 2011.

Molly Cook & Sam Jones

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Igor Stravinsky

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Scenic & Costume Design

Ronald Crosby

Robert Mills' version of *The Firebird* premiered at the Civic Center Music Hall in February of 2012.

Scenery and Costumes courtesy of Ballet West.
Adam Sklute, *Artistic Director*

Firebird Mayu Odaka

Prince Ivan Walker Martin

Princess Tsaverna Courtney Connor Jones

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Maidens Mickayla Carr, Molly Cook, Elena Damiani,
Abby Fleming, Laurel Horwath,
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THE FIREBIRD

SYNOPSIS

On a hunt in the forest, Prince Ivan finds himself in a mysterious and ominous place. In the distance, he sees what he always believed to be a myth, a firebird in flight. Ivan hides and watches the mythical creature in her daily ritual, she is attracted to the golden apples that grow on a tree in the forest. Ivan chases the firebird and catches her. The captive firebird struggles to free herself and finally breaks away, leaving Ivan with a magical feather which will summon her in a time of danger.

A group of maidens suddenly appears. Ivan introduces himself to the maidens who seem reluctant and cautious in his presence. He is drawn to one particular maiden, and she too seems taken with him. Ivan asks if she would like to leave this place and go back to his castle, but a strange fear keeps her from going. They share an intimate goodbye, and Ivan is left daydreaming of his beautiful new infatuation.

Ivan is then startled by the arrival of Koschei, the evil sorcerer who holds the maidens captive, and his monster minions. Angered by Ivan's presence, Koschei exerts his power and orders his minions to Kill him. Ivan uses the feather to summon the firebird to his rescue. The firebird arrives and begins an infectious dance casting a spell over Koschei's monsters that forces them to dance until exhaustion. The maidens bring Ivan a golden egg that they believe holds Koschei's soul and power. Ivan shatters the egg killing Koschei.

Time passes and we find ourselves at the wedding of Prince Ivan and the beautiful maiden he met in the forest, soon to be the new Princess of the land, Princess Tsaverna.



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