

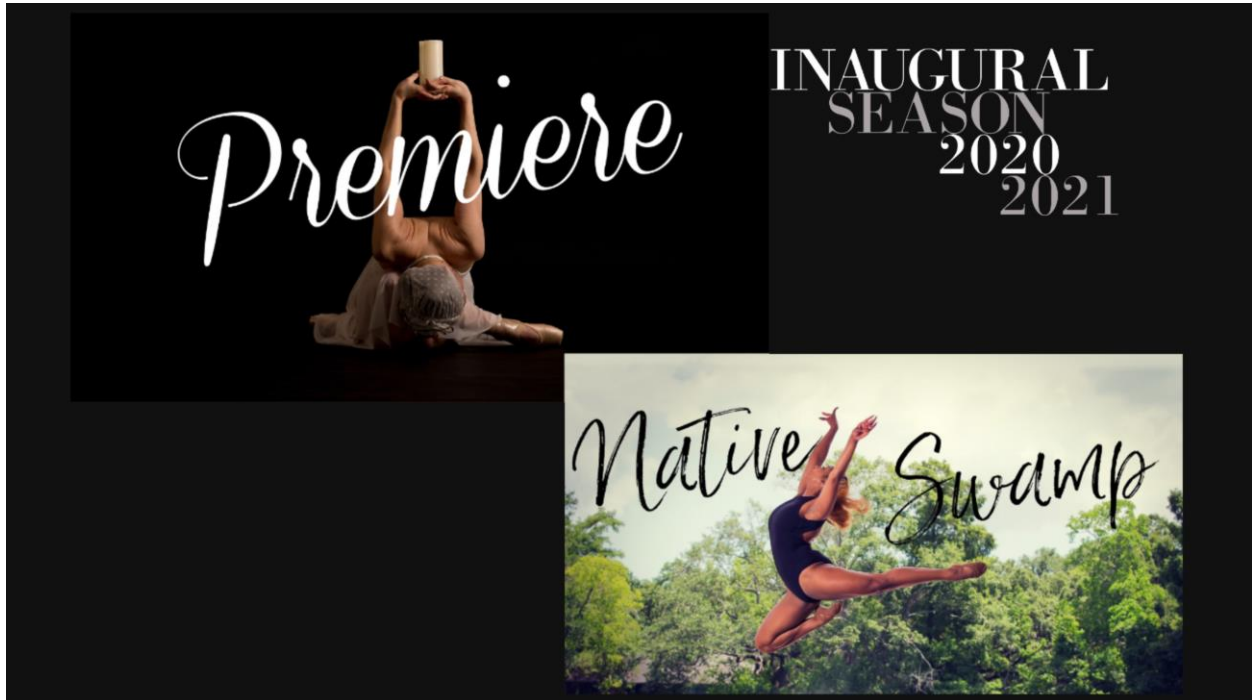
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NOLA CONTEMPORARY BALLET ANNOUNCES IT'S 2020-2021 INAUGURAL SEASON



June 29, 2020

New Orleans, LA – NOLA Contemporary Ballet celebrates its introduction to the community for the 2020-21 season which marks its inaugural season. It's a celebration of Louisiana's vibrant and rich history and culture. The season opens with three world-premieres by up and coming local, innovative choreographers who will bring Louisiana's bustling dance, music, and visual arts scene together in a kaleidoscopic celebration of Louisiana. Tianna Pourciau Sykes, artistic director adds, "We are working from this unique palate of Louisiana culture that is embodied in our being here and in our research, and we are really stoked to share these stories with an audience."

2020-21 INAUGURAL SEASON

Programming and Dates subject to change

Premiere

Kicking off the inaugural season is *Premiere*, a mixed rep show featuring world premieres and excerpts from an array of dance works in NOLA Contemporary Ballet's repertory. NOLA-bred and inspired artists lead Louisiana-flavored, creative collaborations as the extraordinary NOLA CB dancers evoke the spirit of Louisiana in this first program of the season.

Featuring artistic director, Tianna Pourciau Sykes' *Ghosts of the Past* and *Suite Orleans*, the world premiere of *Requiem*, as well as a sneak peek of the full-length production, *Native Swamp* featuring NOLA Contemporary Ballet's Youth Ensemble.

March 5 - 6, 2021

Native Swamp

For centuries, native tribes, immigrants and ancient creatures have coexisted in the vast wetlands of Louisiana. The Louisiana swamplands have always been filled with unique ecosystems, extraordinary societies and wildlife.

Through a true multimedia experience, NOLA Contemporary Ballet dancers give a peek into the natural habitats of the swamps and explore the rich landscape that holds Louisiana's unique history.

"Louisiana wetlands are disappearing at an alarming rate—every 38 minutes, we lose the equivalent of a football field...The Louisiana wetlands are not only beautiful but functional as they reduce storm damage and coastal erosion, and also provide one of the most productive ecosystems on earth."

~Audubon Nature Institute

April 30 - May 1, 2021

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets will go on sale January 4th, 2021. All tickets can be purchased online at www.nolacontemporaryballet.com.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[Press materials, including images can be found here](#)

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About NOLA Contemporary Ballet

Established in 2020 by Tianna Pourciau Sykes, NOLA Contemporary Ballet is a dance company that is committed to preserving the cultural roots of Louisiana, telling the stories of its unique history and people. The first and only contemporary ballet company dedicated to performing works that tell the stories of the rich and diverse history of Louisiana, the company boasts a diverse repertoire that embodies the unique beauty and culture of Louisiana.

NOLA Contemporary Ballet's Youth Ensemble, a pre-professional program of the company, is a professional training and performance program for exceptionally talented pre-professional dancers ages

15-18. The youth program is designed to help develop the local area's next generation of professional dancers, as well as provide a formal track into NOLA Contemporary Ballet's professional company.

From original works to reimagined dance classics, the company presents a dynamic array of dance performance each season, bringing world-class performances to New Orleans and beyond.

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