

# PENNSYLVANIA BALLET

ROY KAISER, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR 2011 - 2012 SEASON

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## **PENNSYLVANIA BALLET ANNOUNCES 2011-2012 SEASON ROSTER**

### **Five new dancers join the Company**

Philadelphia, PA (September 9, 2011) – Pennsylvania Ballet Artistic Director Roy Kaiser announces the 2011-2012 Season roster, including a number of promotions and new dancers. Notably, **Francis Veyette** has been promoted to Principal Dancer, and **Lauren Fadeley** has been promoted to Soloist. Having created stunning images for the Company for the past several years, **Alexander Iziliaev** is transitioning from Principal Dancer to Pennsylvania Ballet’s photographer and videographer. The Company welcomes five new dancers as well as four new dancers to Pennsylvania Ballet II.

“The 2011-2012 Season roster is a unique mix of artists with distinct talent and drive,” Artistic Director Roy Kaiser says. “I look forward to sharing them with our audience.”

This season, three new dancers join the Corps de Ballet: **Samantha Barczak** from BalletFleming, **Lorin Mathis** from Boston Ballet, and **Jong Suk Park** from The Washington Ballet Studio Company. **Edward Barnes**, **Lillian Di Piazza**, and **Alex Ratcliffe-Lee** have been promoted to the Corps de Ballet from their positions as Apprentices, and **Rachel Jambois** has been promoted to the Corps directly from Pennsylvania Ballet II, the Joyce and Herbert Kean Trainee Program. Additionally, two new dancers join the Company as Apprentices: **Alexandra Hughes** from the School of American Ballet and **Alexander Peters** of Kansas City Ballet. **Lara Clemens**, **Elizabeth Mateer**, and **Eric Trope** have been promoted to Apprentice from Pennsylvania Ballet II. **Phoebe Gavula**, **Jake Helgenberg**, **Harrison Monaco**, and **Allison Pierce** are all new dancers with Pennsylvania Ballet II.

Pennsylvania Ballet opens its 48<sup>th</sup> Season in October with Russian Suite: Ratmansky & Balanchine, featuring the North American premiere of Alexei Ratmansky’s *Jeu de Cartes*. Other 2011-2012 Season highlights include the Company Premiere of Trey McIntyre’s *Peter Pan*, a World Premiere from Choreographer in Residence Matthew Neenan, and the international debut of Pennsylvania Ballet’s production of *George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker™* in Ottawa, Canada. For tickets to the 2011-2012 Season, call 215.893.1999 or visit [paballet.org](http://paballet.org).

**PENNSYLVANIA BALLET**  
**2011-2012 Season Roster**

**Roy Kaiser, Artistic Director**

**PRINCIPALS**

Amy Aldridge	Zachary Hench
Julie Diana	Francis Veyette
Riolama Lorenzo	
Arantxa Ochoa	

**SOLOISTS**

Lauren Fadeley	Ian Hussey
Abigail Mentzer	James Ihde
Brooke Moore	Jermel Johnson
Barette Vance	
Gabriella Yudenich	

**CORPS de BALLET**

Samantha Barczak	Edward Barnes
Laura Bowman	Daniel Cooper
Caralin Curcio	Andrew Daly
Lillian Di Piazza	Lorin Mathis
Megan Dickinson	Jong Suk Park
Holly Lynn Fusco	Alex Ratcliffe-Lee
Rachel Jambois	Tyler Savoie
Evelyn Kocak	Jonathan Stiles
Rachel Maher	Amir Yogev

**APPRENTICES**

Lara Clemens	Alexander Peters
Alexandra Hughes	Eric Trope
Elizabeth Mateer	

**Pennsylvania Ballet II**

Phoebe Gavula	Jake Helgenberg
Amy Holihan	Harrison Monaco
Allison Pierce	

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Founded in 1963 by Balanchine student and protégée Barbara Weisberger, **Pennsylvania Ballet** is one of the nation's leading ballet companies. Headquartered in Philadelphia, the Company's annual local season features six programs of classic favorites and new works, including the Philadelphia holiday tradition, *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*™. For more information, visit [paballet.org](http://paballet.org) or call 215.551.7000.

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