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# **Back by Poplular Demand: Inland Pacific Ballet's *Cinderella* April 20-21 and May 4-5, 2013**

Following outstanding audience response a year ago, Inland Pacific Ballet returns to the stage this month with the magical fairy tale story of *Cinderella*. The critically acclaimed ballet company will present six performances over two weekends beginning April 20 and 21 at Bridges Auditorium in Claremont, and then on May 4 and 5 at the Lewis Family Playhouse in Rancho Cucamonga.

Inland Pacific Ballet's original *Cinderella* is an enchanting version of this classic story featuring a spunky Cinderella, a pair of heartless Stepsisters, and a majestic Fairy Godmother. First premiered in 2006, the production is set to be even more spectacular this year.

Building on the original choreography by Laurence Blake, IPB Ballet Master Clinton Rothwell, Claremont native DJ Gray, who now lives and works in New York, and IPB Ballet Mistress Jill Voznick have added their artistic touch to this delightful production. "When our creative team met a few months ago, we really felt a need to add a lot more dancing, so we rechoreographed the first three sections and added new dances for Cinderella," says Artistic Director Victoria Koenig.

"We also wanted to give a hint of how Cinderella came to be in her predicament, and to redefine the Stepsister characters. With these additions, along with a gorgeous new ballroom set that features a spectacular grand staircase, and a beautiful new ball gown for Cinderella designed by Jeanne Nolden, I think the audience will enjoy the show even more this year."

Unlike most *Cinderella* productions that prefer the Sergei Prokofiev score, IPB created an original sound collage that uses as its base a little known *Cinderella* score by Johann Strauss. "Strauss is famous for his rousing Viennese waltzes, and his delightful music adds just the right touch for our vision of *Cinderella*," states Koenig. Additional music includes selections by Benjamin Britten, Charles Gounod and Jules Massenet among others.

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Founded in 1994 by Southern California natives Victoria Koenig and Kevin Myers, Inland Pacific Ballet has become one of the Inland Empire’s cultural jewels. Its mission is to build and sustain a professional ballet company of national stature in the Inland Empire of Southern California. IPB is committed to producing exquisitely staged productions of full-length classic story ballets as well as presenting the best in contemporary choreography.

Programs are supported, in part, by The Ahmanson Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, The Victor Elmaleh Foundation and The Haskell Fund. 2012-2013 Season sponsors include The Doubletree Hotel – Claremont, KPCC 89.3, LMP Productions, Covina Hills Sports Medicine, the Los Angeles Times, CEP America, KVCR, and Dolce Bistro & Bakery.

Tickets for *Cinderella* start at \$28 for adults, and are available at [www.ipballet.org](http://www.ipballet.org), or by calling the Box office at 909-607-1139. Senior, child and group discounts are available.

Bridges Auditorium is located at 450 N. College Way in Claremont. The Lewis Family Playhouse is located at 12505 Cultural Center Dr. in Rancho Cucamonga. Free parking is available near each theatre.

For more information about *Cinderella* and Inland Pacific Ballet, visit [www.ipballet.org](http://www.ipballet.org).

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In addition to the public performances, IPB also offers its Educational Outreach Program for pre-K through high school students. “A Young Person’s Guide to the Ballet” offers morning performances during the school day for public, private and homeschool students. Each 75 minute performance includes an educational talk about ballet, a demonstration of theatre stagecraft and audience participation that has students dancing in their seats. Outreach performances are scheduled for April 18 and 19, and May 2 and 3. The Outreach Program is supported, in part, by grants from Target and The Haskell Fund. For more information, visit [ipballet.org](http://ipballet.org) or contact Outreach Coordinator Lynn Klug at 909-482-1590 or [lynn@ipballet.org](mailto:lynn@ipballet.org).

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**EVENT INFORMATION:**

WHO: Inland Pacific Ballet

WHAT: Cinderella

WHERE: Bridges Auditorium  
The Claremont Colleges  
450 North College Way  
Claremont, CA 91711

WHEN: Saturday, April 20, 2012 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 20, 2012 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 21, 2012 1:00 p.m

WHERE: Lewis Family Playhouse  
12505 Cultural Center Dr.  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

WHEN: Saturday, May 4, 2012 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, May 4, 2012 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 5, 2012 1:00 p.m

TICKETS: \$20-38  
Discounted group rates available.

TICKETS & INFO: [www.ipballet.org](http://www.ipballet.org)

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