

Ventura County Ballet Company Presents “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs”

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Lilit Hogtanian

The Ventura County Ballet Company (VCBC) will hold its annual spring ballet, “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center on Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. Audiences will be in awe of VCBC’s dance lineup and enjoy the whimsical story of the classic fairytale.

VCBC has big plans to dazzle crowds as characters pirouette through the exciting music and the interactive complement of choreography. Young dancers will be working with top flight professionals and Ventura County Ballet’s wonderful choreographer Marina Fliagina. They are given the opportunity to learn through this enhanced education of this performing art adding to their stage presence and poise.

Performing her first year with VCBC, and starring as Snow White, is 21 year old Lilit Hogtanian from Los Angeles, Calif. Her passion for ballet started 15 years ago during her first ballet class at six years old with Yuri Grigoriev. “I knew at that moment I wanted to be a dancer,” said Hogtanian. She has danced with Los Angeles Ballet and Joffrey Ballet. Hogtanian graduated from Academie de Danse Princesse Grace in Monaco on a full scholarship, and was a

gold medalist at Youth America Grand Prix, Long Beach, Calif. She has performed Principal and Soloist roles in The Nutcracker and Waltz Fantasie, and participated in the Monaco Dance Form. She has worked with choreographers Jean-Christophe Maillot, Wayne McGregor, Robert Sund, Josie Walsh and William Soleau.

Rehearsing six days a week, Hogtanian is dedicated to prepping for her performances including for Snow White. "I really enjoy bringing a character from my childhood to life and giving the same joy I had watching this classic fairytale to the other young ones in the audience," said Hogtanian.

The Oxnard Performing Arts Center is located at 800 Hobson Way, in Oxnard. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$15 for children ages 10 and under. for more information, call (805) 486-2424 or visit www.venturacountyballet.com/Performances.html or www.oxnardpacc.com.

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