

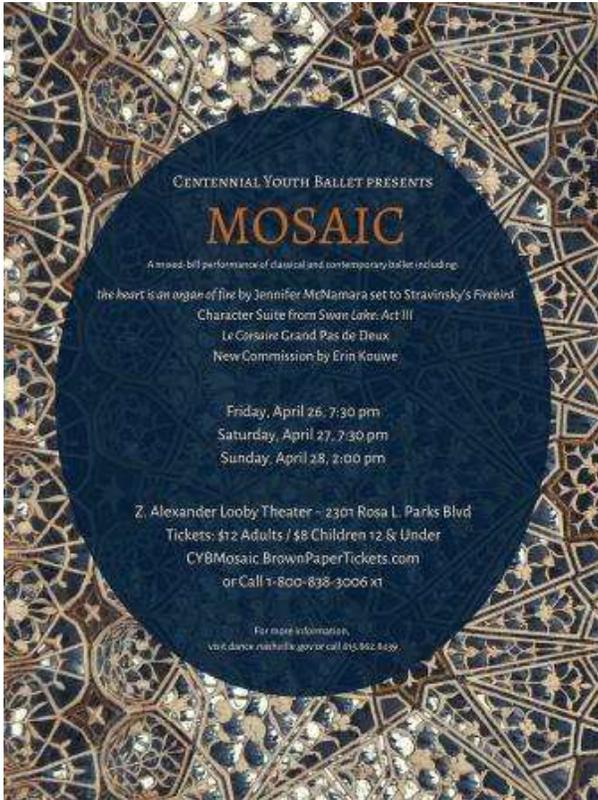


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## Centennial Youth Ballet presents *Mosaic*

Sponsored by the Metro Parks Dance Division and Friends of Metro Dance

NASHVILLE, TN -- Join Centennial Youth Ballet for *Mosaic*, a mixed-bill performance of classical and contemporary ballet works at the Z. Alexander Looby Theater, April 26-28. Jennifer McNamara's *...the heart is an organ of fire* takes its title from Michael Ondaatje's magnificent book, *The English Patient*. McNamara originally choreographed the piece for Vanderbilt Dance Theatre during the 2015/16 school year based on the given theme "creating change." She was immediately drawn to Stravinsky's *Firebird* for the score and wanted to use the legend of the Phoenix that rises from its own ashes as a basis for the story. She framed the original piece as an exploration of the struggles in a relationship between a man and a woman. In re-staging the piece for Centennial Youth Ballet, and in order to reflect the changing world in which we now live, McNamara shifted the focus from the struggles of a couple to explore the multiplicities that exist within each of us – and their fierce and tender grace - reframing each role as a different facet of a single personality. Matthew Christensen has staged

the pas de deux from *Le Corsaire*, one of classical era ballet's most famous and performed excerpts, noted for showcasing the dancers' technical abilities and artistry. Christensen also staged a suite of character dances from Act III of *Swan Lake* including the bold Hungarian, playful Neapolitan, romantic Russian and spirited Spanish dances. Erin Kouwe's "Undercurrent" is a piece she built collaboratively with the dancers. The dancers embrace sweeping, expansive movements in choreography reminiscent of the rhythmic rolling and overlapping of water currents in a swirling eddy. Experience the versatility and artistry of our talented young dancers in a performance appropriate and engaging for all ages.

### PERFORMANCES

Friday, April 26, 7:30 pm  
Saturday, April 27, 7:30 pm  
Sunday, April 28, 2:00 pm

### LOCATION

Z. Alexander Looby Theater  
2301 Rosa L. Parks Blvd.

### TICKETS

\$12 Adults  
\$8 Children 12 & Under

Public ticket sales begin Monday, April 1, 10 am. Tickets will be available at the door once online sales have ended.

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[CYBMosaic.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://CYBMosaic.BrownPaperTickets.com) or 1.800.838.3006 x1

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