

SWAN LAKE Suite

Music by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Original Choreography by Marius Petipa, Lev Ivanov and Rudolf Nureyev.

SYNOPSIS

Prologue

Prince Siegfried's birthday celebrations are underway. Shortly before the guests arrive, Siegfried falls asleep on his chair. He dreams of a princess who wanders near a lake and encounters a sorcerer who transforms her into a swan.

Act I

The guests arrive and dance joyfully. Siegfried's mother, the Queen, enters and exhorts the Prince to choose his betrothed from the girls she has invited to the ball. Pensively, the Prince seeks to escape the reality and to take refuge in dreams.

Act II

The Prince, absorbed thoughts, sees a white swan-woman appear, her head adorned with a crown. The swan confides to him that she is a princess named Odette, and that she has been turned into a swan along with other young women who, like her, are the victims of a spell cast by the wicked Rothbart. The spell can only be broken if a man will swear eternal love to her. Siegfried promises rescue Odette. Odette and Siegfried exchange a pledge of love.

Act III

At the palace, the celebrations begin. The Queen accompanies Prince Siegfried, who seems distracted. After the divertissement of folk dances from different countries, the young girls aspiring to marry the Prince are presented to him. The Queen asks him to choose his bride among them. However, he refuses forcefully, until a mysterious creature who looks just like Odette enters the palace. Siegfried only has eyes for this creature that he believes is his beloved white swan. But the swan that resembles her so closely is Odile, Rothbart's daughter, transformed by her father's magic into Odette's double. The Prince, blinded by love, asks for Odile's hand in marriage. Rothbart reveals the deception to Siegfried, Odette can no longer be saved.

Act IV

Siegfried is in despair. The vision of the lake returns. Among the swans, Odette weeps her lost love. Consumed with remorse, the Prince beseeches Odette to forgive him, but it is too late. Rothbart takes Odette away from him for ever.

Note: In our production, prince Siegfried, Odette and Odile are played successively by different dancers.



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A photograph of a male and female ballet dancer performing a pas de deux. The male dancer is in a dark, form-fitting costume, and the female dancer is in a white, flowing tutu. They are in a dynamic pose, with the male dancer supporting the female dancer as she balances on her toes. The background is a bright blue stage with a large, stylized white swan logo in the upper right corner.

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SWAN LAKE SUITE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2024
2:00 PM AND 5:00 PM
CUBBERLEY THEATER, PALO ALTO

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Artistic Director Mikhael Plain
 Production Director Hao Bach-Thai Lückhoff
 Choreography & Staging Duran Andrade, Astrid Arvelo, Rebecca Nugent, Kirsten Livingston, Hao Bach-Thai Lückhoff, Erin McMahan, Ommi Pipit-Suksun, Mikhael Plain, Dawn Sue, Tian Tan
 Repetiteurs Nicole Khoo, Sarah Stevens, and all above
 Costumes and Properties Mary Masee
 Lighting Design Hao Bach-Thai Lückhoff
 Stage Management Mikhael Plain, Hideko Sakamoto
 Photography Kyle Adler
 Videography Bo Song

INTERMISSION 15 Minutes

STAGING CAST

PROLOGUE

Duran Andrade, Hao Lückhoff Duran Andrade, Cheryl Pulanco

ACT I

Dance of the Aristocrats Kristen Bautista, Tianjia Chen, Peter Chou, Brianna Hagen, Ommi Pipit-Suksun
Siegfried's Adulthood Celebration Peter Lundgren, Trinity Lundgren, Mary Masee, Dominique Hao Bach-Thai Lückhoff
Pas de Trois Entrance Stephanie Ma, Kaori Sakurai, Mengdi Xiong | Dawn Sue
Pas de Trois, 1st Variation Megan Chu, Julie Ho, Abby Yau
Pas de Trois, 2nd Variation Alexandra Yu | Hiromi Kagawa
Pas de Trois, 3rd Variation Dawn Sue
Pas de Trois, 2nd Variation Megan Chu | Jun Liu
Pas de Trois, 3rd Variation Wenjun Kong | Julie Ho
Pas de Trois, Coda Erin McMahan
Siegfried's Variation Trinity Lundgren, Joy Robbins, Cheng Xu
 Ommi Pipit-Suksun
 Peter Chou

ACT II

Odette's Entrance Len Dulski; Mariah Oberlin | Abby Yau
 Erin McMahan
Entrance of the Swans Clare Adrien, Chuan Yu Foo, Nina Fu, Xuya Jiang, Grace Lu, Erin McMahan
 Aki Nakao, Mariah Oberlin, Pauline Prideaux, Nathalie Sandraz, Michelle Su, Abby Yau, June Zheng
Odette Prays Grace Lu, Peter Lundgren
 Hao Bach Thai Lückhoff
Dance of the Swans Xinyue Chen, Xuya Jiang, Trinity Lundgren, Joy Robbins, Rebecca Nugent
 Pamela Santa Rosa, June Zheng. Soloist: Yihan Zhang
Odette's Pas-de-Deux I - Peter Chou, Brianna Hagen
 Mikhael Plain
Four Little Swans II - Kristen Bautista, Sean Tyan
 Hiromi Kagawa, Jun Liu, Brittany Taam, Mengdi Xiong | Dawn Sue
Four Big Swans Clare Adrien, Mariah Oberlin, Nathalie Sandraz, Abby Yau
 Clémence Lepold, Stephanie Ma, Mika Regan, Victoria Williams
Odette's Variation Ommi Pipit-Suksun
 Tianjia Chen
Swans' Coda Ommi Pipit-Suksun
 Tian Tan
Pledge of Love Megan Chu, Christine Lee, Yameng Liu, Pauline Prideaux, Roni Kraft, Brittany Taam, Susan Wilturner, Abby Yau
 Clare Adrien, Len Dulski | Chuan Yu Foo, Aki Nakao
 Erin McMahan

ACT III

Queen's Entrance Peter Lundgren, Trinity Lundgren, Mary Masee
 Hao Lückhoff
Hungarian Dance Megan Chu, Ling Dong, Hiromi Kagawa, Jun Liu, Kaori Sakurai, Mengdi Xiong, Abby Yau, Alexandra Yu*
 Dawn Sue
Russian Dance Xuya Jiang, Nina Fu, Michelle Su, Susan Wilturner
 Hao Lückhoff
Spanish Dance Soloists: Sunny Wang | June Zheng
 Clare Adrien, Wenjun Kong, Aki Nakao, Mariah Oberlin, Abby Yau. Soloists: Julie Ho | Chuan Yu Foo
Neapolitan Dance Erin McMahan
 Xinyue Chen, Xuya Jiang, Nina Fu, Pamela Santa Rosa, Michelle Su, Yihan Zhang.
 Soloists: Dominique Sandraz, Natalie Sandraz
Polish Dance Megan Chu, Julie Ho, Pauline Prideaux, Susan Wilturner
 Tian Tan
Dance with the Aspirants Soloist: Roni Kraft
 Kristen Bautista, Brianna Hagen, Stephanie Ma
 Ommi Pipit-Suksun
Odile's Pas de Deux/Trois Soloists: Sean Tyan, Victoria Williams
 Duran Andrade, Len Dulski, Clémence Lepold
 Tian Tan
Rothbart's Variation Duran Andrade
 Astrid Arvelo
Odile's Variation Christine Lee | Pauline Prideaux
 Tian Tan
Siegfried's Variation Sean Tyan
 Ommi Pipit-Suksun
Odile & Rothbart's Coda Duran Andrade, Brittany Taam
 Tian Tan
Deception Duran Andrade, Grace Lu, Peter Lundgren, Trinity Lundgren,
 Duran Andrade, Hao Lückhoff
 Mary Masee, Brittany Taam, Sunny Wang

ACT IV

Dance of the Little Swans Wenjun Kong, Christine Lee, Grace Lu, Aki Nakao, Mariah Oberlin, Pauline Prideaux, Roni Kraft, Susan Wilturner, Hazel Yang, Abby Yau
 Tian Tan
Odette Weeps Wenjun Kong, Roni Kraft, Christine Lee, Grace Lu, Aki Nakao, Mariah Oberlin, Pauline Prideaux, Brittany Taam, Susan Wilturner, Hazel Yang, Abby Yau. Soloist: Mariah Oberlin | Abby Yau
 Tian Tan
Storm Xinyue Chen, Xuya Jiang, Nina Fu, Joy Robbins, Pamela Santa Rosa, Cheryl Pulanco, Nathalie Sandraz, Michelle Su, Brittany Taam, June Zheng.
 Duran Andrade, Hao Lückhoff
 Soloists: Duran Andrade, Xinyue Chen | Pamela Santa Rosa
Odette's Pas de Deux I - Yameng Liu, Duran Andrade | Yao Xiao
 Astrid Arvelo, Duran Andrade
Final Scene II - Peter Lundgren, Trinity Lundgren
 Xinyue Chen, Xuya Jiang, Nina Fu, Joy Robbins, Pamela Santa Rosa, Cheryl Pulanco, Nathalie Sandraz, Michelle Su, Brittany Taam, Susan Wilturner, June Zheng.
 Soloists: Duran Andrade, Len Dulski, Yihan Zhang