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Houston Ballet Presents: *Sylvia*

A story of love, destiny, and the women who dare to defy the gods

February 26 - March 8, 2025

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HOUSTON, TX – January 20, 2026 – Houston Ballet reawakens the world of Greek mythology with the return of *Sylvia*, Stanton Welch AM’s epic tale of love, betrayal, and female heroism. Running February 26 through March 8, 2025, at Wortham Theater Center, this vibrant production blends myth, romance, and action into an unforgettable tale centered around three women whose lives—and hearts—collide across mortal and immortal worlds.

Set to Léo Delibes’ beloved score, *Sylvia* draws inspiration from classical Greek mythology and brings to life a world of powerful goddesses, courageous warriors, and heartfelt transformation.

“In *Sylvia*, Stanton Welch crafts a love story with the intricate wit of a Shakespearean comedy,” said Connor Walsh, Principal dancer at Houston Ballet. “The production moves from high-action fight scenes and dances with daring lifts to moments of pure humor, all while serving as a beautiful testament to the power of one’s dreams and the strength in found love.”

The critically acclaimed ballet follows three powerful heroines through intertwined paths—*Sylvia*, the fearless huntress; *Artemis*, the goddess she serves; and *Psyche*, a mortal driven by love. When *Sylvia* is struck by Eros’ arrow, she’s thrown into a forbidden romance with a shepherd, setting off a cascade of magical mischief and emotional discovery.

First premiered in Houston and Sydney in 2019 and revived for Houston audiences in 2022, *Sylvia* makes its third appearance on the Wortham Theater stage. Welch crafts nuanced pas de deux for each leading lady between dramatic sword fights and comedic interactions. All the while, the reimagining unfolds against legendary theater designer Jérôme Kaplan’s ever-changing modular set pieces, providing the perfect backdrop for the otherworldly projections by Tony Honors for Excellence recipient Wendall K. Harrington. Expertly tying it all together is lighting design by Lisa J. Pinkham, making *Sylvia* a true collaboration of artistic excellence.

[Performance Details](#)

***Sylvia*, February 26 - March 8, 2025**

Production underwriting by Phoebe and Bobby Tudor

Schedule: 7:30 p.m. on February 26 and February 28, 2026
7:30 p.m. on March 6 and March 7, 2026
1:30 p.m. on March 7, 2026
2 p.m. on March 1 and 8, 2026

Venue: Wortham Theater Center
501 Texas Avenue, Houston, TX 77002

Tickets: Visit www.houstonballet.org

ABOUT HOUSTON BALLET

Founded in 1969, Houston Ballet is known for its artistic excellence, bold choreography, and exceptional training programs. Under the leadership of Artistic Directors Julie Kent and Stanton Welch AM, and Executive Director Sonja Kostich, the Company operates with a \$46 million budget (FY26) and a \$126 million endowment (as of October 2025). In April 2011, it opened the Margaret Alkek Williams Center for Dance, a \$46.6 million-dollar state-of-the-art training facility. The Company regularly performs in the Wortham Theater Center in Houston, Texas, and tours internationally to cities such as London, Paris, and Tokyo. Additionally, its Education and Community Engagement programs reach more than 85,000 people annually, while the Houston Ballet Academy trains over 1,000 students each year, with a majority on scholarship. For more information on Houston Ballet, visit houstonballet.org/explore/history.

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