



The Ballet of the Croatian National Theatre in Zagreb

Artistic Director:
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▶▶ ABOUT THE BALLET ENSEMBLE

The Ballet ensemble has a 125-year history, with many famous names working with the ensemble (from Margareta Froman, Octavio Cintolesi, Pia and Pino Maklar, Milko Šparemblek, Vasco Wellenkamp etc.). As the largest ballet ensemble in Croatia, it has a rich repertoire, which is continually expanded with new ballets, both classical and contemporary. Last season, the ensemble produced eight premieres and about twenty guest performances in Croatia and abroad (Slovenia, Germany). This season, in addition to several new productions, the ensemble will continue to perform their popular classical ballets revivals (*Don Quixote*, *Giselle*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *La Bayadere*) as well as *Choreographies of George*

Balanchine and the famous national ballet *The Devil in the Village*. Since a new generation of young choreographers has appeared in last couple of years, the Croatian ballet scene has been refreshed with new choreographies, which have also become a part of the ensemble's repertoire. Among them, the most successful choreographer is Staša Zurovac, who showed his potential as choreographer and craft as dancer in his contemporary ballet *Cirkus Primitif Balet*. Staša Zurovac won a number of international awards both as choreographer and dancer.

▶▶ REVIEW EXTRACTS

...There are no weak spots in this large-scale, comprehensive and demanding production. All the elements – from the ensemble, the casting of soloists, the students of the Ballet School and members of the Ballet Studio, the

staging, the conductor and the orchestra – were top-quality and perfectly chosen...

Vjesnik

...Zurovac should not be considered as one of the younger dancers and choreographers with most potential in his own theatre, but as one with the most potential on the national dance scene. In his new choreography, he once again insists on comic, even grotesque gesture, which places an acting challenge before the dancers...

Večernji list



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...This performance is a parade of beauty and high technical perfection...

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▶▶ Cirkus Primitif Balet

