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SPOLETO FESTIVAL USA

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PRESS RELEASE

Scottish Ballet performs *The Crucible* over Spoleto's opening weekend—May 22, 23, and 24

Choreographer Helen Pickett stages Arthur Miller's masterpiece of power and persecution

November 5, 2019 (Charleston, South Carolina) — Spoleto Festival USA announces the return of Scottish Ballet during the 2020 season. Last in Charleston in 2015, the company, which celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2019, performs one of its newest works on May 22, 23, and 24: *The Crucible*.

Choreographer Helen Pickett's retelling of Arthur Miller's iconic drama can be seen at the Charleston Gaillard Center, accompanied by 18 members of the Spoleto Festival USA Orchestra performing a haunting score by Peter Salem.

Says Spoleto Festival USA General Director Nigel Redden: "Spoleto audiences still rave about Scottish Ballet's 2015 presentation of *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and we are delighted to invite the brilliant company back to Charleston this May. Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* is as relevant today as it was when it was first written, and Helen Pickett's electrifying choreography, performed by immensely talented dancers, is the perfect work to kick off the Festival's 44th season."

Miller's 1953 masterpiece explores the impact of the 17th-century Salem Witch Trials in Massachusetts. *The Crucible* will have its U.S. premiere at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., before arriving in Charleston. Find the company's season announcement and U.S. tour schedule [here](#).

The full program for Spoleto Festival USA's 2020 season will be announced January 5. Tickets to *The Crucible* and all other events go on sale to the public January 15 at 10:00am, online at spoletousa.org or by phone at 843.579.3100. A donor pre-sale begins January 6, with access determined by giving level.

Scottish Ballet

Scottish Ballet, founded in 1969, is Scotland's national dance company. Based in Glasgow, the company performs regularly across Scotland, and increasingly throughout the UK and internationally—promoting

Scotland's pioneering spirit far and wide. Under CEO/Artistic Director Christopher Hampson, Scottish Ballet presents bold, adventurous performances rooted in strong classical technique, accompanied by the Scottish Ballet Orchestra. The company's broad repertoire includes new versions of the classics and ground-breaking commissions, as well as an innovative digital season every two years. Scottish Ballet runs an extensive engagement program, tailored to the needs of diverse communities, which promotes confidence, fosters well-being, and encourages creativity through dance. In 2019, Scottish Ballet celebrates 50 years of inspiring audiences on stage and beyond, with a creative vision crafted by Scotland. Scottish Ballet is funded by the Scottish Government.

Spoletto Festival USA

Founded in 1977, Spoleto Festival USA is an annual 17-day performing arts festival in Charleston, SC, that presents leading artists in classical and popular music, opera, jazz, dance, and theater. The 2020 season takes place May 22 to June 7 in various locations on the downtown peninsula, including the historic Dock Street Theatre and the Charleston Gaillard Center. Spoleto Festival USA is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

Tickets

Tickets go on sale to the public beginning January 15, 2020, at 10:00am, online at spoletousa.org and by phone at 843.579.3100.

In-person box office operations will be located at Charleston Gaillard Center beginning May 1. Tickets may be purchased Monday through Sunday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Festival gift certificates can be purchased in any amount and used towards performance tickets, merchandise such as Festival posters, or charitable contributions to Spoleto Festival USA. To purchase gift certificates, order online at spoletousa.org or by phone at 843.579.3100.

Images

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