

MONACO TAKES NEW YORK ON A MAGICAL JOURNEY THIS FEBRUARY

February 15-21, 2016

Principality Hosts Fairytale Celebrations in New York for Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo

New York, January 2016 – This winter, New Yorkers won't need a Fairy Godmother to taste the good life. *Monaco Takes New York* (February 15-21, 2016) will be showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the Principality, treating all to an 'happily ever after' in true Monégasque style.

Setting the tone for the week's magical events are **Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo** performing *Cinderella* at **New York City Center**, with a companion exhibition of behind-the-scenes photographs at the New York Headquarters of world-renowned auctioneers, **Christie's**, and a Monégasque culinary week with Monaco's visiting chef **Paolo Sari** at legendary **Circo** and **Le Cirque** restaurants.

CINDERELLA

Led by talented director-choreographer Jean-Christophe Maillot, Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo performs its mesmerizing modern rendition of Prokofiev's *Cinderella* at New York City Center:

- Thursday, February 18 – 8:00 pm
- Friday, February 19 – 8:00 pm
- Saturday, February 20 – 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Individual tickets are now on sale at the theater box office at 131 West 55th Street, by phone at City Tix on (212) 581 1212 or online at www.nycitycenter.org.

On Thursday, February 18, **Cartier** and the **Consulate General of Monaco** co-host an opening night VIP experience featuring tickets to *Cinderella* followed by an exclusive cocktail reception under the patronage of Monaco's Ambassador to the United States. Guests can mingle with members of Les Ballets' company and feast on organic treats prepared by Monaco's Chef Paolo Sari. The *Opening Night Experience package* is \$300 per person and may be purchased online at www.monaco-nyc.com. Space is extremely limited. Proceeds to benefit Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo.

FLAVORS OF MONACO

Between Monday, February 15 and Saturday, February 20, Circo and sister-restaurant Le Cirque will partner with **Monte-Carlo SBM** to host **Chef Paolo Sari**, Executive Chef of the **Monte-Carlo Beach** whose restaurant, **Elsa**, is the world's only 100% organic Michelin-starred restaurant.

Chef Sari will apply his innovative and avant-garde farm-to-table style to create the week's prix-fixe 100% organic menus - lunch and dinner at Circo; 6-course degustation dinner only at Le Cirque.

Circo, 120 West 55th Street, (212) 286 3636, reservations@circonyc.com, www.circonyc.com

Le Cirque, 151 East 58th Street, (212) 644 0202, reservations@lecirque.com, www.lecirque.com



A **Ballet + Dinner package** is available for the evenings of February 18, 19 and 20 only at \$145/person, including 3-course prix-fixe “Flavors of Monaco” dinner at Circo with a complimentary glass of champagne, premium orchestra seat at *Cinderella* and *Cinderella* souvenir program autographed by choreographer Jean-Christophe Maillot. For more details and to purchase the package, please visit www.monaco-nyc.com

INSIDE LES BALLETS DE MONTE-CARLO

On exhibition for the first time in the United States, twenty photographs by Monaco-born Alice Blangero take us behind-the-scenes and *inside* Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo as she captures the most intimate moments of the company’s work.

On view from Wednesday through Sunday, February 17-21 at Christie’s Rockefeller Center (Lobby Gallery), 20 Rockefeller Plaza (at West 49th Street). Free and open to the public, 10:00am-5:00pm Wed-Sat and 1:00pm-5:00pm Sunday.

The 2016 Monaco Takes New York series of events is presented by the Consulate General of Monaco and Monaco Government Tourist Office in New York, in cooperation with the Embassy of Monaco to the United States. Partners and sponsors include Cartier, Circo and Le Cirque, Monte-Carlo SBM, Monte-Carlo Beach, Christie’s and La Brasserie de Monaco.

For more information, visit www.monaco-nyc.com or email info@monaco-consulate.com.

Interviews with Jean-Christophe Maillot, Alice Blangero and Chef Sari are available by prior request, as are accompanying images.



About Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo



to delight international audiences with award-winning, awe-inspiring performances. www.balletsdemontecarlo.com

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This distinguished company of 50 dancers consistently delights audiences with breathtaking performances on the world’s greatest stages, thus highlighting the Principality’s cultural and artistic virtues. Les Ballets became the official company of the Principality of Monaco in 1985, founded by Her Royal Highness The Princess of Hanover in accordance with the wishes of her mother, Princess Grace of Monaco. Since 1993, under the direction of Jean-Christophe Maillot, the company has continued

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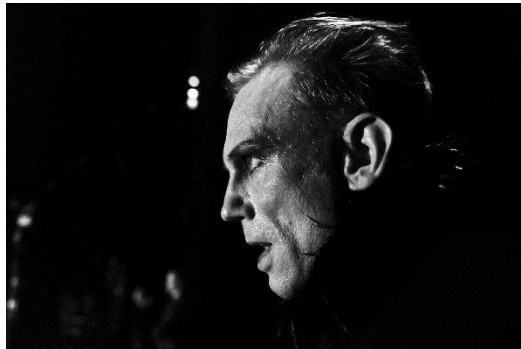
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Jean-Christophe Maillot's
Cinderella
Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo
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Inside Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo
Chris Roelandt, backstage (2011)
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Bio Sama, Chef Paolo Sari's signature dish
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