



**MANASSAS BALLET THEATRE PRESENTS
THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
Season opening production haunts the Hylton October 20-22, 2017**

September 20, 2017...Manassas Ballet Theatre (MBT) and the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra will send a chill up your spine just in time for Halloween with *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, October 20-22 at the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas, VA. Featuring all-original choreography and an international cast of dancers, MBT stays true to the original tale starring Ichabod Crane, with the pursuit of Katrina's heart and fortune unleashing a haunting legend that plays across the stage to a tragic end.

To set the scene, artistic director Amy Grant Wolfe explored Sleepy Hollow in New York's Hudson Valley this past August. "Sleepy Hollow has all the elements Washington Irving wrote about," Amy said. "There is a misty, lazy, beautiful feel, where you just know the people love to talk and gossip...and tell tales." She found the area to be ghost-like and ancient, totally separate from modern times. "Our production embraces that era in American history – spooky, but historical."

MBT's season opening production features 29 professional dancers from across the country and around the world. Live music by the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra helps to deliver a world-class theater experience. In fact, MBT is best known for this, surpassing expectations and creating productions at the multi-million-dollar budget level, more common with large city dance companies. Every year, MBT strives to present an even better patron experience, and the 2017-18 season promises to wow our audiences like never before.

MBT celebrates the season of spook with three performances: Friday, October 20, 7:30pm; Saturday, October 21, 7:30pm; Sunday, October 22, 3:00pm. Tickets start at \$25 and are available at www.hyltoncenter.org or by calling 888-945-2468.

As always, opening night is Service Night; any service employee (active duty, veteran or first responder) receives a free ticket, with accompanying tickets at a 25% discount. For additional ticket discounts (including discounts for Prince William County/Manassas City employees and teachers) and information, please visit www.manassasballet.org or call (703) 257-1811.

ABOUT MANASSAS BALLET THEATRE

Manassas Ballet Theatre is a 501c(3) nonprofit corporation founded in 1983. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in Northern Virginia by providing accessible, affordable professional ballet performances, educational outreach to the community, and the highest caliber of training to students of all levels at the affiliated school, Manassas Ballet Academy. MBT is funded in part by the National Endowment For the Arts, the Virginia Commission of the Arts, Prince

William County and the City of Manassas, and is the resident ballet company of the Hylton Performing Arts Center on the Manassas campus of George Mason University.
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