

# BALLET RI

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## **Boldly Reimagining Ballet, Festival Ballet Providence Rebrands to Ballet Rhode Island**

**PROVIDENCE, RI (MAY 5, 2023)**- Festival Ballet Providence is thrilled to announce their rebrand to **Ballet Rhode Island** effective today, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This new identity is a dedication and commitment to their home state of Rhode Island, a growing community, and a testament to the continued reimagination that is at the core of their artistic mission.

Under the directorship of Kathleen Breen Combes, **Ballet RI** (Ballet Rhode Island), the premiere dance company in the region, is the proud evolution of Festival Ballet Providence as it continues to embark on an innovative future. Their commitment to present art that inspires, and challenges will remain strong, as will their efforts to bring dance to communities that have long faced barriers to access.

“Art, by its very nature, must evolve to stay relevant, interesting, and compelling,” said Breen Combes, Director of **Ballet RI**. “Through the years, Festival Ballet Providence has evolved to serve communities across the Ocean State and I’m thrilled that under this expanded new identity, Ballet RI will continue to serve as a meeting place for audiences and a platform for artists across the region and beyond.”

Through visually stunning performances, education, and community engagement, **Ballet RI** reimagines a traditional dance form into a modern-day experience that reflects the rich diversity of Rhode Island.

“I am thrilled to see this exciting new chapter for an institution that has grown into an artistic engine for all Rhode Islanders,” said Laurine Ryan-Perry, Board President.

With unique programs led by Artistic Curator, Yury Yanowsky, and many powerful choreographers and collaborations, **Ballet RI** will set the stage for a bold and innovative future with iconic and groundbreaking masterpieces and surprising narratives. For more information on their upcoming performances, please see their 2023-2024 season brochure attached.

For more information on the rebrand of Ballet RI please reach out to [rosanna@rmopr.com](mailto:rosanna@rmopr.com) or visit [www.balletri.org](http://www.balletri.org).

