

Make your wish come true with Scottish Ballet in 2019.

For 50 years, Scottish Ballet has been crafted by Scotland – by the people, the tradition, the sense of humour, the generosity and the spirit. As a way of saying thank you to the whole country, Scottish Ballet is inviting people to make a wish – and in 2019, five of those wishes will come true as part of the company's 50th birthday celebrations.

To thank people for their continued support, Scottish Ballet has launched the *Five Wishes* campaign which invites people to submit their wishes of the company by Wednesday 31 October. With the deadline looming, people are encouraged to get their creative, heart-warming or inspired wishes in, before public voting closes on Wednesday 7 November.

From dancing in community halls to performing at parties, the top wishes from the public vote will be presented to an esteemed judging panel which includes **Dame Darcey Bussell, Susan Calman, Fred MacAulay, Janice Forsyth, Christopher Hampson and Principal Dancer Christopher Harrison**, and who will cast the deciding vote on which five wishes will come true throughout 2019.

Looking for wishes that are original, personal and imaginative, those selected will take place in Scotland during 2019 as part of Scottish Ballet's 50th anniversary year, which will also see three world premieres including *Dextera* by Sophie Laplane, *The Crucible* choreographed by Helen Pickett and *The Snow Queen* by Christopher Hampson, alongside *Elite Syncopations* by Sir Kenneth MacMillan, a Digital Season of work and the ambitious Five in Five Campaign.

Talking about the Make a Wish campaign, **CEO/Artistic Director of Scottish Ballet, Christopher Hampson said:**

'Scottish Ballet forged new ground in 1969, and we continue to promote Scotland's pioneering spirit in everything that we do. In our 50th anniversary, we want to thank people for their continued support of Scottish Ballet by helping five wishes come true and join the company in celebrating our anniversary year.'

Dame Darcey Bussell said:

'I am excited to be on the judging panel for Scottish Ballet's *Five Wishes* campaign to help share the magic of ballet with people across Scotland in the company's 50th year. I look forward to seeing lots of wonderful wish ideas and am sure there will be some really personal and imaginative ones for us to choose from.'

Wishes can be submitted to the Five Wishes campaign until Wednesday 31 October, ahead of voting closing on Wednesday 7 November. To make your wish, and for more information, visit:

<https://www.scottishballet.co.uk/wish>

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About 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 year
- Scottish Ballet runs an extensive engagement programme, tailored to the needs of diverse communities, 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. For more information about the anniversary season, visit: www.scottishballet.co.uk/50
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