My Favorite Petipa Ballet is...

Swan Lake

"It's so grand, romantic and dramatic. You can read how much passion and love the dancers put through the steps that Petipa choreographed."

Photo by Luigi Bilancio

Giselle

"It's a beautiful story of forgiveness. I love it because it is a dramatic ballet. For Giselle, Act I is dramatic theatrically and through her movement, while Act II is dramatic lyrically and through her facial expressions."

Photo by Owen Bruce

Don Quixote

"It's super fun and fierce!"

Photo by Jade Young

La Bayadère

"I love the depth of the characters. The ballet touches on all of the universal themes: love, betrayal, envy, power and nobility. The dances are classical, but also have some non-traditional classical movement that can be so much fun to perform. I love portraying Gamzatti...she is so powerful and menacing!"

Photo by Jade Young

La Bayadère

"I like the story and the period it is set in. Mostly, I love the music...from the beginning of Nikiya's first solo until the end of the ballet...it's all just so beautiful."

Photo by Hanna Bass

Giselle

"Albrecht is the most involved role for a male principal dancer. I find the story and characters depth-wise to be the most interesting...there's such a wide range of emotions and the virtuosic steps are so iconic to that ballet. And who doesn't love a spooky ghost story?"

Photo by Rosalie O'Connor