

**Beauty Beyond Words**  
***Alberta Ballet to stage Ballet to the music of Sarah McLachlan***



April 7, 2010 Calgary/Edmonton, AB – Alberta Ballet Artistic Director **Jean Grand-Maitre** today announced the company's 2010/2011 Season: *Beauty Beyond Words* and included the announcement of company's continuation of its contemporary music series.

Following our triumphant tribute to the music of Canadian music icon Joni Mitchell and with our upcoming world premiere of *Love Lies Bleeding*, set to the music of international superstars **Sir Elton John** and **Bernie Taupin**, we are honoured to announce the world premiere of a new self-titled creation to the music of Canadian music icon **Sarah McLachlan**. Along with Artistic Director **Jean Grand-Maitre** and a world-class design team, Sarah McLachlan, one of the most gifted and acclaimed singer-songwriters of her generation will participate with Alberta Ballet to create a new, full length ballet set to her magnificent music.

***Ms. McLachlan had this to say about the project, "I am a huge Joni Mitchell fan and to see her music brought to life with the physical poetry of the amazing Alberta Ballet under the direction of Jean Grand-Maitre was simply mesmerizing. I had the pleasure of seeing Jean Grand at work massaging perfection out of the dancers for the opening ceremonies piece we did together. I am so looking forward to him focusing his passion and bringing my music into a new realm!"***

This Grammy, Juno and Gemini Award-winning artist, who has sold over 40 million recordings worldwide and raised more than \$7 million for charities, is the perfect continuation to the company's exciting series of creations inspired by the music of living icons. Costumes will be designed by fashion designer Paul Hardy; video projections will be by Adam Larsen, set design by Jean Grand-Maitre and lighting by Pierre Lavoie. Sarah McLachlan premieres May 5 – 7, 2011 in Calgary and May 13 – 14, 2011 in Edmonton.



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Alberta Ballet's 2010 | 2011 Season**

#### **Pilobolus Dance Theater**

Calgary: September 16 - 18, 2010 | Edmonton: September 21 - 22, 2010

#### **The Sleeping Beauty – Canadian Premiere**

Calgary: October 21 - 23, 2010 | Edmonton: November 5 - 6, 2010

#### **The Nutcracker**

Ottawa: December 1 - 5, 2010 | Edmonton: December 10 - 12, 2010

Calgary: December 17 - 23, 2010 | Vancouver: December 29, 2010 - January 1, 2011

#### **Four Seasons and Cantata – performed by Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal**

Edmonton: February 10 - 12, 2011 | Calgary: February 15 - 16, 2011

#### **Vigil of Angels and Serenade**

Calgary: March 24 - 26, 2011 | Edmonton: April 1 - 2, 2011

#### **Sarah McLachlan – World Premiere**

Calgary: May 5 - 7, 2011 | Edmonton: May 13 - 14, 2011

All performances take place at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium in Edmonton and the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium in Calgary.

Alberta Ballet has also frozen ticket prices for 2010/2011. Subscriptions are now available and start at \$152 for adults. Single tickets for select performances will go on sale August 3, 2010 and may be purchased by calling Alberta Ballet's Box Office at 403.245.4549 in Calgary or 780.428.4589 in Edmonton or may be purchased online at [albertaballet.com](http://albertaballet.com).

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#### **About Alberta Ballet:**

*Alberta Ballet, a not-for-profit organization, is one of Canada's leading ballet companies. Since its formation in 1966, with its cutting-edge repertoire and talent led by Artistic Director Jean Grand-Maître and Executive Director Darryl Lindenbach, Alberta Ballet has remained at the forefront of the national and international arts scene. One of the only arts organizations in Canada to call two cities home, Alberta Ballet is proud to be a community leader both on and off the stage.*

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