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Mowgli-The Jungle Book Ballet

The Eugene Ballet Company announces the world premiere of "Mowgli - The Jungle Book Ballet," coming to the Hult Center for the Performing Arts on April 13 and 14.

Based on Rudyard Kipling's classic stories, this full-length ballet is sure to dazzle audience members of all ages. Original choreography by EBC Artistic Director Toni Pimble is set to an eclectic compilation of East Indian and World Fusion music. The audience will be immersed in lush jungle environment through the intricate set design created by Emmy award-winner Gregory Crane of GRC Designs.

The lavish costumes, designed by Jonna Hayden, feature authentic Indian fabrics, a vibrant array of color, and intricate headpieces created by Lynn Bowers. "Mowgli" will also feature two giant puppets designed by Crane, including Kaa the Snake, requiring up to eight dancers to manipulate.

Two performances of "Mowgli" will be held at the Hult Center: the world premiere at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, and a matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 14.

Press opportunities are available during performance week beginning April 7. Members of the media can also attend the full-dress rehearsal on Friday, April 12 at the Hult Center. Contact Josh Neckels to schedule your participation. (see contact information below).

Audience members also have the opportunity to become "Ballet Insiders" by attending pre-show talks where participants get a behind-the-curtains look at the ballet's development and production process. Ballet Insider talks are held 45 minutes before each performance's curtain call in The Studio at the Hult Center.

Tickets are on sale now at the Hult Center Box Officer, by phone at 541.682.5000, and at eugeneballet.org. Youth and student discounts are available.

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