

# *Cuban National Ballet Ready for Performances this Weekend*

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The Cuban National Ballet is preparing for performances this weekend, following a successful tour of Spain and Oman.

Havana's National Theater will host the galas to mark the 35th anniversary of the Abril Publishing House and the 20th of the José Martí Cultural Society.

The performances include pieces, such as *En las sombras de un vals* (In the shades of a waltz), choreographed by ballet legend and company director, Alicia Alonso and music score by Josef Strauss, and *Cuba dentro de un piano* (Cuba inside a piano), choreographed by Eduardo Blanco, with music score by 19th and 20th century Cuban composers, Manuel Saumell, Ignacio Cervantes, Ernesto Lecuona and Harold Gramatges.

The mixed bill is also made up of the pas de deux of the ballet *Excelsior* and a Suite of *Don Quixote*. Also on the program: *Lucía Jerez* inspired by the novel *Lucía Jerez* by Cuban National Hero, José Martí.

The leading roles will be danced by Viengsay Valdés, Anette Delgado, Dani Hernández, Víctor Estévez, Estheysis Menéndez, Gabriela Mesa, Ginett Moncho, Adrián Masvidal, Daniela Gómez and Ariel Martínez. The cast also includes awarded young dancers, Bárbara Fabelo and Patricio Revé, who've just recently joined the company and will be dancing the pas de deux of the ballet *Excelsior*.

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