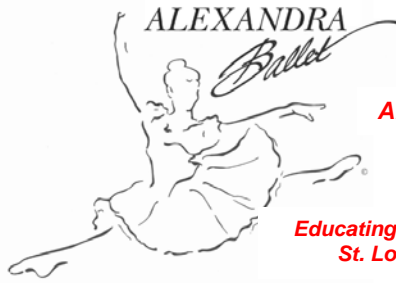


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# *The Firebird*

with

***Napoli • de l'innocense • Moldavian Suite***

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## **MOLDAVIAN SUITE:**

- ◆ This dance is a vibrant and colorful piece choreographed by Sergey Kozadayev of Chicago's Salt Creek Ballet. Though technically outside the realm of classical ballet, ethnic dances of this type (called character dances), have been an integral part of ballet since its inception, and, as such, are still important today. In fact, learning these dances is a critical component to the training of any dancer working toward a career in ballet.

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## **NAPOLI:**

- ◆ The third act of this ballet from the 19th Century created by Danish master, August Bournonville, is restaged by AB's own Ballet Mistress, CiCi Houston. The distinctive style in which Bournonville taught is still revered today for its beauty and difficulty. Bournonville master teacher, Kennet Oberly, coached Ms. Houston and traveled to St. Louis recently to oversee rehearsals.

## **DE L'INNOCENSE:**

- ◆ Representing the 21st Century, ***de l'innocense*** is a contemporary ballet with original choreography by Alan Hineline, an American who has received an unprecedented eight National Choreography Awards. Hineline's work, although classical, is approached with a modern eye and contemporary feel. This ballet features guest artists Kevin Wiltz and returning AB alumna, Andrea Lucas. Mr. Wiltz and Ms. Lucas are students at Butler University in Indianapolis, where both attend on Talent Award Scholarship.

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