

*Dedicated to Maya Plisetskaya*



## RUSSIA'S BALLET STARS DANCING IN CARMEN SUITE

**Carmen Suite, world-renowned ballet chef d'oeuvres, pieces from Maya Plisetskaya's repertoire**

**The Open Art production agency presents the first night of the legendary one-act ballet *Carmen Suite* involving stars of the Mariinsky Theatre, Saint Petersburg.**

By some happy coincidence of circumstances talents meet and do wonders. It was Maya Plisetskaya's long-cherished dream that brought together and received support of composer Rodion Shchedrin, ballet master Alberto Alonso and conductor Gennady Rozhdestvensky. In 1967 they produced one of the most inspired ballets of the XX century – *Carmen Suite*. Facing considerable opposition, the talented work could have perished but for the uncompromising tenacity of Maya Plisetskaya and... time. Time is known to be the best art critic.

Today Saint Petersburg's brightest ballet stars pay tribute to the memory of the great ballerina by taking part in this performance. They are Sofia Gumerova, soloist of the Mariinsky Ballet, Merited Artist of Russia, and her partner Igor Kolb, principal dancer of the Mariinsky Ballet, Merited Artist of Russia. Once under the spell of Maya Plisetskaya's repertoire, the artists decided to go beyond their triumph in the Northern Capital. So we can appreciate the

unbelievable luck of being able to remember legendary Plisetskaya and at the same time to enjoy the supreme art of modern ballet dancers.

The performance involves soloists of the Mikhailovsky Theatre, Saint Petersburg.

**Programme:**

Act I

World-renowned ballet chef d'oeuvres

Pieces from Maya Plisetskaya's repertoire

Act II

Bizet- Shchedrin. *Carmen Suite*

One-act ballet choreographed by Vladimir Romanovsky



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