

Prix de Lausanne 2023
Lifetime Achievement Award, artistic team and 50th anniversary
special events
International ballet competition – Beaulieu Theatre (Lausanne)

Lausanne, 17 January 2023: the Lifetime Achievement Award 2023 will be handed to Carlos Acosta CBE, Prix de Lausanne Prize Winner in 1990 and current Director of the Birmingham Royal Ballet. Two new teachers are joining the competition's artistic team. The 50th anniversary complete programme, topped-up with an extraordinary Gala of the Stars on Sunday, 5 February is now completed.

Lifetime Achievement Award to Carlos Acosta

At the end of its Finals, the Prix de Lausanne will award Cuban dancer and Birmingham Royal Ballet Director Carlos Acosta. Gold Medal of the 1990 Prix de Lausanne, Carlos Acosta is one of the true success stories of our competition. Since his consecration in Lausanne, his career has literally taken off, as an international artist with the Royal Ballet but also as a guest artist with prestigious companies such as the American Ballet Theatre, the Houston Ballet, the English National Ballet and the Birmingham Royal Ballet, where he was appointed Artistic Director 2020. To be handing him the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award while celebrating our 50th anniversary truly holds a particular emotion.

Two new teachers in the competition

The Prix de Lausanne is honoured to welcome two new teachers in its artistic team. Classical classes for boys will be taught by Julio Bocca, former Principal at the American Ballet Theatre and former Director at the Uruguay National Ballet. Contemporary classes will be given by Lakey E. Peña, Rehearsal Director at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

50th anniversary's special events

Many special events will be taking place as part of this anniversary edition. Here is the finalised schedule:

- From today to 31 March, Beau-Rivage Palace: **exhibition of Gregory Batardon's work**, official photographer of the Prix de Lausanne since 2011, who proposes a selection of personal favourites for the occasion. [More information](#)
- From Monday 23 January to Monday 6 February, Lausanne's Grand-Pont: **large-scale exhibition of Julie Masson's work**, who was the 'carte blanche' photographer of the competition's 2022 edition. [More information](#)
- Monday 30 January, 6.30pm, Beaulieu Theater: unveiling of the archive project created in collaboration with the EPFL's Experimental Museology Laboratory (eM+).



Presentation of the *Linear Navigator*, a digital structure allowing to showcase 50 years of multimedia archive of the Prix de Lausanne.

- Monday, 30 January, 6.30pm, Beau-Rivage Palace: **book signing session for “50 starry years”** with its author, Jean Pierre Pastori, and the Jury members 2023.
- Tuesday, 31 January, 6pm, Beaulieu Theater: **Conversation with the Jury**, moderated by Jean Pierre Pastori. [More information](#)
- Wednesday, 1 February, 6.30pm, Beaulieu Theater: **presentation evening of two choreographic projects of the Prix de Lausanne**: the Young Creation Award Finals and a public rehearsal of the Partner School Choreographic Project with Goyo Montero. [More information](#)
- Saturday, 4 February, 1pm, Beaulieu Theater: **Press conference** with Jean-Christophe Maillot (President of the 2023 Jury), Carlos Acosta (Lifetime Achievement Award 2023), Kathryn Bradney (Artistic and Executive Director of the Prix de Lausanne) and Stéphane Lagonico (President of the Prix de Lausanne’s Foundation’s Board). [Registration with the press officer](#)
- Saturday, 4 February, 2.30pm, Beaulieu Theater: Finals of the Prix de Lausanne 2023 – 50th edition
- Sunday, 5 February, 2pm, Beaulieu Theater: Premiere **Screening of the docu-film “Le Prix”**, directed by Alain Wirth and Nuria Manzur-Wirth, on the occasion of the Prix de Lausanne’s 50th anniversary. The film follows four candidates around the globe in their journey to the competition. The screening will be followed by a talk and a Q&A session with its directors. [More information](#)
- Sunday, 5 February, 4.30pm, Beaulieu Theater: **Gala of the Stars** with performances of former Prix de Lausanne Prize Winners, most of whom have become world-class artists, Principal dancers and Étoiles. [More information and ticketing](#)

Ticketing & Info

Tickets available on [Seetickets](#)

Detailed public schedule on prixdelausanne.org

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The Prix de Lausanne follows the development of future dance talents throughout the year through various activities which culminates into the most prestigious classical ballet competition in the world. The first edition of the competition, designed for 15 to 18-year-old dancers, took place in 1973. Since then, it has become a major annual event in the dance sphere on a worldwide scale, and its goal remains unchanged: to identify, promote and help the best young dance talents around the world. Today, after 50 editions, the Prix de Lausanne is considered the most prestigious ballet competition on an international level and the foundation upholding and organising it has morphed into a wide scale charity, well beyond the initial event. We support the most promising young talents throughout the year through various education and training activities. The Prix de Lausanne allows them to live a



unique experience that will serve them throughout their career. As a development partner, we provide them with a healthy environment to reach their full potential. That is why we have developed a vast network of partners to strive for excellence in this exceptional artistic dance field.