



**Announcement by Joburg Ballet CEO Esther Nasser on the cancellation of *Don Quixote*
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Joburg Ballet deeply regrets that the remaining performances of the ballet *Don Quixote* at the Joburg Theatre with the Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra, due to end on Sunday, have been cancelled. This step has been taken following the government ban on gatherings of more than 100 people and in alignment with measures announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa to combat the spread of coronavirus Covid-19.

Joburg Ballet has been in consultation with Joburg Theatre regarding the cancellation of the balance of the *Don Quixote* season and to discuss procedures involving ticket refunds. While all who hold tickets for the cancelled performances are entitled to refunds and will be contacted by Joburg Theatre to make refund arrangements, I would like to reach out to you with an urgent and heartfelt plea: please consider donating to Joburg Ballet the money you spent on your tickets.

The loss of the income from the sale of *Don Quixote* tickets will have a negative impact on Joburg Ballet. Your support will help the ballet company weather this storm and contribute to ensuring that when these critical times start to ease, Joburg Ballet will be in a position to continue serving our community by bringing world class ballet to South African stages, by providing employment for our professional dancers and training for the dancers of the future.

All refunds must be claimed on or before Monday 6 April 2020. If you have queries regarding refunds, please do not contact Joburg Ballet but Joburg Theatre on 011 877 6853 or 011 877 6917 or email info@joburgtheatre.com. If you bought tickets from the Friends of the Ballet for the Up Close and Personal function with guest stars Marianela Nuñez and Vadim Muntagirov planned for Friday 20 March, you will be contacted by the Friends of the Ballet.

We thank our audiences for their continued support and look forward to happier times when the arts will once again make the world a brighter place.

Sincerely

Esther Nasser
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