



James Kudelka

Choreographer, *An Italian Straw Hat*

One of contemporary ballet's most gifted, versatile and distinctive choreographers, James Kudelka has enlarged and redefined the character of his art as few modern dance makers have. An astonishingly prolific artist whose work embodies a clear consistency of vision and quality, Mr. Kudelka's over 80 works are in the repertoires of ballet companies around the world. A native of Newmarket, Ontario, Mr. Kudelka began to choreograph while a Soloist with The National Ballet of Canada, further developing his art after joining Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal as a Principal Dancer in 1981. He held the position of Resident Choreographer with Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal from 1984 to 1990 and joined The National Ballet of Canada as Artist-in-Residence in 1992. He was Artistic Director of the company from 1996 to 2005 and then assumed the role of Resident Choreographer, which he held until 2007.

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