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**The World's Foremost Gender-Skewing Comic Ballet Company, Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, are Coming to Bellingham**

*Bellingham, WA* — Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo brings its internationally beloved troupe of dancers to Mount Baker Theatre in Bellingham, Washington as part of its landmark 50th anniversary season featuring gems from across the company's groundbreaking repertoire. Founded by New York City-based ballet enthusiasts in 1974, the company affectionately known as the Trocks presents a playful, entertaining view of traditional, classical ballet in parody form with men performing all of the roles.

Founders Peter Anastos, Anthony Bassae, and Natch Taylor put on their first shows on the makeshift stage of the West Side Discussion Group, an early gay and lesbian political organization led by future Trockadero General Director, Eugene McDougle. Their first show was infused with a subversive edge as the country was still a long way from bringing drag performance to a mainstream audience.

The original concept of the Trocks has not changed. It is a company of professional male dancers performing the full range of ballet and modern dance repertoire, including classical and original works, in faithful renditions of the manners and conceits of those dance styles. Each show is infused with comedy as well, which is achieved by incorporating and exaggerating the foibles, accidents, and underlying incongruities of serious dance. Muscular, athletic bodies delicately balancing on toes as swans, sylphs, water sprites, romantic princesses, and angst-ridden Victorian ladies enhance the appreciation for the art form, delighting die-hard ballet fans and newcomers alike. Since its founding in 1974, the critically acclaimed Trocks have visited 43 countries and more than 660 cities worldwide.

**Location:** Mount Baker Theatre

**Date:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Price:** Tickets start at \$29.75

**Tickets available at:** <https://www.mountbakertheatre.com/events-tickets/les-ballets-trockaderos/>  
(Tickets are only available at [mountbakertheatre.com](https://www.mountbakertheatre.com). Beware third-party ticket resellers and other websites that may advertise MBT performances.)

**About Mount Baker Theatre**

Mount Baker Theatre is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts organization dedicated to enriching the region's culture through dynamic performances, arts education, inspiring engagement in the community and stewardship of a national historic treasure. Located in the heart of downtown Bellingham's Art District, MBT is the largest theatrical venue north of Seattle in Washington State. Built in 1927, MBT is the only survivor of the five original movie palaces built in Whatcom County between 1914 and 1930. The building itself is a beautifully restored architectural treasure, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Since opening day, MBT has been dedicated to showcasing top touring performing arts events, as well as presenting community-driven events and performances, to audiences in the North Puget Sound and the Lower Mainland of British Columbia.

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