



November 9th & 10th, 2018

Queensland Ballet, with Artistic Director Li Cunxin, Presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream" AND Exclusive Q&A session with Li Cunxin on November 10th!

Many of you will know Li Cunxin as the author of the famous autobiography, "Mao's Last Dancer", but you may not know that he is now Artistic Director of the Queensland Ballet Company, which he is successfully elevating to international renown.

If you have read the book you will know of Li's incredible story and struggle to become an American, and subsequently Australian, citizen after choosing to leave China, and of his brilliant career as a Principal ballet dancer after leaving Madame Mao's Beijing Dance Academy. Li has been permitted back here for some years, but he is thrilled to be returning for the first time with his own Company, to present this stunningly beautiful production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream". The cast includes brilliant Cuban dancer Victor Estevez (now a Principal with the QB), Principal dancer Laura Hildago, and rising star soloist Mia Heathcote, daughter of the famous Australian dancer Steven Heathcote. The production has just played in Melbourne to rave reviews.

"Queensland Ballet makes a triumphant Melbourne debut of their utterly charming 2016 production A Midsummer Night's Dream"

"With his new Swan Lake for Royal Ballet being such a resounding success earlier this year, the chance to see the work of choreographer Liam Scarlett is a welcome one indeed."

We have an exceptional offer for the Queensland Ballet's Shanghai tour:

15% off tickets for either night's performance, 9th or 10th November.

SEA member Sue Heine has also organised an exclusive Q&A session with Li Cunxin on 10th November, to hear Li speak about his life, book and ballet! If you cannot come to ballet on the 10th, but buy tickets for 9th, you can still return to attend the Q&A. You will just need to register your attendance with Sue.

Booking Details:

Final booking date for this special offer is 31st October.

Performance is at 7.30 pm on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th of November.

Exclusive Q&A with Li Cunxin is at the theatre at 6.30 pm on the 10th.

For the discount and invitation to the Q&A with Li, bookings must be made via Sue Heine at WeChat: SueHeine OR email her at <u>info@toujoursfrance.com.au</u>. Please book as early as you can, as places will be confirmed as bookings come in and on a first come, first served basis! We will not have seat numbers until after the final booking date, but you can confirm and pay for the area you want (see below).

Shanghai City Theatre, 4889 Dushi Lu, Near Mingdu Lu, Minhang District

Ticket prices are as follows:

<u>Ground Floor</u> Red Area: 408 rmb per person including discount Orange Area: 323 rmb per person including discount Green Area: 238 rmb per person including discount

<u>Second Floor</u> Blue Area: 153 rmb including discount