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Vacaville Ballet to stage its pirate-themed ballet 'Mutiny!'

Vacaville Ballet Company will reprise its original pirate-themed ballet, "Mutiny!" in mid-May at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre.

Performances are 7 p.m. May 15 and May 16 and 1 p.m. May 16 and 17.

Tickets, \$15 to \$20, are available at the theater box office, 1010 Ulatis Drive, from noon to 6 p.m. Visit www.vacavilleballetcompany.org or www.vpat.net for more information.

A preperformance event before the Saturday matinee costs \$25 per couple, \$15 per person. Those tickets are also available at the box office.

Premiered on May 16, 2014, "Mutiny!" is being billed as a "swashbuckling production filled with daring sword fights and adrenaline-pumping treasure hunts that pose the question: What are you willing to lose and take from others in order to gain your precious treasure?"

In a press release, company artistic director Cassandra Kamakeeaiana said this year's production contains some new twists and additions.

"'Mutiny!' is sure to thrill girls and boys alike -- dancer or not," she wrote in the release.

The story follows the Captain, performed by Vanden High School junior Alex Busto and

Buckingham Charter School junior Jenna Fusaro, and her First Mate, performed by Will C. Wood junior Victoria Joyce and Vacaville Christian High School senior Katelyn Reid, on the open sea. The Captain's "ever-consuming need for more gold in an attempt to fill the deep chasm where her heart once was only yields innocent bloodshed," said Kamakeeaiana. "On their last raid, the pirates find themselves divided by their consciences and the First Mate and her faithful companions are thrown overboard after they take a stand against the Captain and her blinded greed."

She continued: "The beaten mutineers yearn for reassurance there is more to life than their meager attempts to find earthly riches."

Piled into their dinghy, the waves swelling, they are taken in by the sea and encounter all aquatic wildlife, including the ladies of the sea, led by the Mermaid, performed by Vacaville High School alumna Macie LaGrand and Armijo High School junior Grace Baxter.

Will the mutineers find their consciences and follow them? Or, like the Captain, will they be lured by riches and engulfed by their own greed? Kamakeeaiana asked.

“Mutiny!” includes music from the soundtracks of Disney’s “Pirates of the Caribbean” movies, composed by Klaus Badelt and Hans Zimmer, noted Kamakeeaiana.

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