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Media Release

Queensland Ballet announces new Principal Dancer

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Queensland Ballet today welcomes a new Principal Dancer with Argentinian born Laura Hildago joining the Company from the Royal Ballet of Flanders.

Laura has danced with numerous prestigious ballet companies around the world including the American Ballet Theatre, Het National Ballet, Staatstheater Nürnberg and the Slovenian National Ballet.

Queensland Ballet Artistic Director Li Cunxin first saw Laura dance when he was in Switzerland earlier this year for the Prix de Laussane with the Company's Jette Parker Young Artists.



"Laura is a beautiful dancer and a wonderful artist," said Mr Li.

"I had heard a number of fellow Artistic Directors and dancers speak very highly of Laura even before I saw her dance.

"She brings to Queensland Ballet a wealth of experience, knowledge, and passion for the art form of ballet.

"Laura's breadth of experience in performing major roles and her work with highly-regarded choreographers will add new depth to Queensland Ballet's already acclaimed ensemble.

"We are delighted to welcome Laura to the Queensland Ballet family."

Born in Mendoza, Argentina, Laura trained at L'institute Superior d'Art, Bordeaux, France.

During her time in France, Laura won a number of international competitions including the Gold Medal at the International Ballet Festival of Havana, the Gold Medal at the Luxembourg International Competition and the Best Artist Award at the Varna International Competition in Bulgaria.

After graduating in 2002 Laura joined American Ballet Theatre for four years, she then moved to Europe and danced with Het National Ballet and Staatstheater Nurnberg.

Prior to joining Queensland Ballet Laura was Principal Dancer with the Royal Ballet of Flanders and also a guest principal with the Slovenian National Ballet.

Laura's first performance with Queensland Ballet will be for the Company's production of Peter Pan, which opens on 26 June at the Playhouse, QPAC.

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