

Address by the Mayor of Limassol, Mr. Nicos Nicolaides at the Grand Ballets
2018, on Saturday and Sunday 21st and 22nd of July at Pattihio Municipal
Theatre.

Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Municipality of Limassol, I welcome you to 19th Grand Ballet Performance.

This year's performance is titled *Belong* and it aims to give a new and innovative approach to the Grand Ballet institution, which after 19 years embarks on a brand new phase. During this grand celebration of dance, we will enjoy performers of international calibre, such as Cesar Corrales – first soloist of the Royal Ballet, and Kateryna Khaniukova - soloist of the English National Ballet, along with Denys Cherevychko and Maria Yakovleva both soloists of the Vienna State Ballet. Apart from these distinguished guests from the international dance scene, we have considered this to be the right time to focus and shed light on important Cypriot Dancers that perform in theatres and well-known dance groups abroad as well as talented and enthusiastic young people who live and work here in Cyprus.

Tonight's show is a tribute to a delicate art which has been flourishing in our city for many decades. It is the appropriate attribute of respect to the world of Dance and its people, both outstanding international - caliber soloists and young talented Cypriot dancers who have managed with their hard work to place Cyprus and Limassol on the World Dance Map. I warmly thank all the performers who participate in tonight's performance.

This year's performance has been put under the auspices of the President of the Republic, Mr. Nicos Anastasiades, whom I warmly thank.

Special thanks go to the world-renowned Artistic Director of the performance Lambros Lambrou, as well as to all who have contributed in various different ways to make tonight's event happen.

Finally, on behalf of the Municipality of Limassol, I would like to Thank our Gold Sponsor RCB Bank, our Grand Sponsors Cyprus Trading Corporation and

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Thank you very much.