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**HUNGARIAN NATIONAL DANCE ENSEMBLE**

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MAGYAR NEMZETI TÁNCEGYÜTTES

# SPIRIT OF HUNGARY

Revolution and Roots in Dance and Music

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Specially created for its 2016 North American tour, this invigorating performance commemorates the spirit of the historic 1956 Hungarian Revolution against Soviet rule and celebrates the vibrant and energetic folklore of the Hungarians in the Carpathian Basin. The Hungarian National Dance Ensemble (Magyar Nemzeti Táncgyűttes) is one of Hungary's preeminent professional folkdance companies, and has toured every continent with great success and acclaim. The Ensemble's appearance in North America is a singular opportunity to witness Hungarian dance and music culture at its best.



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Established in 1949, this legendary company has been touring the world to great acclaim. Previous productions of the ensemble's artistic director, the celebrated choreographer, Zoltán Zsuráfszky (Csárdás, Tango of the East and Gypsy Spirit, Journey of the Roma), have mesmerized North American audiences. Following its triumphant tour of Japan, the ensemble is now set to re-conquer North America. The current tour is aimed at commemorating the 60th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian uprising against Soviet rule, while also presenting authentic Hungarian folklore in a dazzling performance.

### IN MEMORIAM 1956

The first part of the show will feature contemporary and thematic dances commemorating the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, the historic uprising against Soviet dictatorship. Fearing a brutal repression, thousands of Hungarians escaped their country, settling in the West, most in the USA and Canada, where they made great contributions to the economic and political development of their host countries. The Ensemble's choreography will pay homage to this historic event and to those immigrants who had to leave their country, reaching our shores to find a safer, better life.

### ROOTS OF HUNGARIAN DANCE TREASURES

In the second half, the program will showcase authentic Hungarian folk music and dances. With roots dating back to mediaeval times, Hungarian folklore is especially rich, mirroring the cross-cultural influences of the Carpathian Basin. Watch as Zsuráfszky's choreographies and the ensemble's superbly trained dancers and musicians magically transform the stage into a remote village celebration, presenting its vibrant traditions and cultural treasures.

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