



CENTER STAGE

TAKE A CUE FROM AN ICONIC BALLET AND CREATE
A TABLESCAPE THAT'S ROMANTIC AND DRAMATIC!

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FLOWER GARLAND Price upon request, Denise Fasanello Flowers; dfasanello.com. **DINNERWARE** "Rothschild Garden" dinner plates with vine border, \$145 each, Herend; herendusa.com. "Constance" dinner plates with acorn-and-leaf border, \$143 each, Bernardaud; bernardaud.com. "Maria" dessert plates, \$65 each, Vista Alegre; graciousstyle.com. "Rowan" bread/cupcake plates, \$72 for four, Blue Pheasant; irwinribera.com. **FLATWARE** "Twig," \$58



THE BALLET

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Focusing on fun and nature, like the story about mischievous fairies, this chic table is perfect for an outdoor reception. "When designing for *Midsummer*, I love for the stage to sparkle, but not in an obvious way," says **AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE'S CARYN WELLS**. Subtlety is the key when adding whimsy to a formal table, like using a lush runner to balance porcelain mushrooms or designing menus in the shape of a crescent moon.

for a five-piece place setting, Terrain; shopterrain.com. **CHAMPAGNE FLUTES** "Royal," \$170 each, Moser; moserusa.com. **VOTIVE HOLDERS** Hand-blown bird drinking glasses, \$7 each, Vagabond Vintage; mothology.com. **STATIONERY** Prices upon request, Cheree Berry Paper; chereeberrypaper.com. **NAPKINS** Dip-dyed, \$45 for four, Kim Seybert; kimseybert.com. **TABLECLOTH** "Festival," \$145, Sferra; sferra.com.



THE BALLET
SWAN LAKE

The tale of a swan and her prince is told in this dramatic table setting, with pink hues, icy whites, and soft grays. “*Swan Lake* is all about the dichotomy of light and dark, so it’s important to convey that in not only color but also texture,” says **JUDITH HANSEN**, **THE WASHINGTON BALLET**’s contributing costume designer. Glassware in a range of tones would also reflect the ethereal quality of the moonlit lake.

To Dine /

QUINOA ROASTED FENNEL
 AND PARSNIP SALAD
 PORK BELLY WITH A
 PEAR SAUCE
 SPICED HALEBI
 THYME AND FENNEL
 CARDAMOM AND
 INFUSED MERINGUE

Violet

DINNERWARE “Arcades” dinner plate, \$95, and bread-and-butter plate, \$65, Philippe Deshoulières; graciousstyle.com. “Manuale” gray side plate, \$25, Jung Lee NY; jungleeny.com. “Eleni” marbled bread/cupcake plate, \$136 for four, Blue Pheasant; irwinribera.com. **FLATWARE** “Spindle,” \$24 for a five-piece place setting, Anthropologie; anthropologie.com. **CHAMPAGNE SAUCER** Metallic “Polka,” \$51 for four, LSA International; us.amara.com. **STATIONERY** Prices upon request, K. Rawson; kaelarawson.com. **LINENS** “Festival” napkin, \$58 for four, and tablecloth, \$145, Sferra; sferra.com. **CENTERPIECE** Price upon request, Denise Fasanella Flowers; dfasanella.com. **COOKIES** \$5 each, Eleni’s New York; elenis.com.



THE BALLET

ROMEO
& JULIET

“For this ballet, I love to use jewel tones and gold to create the lavish feel of Italy in the 14th century,” says Hansen. Give your table the same romance by adding lots of soft candlelight and gilded accents. (If your venue doesn’t have gold flatware, you can rent it separately.) An opulent arrangement of dahlias, champagne roses, garden roses, chocolate cosmos, and ranunculus adds to the Renaissance-style mood.

DINNERWARE “Golden Laurel” dinner plate, \$175, Herend; herendusa.com. “Palmyre” salad plate, \$39, Bernardaud; bernardaud.com. “Aegean Filet Gold” bread-and-butter plate, \$54, L’Objet; l-objet.com. **FLATWARE** Gold, \$39 for a five-piece place setting, West Elm; westelm.com. **STEMWARE** “Royal” champagne flutes and goblets, \$170 each, Moser; moserusa.com. **STATIONERY** Riveted leather place card, \$9, and deckled-edge menu, \$7, Yonder Design; yonderdesign.com. **CENTERPIECE** \$325, Bourgeon by Amy Febinger; bourgeonbk.com. **NAPKINS** “Divot,” \$26 each, Kim Seybert; kimseybert.com. **TABLECLOTH** “Festival,” \$145, Sferra; sferra.com. **CAKE** From \$12 per slice, Katherine Sprules Cake Designs; ksprulescakes.com.



soup/cereal bowl, \$18, Nambé; nambe.com. **VOTIVE HOLDERS** Amber mercury, \$11 for three, and pink and gray mercury, \$20 for three, Vagabond Vintage; mothology.com. **TABLE NUMBER** \$5, Virginia Lucas Hart; virginialucashart.com. **PLACE CARDS** Starting at \$90, Hello Tenfold; hellotenfolds.com. **LINENS** "Festival" napkins, \$58 for four, and tablecloth, \$145, Sferra; sferra.com. **COOKIES** \$5 each, Eleni's New York; elenis.com.