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**Music** From Sylvia, ou la Nymphe de Diane (produced 1876) by Léo

Delibes

**Choreography** George Balanchine © The George Balanchine Trust

**Premiere** December 1, 1950, New York City Ballet, City Center of Music

and Drama

Original Cast Maria Tallchief, Nicholas Magallanes

Average Length

12 min.

This ballet is in the tradition of a grand pas de deux, with "Entree," "Adagio," two solos, and a "Coda." Léo Delibes (1836-1891) was born in St. Germain du Val and died in Paris. He learned music as a child from his mother and uncle. Although he spent many years as a church organist, he was drawn more to the theater, and he composed many light operas. The decisive advance in his career came in

1870, with his full-length ballet Coppélia.

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