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Pierre-François Vilanoba

Born: Lille Nord, France
Joined as a Soloist in 1998. Promoted to Principal Dancer in 1999.

Born in Lille Nord, France, Pierre-François Vilanoba trained at the Lille Conservatory and Paris Opéra Ballet School. After dancing with Paris Opéra Ballet, he joined San Francisco Ballet as a soloist in 1998 and was promoted to principal dancer in 1999. His lead roles include Albrecht in Tomasson's *Giselle*, Romeo in Tomasson's *Romeo & Juliet*, Prince Desiré in Tomasson's *The Sleeping Beauty*, Prince Siegfried in Tomasson's *Swan Lake*, the Nutcracker Prince and Snow King in Tomasson's *Nutcracker*, Othello in Lubovitch's *Othello*, and Orion in Morris' *Sylvia*. He created principal roles in Elo's *Double Evil*, Tomasson's *Blue Rose* and *The Fifth Season*, and Wheeldon's *Quaternary* and *Within the Golden Hour*, among others. Vilanoba's broad repertory includes Balanchine's *Apollo*, *Serenade*, *Symphony in C*, *The Four Temperaments*, *Stravinsky Violin Concerto*, "Emeralds", "Diamonds", and *Agon*; Caniparoli's *Lambarena*; Duato's *Without Words*; Forsythe's *Artifact Suite*, *The Vertiginous Thrill of Exactitude*, and *in the middle, somewhat elevated*; van Manen's *Solo*; Robbins' *Glass Pieces*, *In the Night*, and *West Side Story Suite*; Possokhov's *Damned and Study in Motion*; and Tomasson's *Prism*, *Chi-Lin*, *Nanna's Lied*, and *7 for Eight*. He has performed at galas around the world and in several ballet films with the Paris Opéra Ballet, including Nureyev's *Romeo and Juliet*. In December 2008, Vilanoba was featured as the Snow King in the PBS *Great Performances* broadcast of Tomasson's *Nutcracker*, co-produced by San Francisco Ballet and KQED Public Television San Francisco, in association with Thirteen/WNET New York.

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Pierre-François Vilanoba in Balanchine's *Apollo* (© Erik Tomasson)

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