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## The Rite of Spring History

The Rite of Spring, premiered in May 1913, revolutionized ballet with its groundbreaking music by Igor Stravinsky and bold choreography by Vaslav Nijinsky. This innovative work broke from traditional ballet, featuring complex rhythms and striking angular movements inspired by Russian folklore. Despite the controversy of the avant-garde music, choreography and unconventional staging during its debuts the ballet quickly gained recognition. The show remains a powerful and influential masterpiece, celebrated worldwide for its daring artistry.

Destrooper's The Rite of Spring is one of Ballet Victoria's most visceral works and holds a unique contemporary yet timeless flair. "One can look at a patriarchy being overturned and transformed through a recognition that balances equity and equality. These being true values that may bring peace and harmony to the world and its peoples". The physical demands of the work are Olympic to match the score's dramatic drive.

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