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Figge offers free ballet, Valentine's tour Thurs.

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Dancers with Ballet Quad Cities perform to "Bolero."

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DAVENPORT — A special return of Ballet Quad Cities to the Figge Art Museum will make Valentine's Day today extra romantic.

Back by popular demand, the professional ballet company will present an encore performance of “Bolero,” an original ballet for five dancers to the music of Maurice Ravel, choreographed by artistic director Courtney Lyon. This free performance will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Figge’s Grand Lobby, 225 W. 2nd St.

As an added treat, BQC will present a new choreography by Lyon inspired by Tiffany glass, in celebration of the upcoming exhibition “Louis Comfort Tiffany: Treasures from the Driehaus Collection,” which will open Saturday.

On Valentine's Day, the museum will be open with free admission from 5 to 9 p.m. A self-guided Valentine's tour of artworks focused on love will be available, and the Figge Café will offer a full bar and appetizer menu beginning at 4 p.m.

The Tiffany exhibit starts Saturday in the museum’s third-floor gallery and will run through May 19.

Drawn from the collection of the Richard H. Driehaus Museum in Chicago, the exhibition features 62 exemplary works, spanning over 30 years of Tiffany’s prolific career that highlight masterworks never before presented in a comprehensive exhibition, according to the Figge. “From small blown glass vases to breathtaking stained-glass windows and a spectacular selection of lamps, the exhibition demonstrates the craftsmanship and inventiveness of Tiffany artisans.”

One of America's most renowned artists, Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848-1933) worked in nearly all the media available to artists and designers in the late 19th and early 20th centuries — glass, ceramic, metalwork, jewelry and painting.

“Tiffany's technical brilliance in a wide variety of media enabled him to convey his awe of the natural world through a range of objects, from common household items to one-of-a-kind masterpieces,” according to an exhibit summary. “His work was enthusiastically collected by art museums and private collectors throughout his lifetime and continues to be highly sought after today.”

“Following the successful run of French Moderns, the Figge is thrilled to present another extraordinary exhibition for the Quad-Cities community,” museum executive director Tim Schiffer said, noting the new exhibit “features breathtakingly beautiful works that will appeal to visitors of all ages.”

The Figge is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday; and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$6 seniors (60+) and students (high school, college) with ID, \$4 children ages 4-12, free for kids under 4, as well as free to members, nonmembers on Thursdays after 5, seniors the first Thursday of every month, and all active military members, spouses and children. For more information, visit figgeartmuseum.org.