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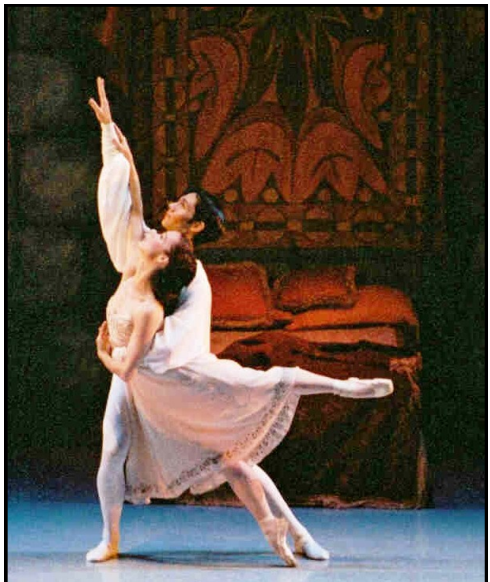
Dramatic and Tragic, yet Hopelessly Romantic: Boca Ballet Theatre presents *Romeo and Juliet* in March 2013

Boca Ballet Theatre's upcoming production of *Romeo and Juliet* portrays Shakespeare's timeless tale of tragic love with passion and poise. Prepare to be swept off your feet, so to speak, with captivating choreography by Dan Guin, Boca Ballet Theatre's Co-Artistic Director, paired with a score by Sergey Prokofiev, originally written in 1936. The performance features renowned guest artists from around the country, as well as Boca Ballet Theatre dancers. With its romantic and regal ballroom scenes, spirited swordplay and poignant pas de deux, Boca Ballet Theatre carries on this classic story in an authentic yet unique way.

Set in 16th century Verona, Shakespeare's story explores the fate of two young lovers plagued by prejudice, family feud, and fatal passion. The ballet of *Romeo and Juliet* was first performed in 1940 at the Kirov Theatre in Leningrad. Mr. Guin, whose choreography was inspired by Kenneth MacMillan and June Landrith, says "*Romeo and Juliet* is my favorite ballet and I am particularly

proud of the balcony pas de deux."

Boca Ballet Theatre's *Romeo and Juliet* will provide entertainment for the entire family – it is a thrilling and stimulating show that you will not want to miss!



Heather Sanders and Shannon Smith.
Photo credit: Keith May

Boca Ballet Theatre presents *ROMEO AND JULIET*

Saturday, March 23, 2013 @ 8pm
Sunday, March 24, 2013 @ 2pm

at Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater in Boca Raton

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**Boca Ballet Theatre and Só Dança Host
Florida's First-ever College Dance Fair**

Boca Ballet Theatre hosted Florida's first-ever College Dance Fair this past Labor Day weekend, in conjunction with Só Dança the event's generous sponsor. Created for high school dance students and their parents to network and navigate the college dance world. The three-day event took place at the Countess de Hoernle Center for Dance and featured master classes and informational sessions with renowned faculty from the country's top dance programs.

The participating schools and faculty representatives included: Adelphi University, University of Arizona, Boston Conservatory, Butler University, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, University of North Carolina School of the Arts, University of Utah, and New World School of the Arts.

The positive energy was palpable throughout the weekend, especially for several dancers who received offers from universities. The College Dance Fair was not only beneficial for students; it helped create an invaluable network for both the professors and the parents. Boca Ballet Theatre is currently looking for sponsors in order to make this an annual event.

"This is an efficient and economical way to learn about different college programs over the course of one weekend...It saves time - and thousands of dollars in travel!"

"The chance to take classes and talk to faculty from top dance programs, all during a weekend, and in a beautiful facility, is priceless!"

"The atmosphere was collegial, congenial and professional. I have nothing negative to offer other than I wish it had lasted longer!"



Qi Jiang of University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music teaching class.
Photo credit: Don Tolj

**Extraordinary Charities:
An Extraordinary Opportunity for Boca Ballet Theatre**

Boca Ballet Theatre is honored to have been selected as one of the 50 nonprofit organizations included in Extraordinary Charities' annual Directory for Charitable Giving in 2013. Extraordinary Charities evaluated over 2,000 nonprofits in Palm Beach County to select those most worthy of support, based on sustainability, financial viability, impact, accomplishment, and uniqueness. Extraordinary Charities is dedicated to changing the traditional picture of philanthropy in Palm Beach

County by opening the door to new donor opportunities. The Directory is designed to connect donors with outstanding and underfunded charities in the area. It is distributed throughout the local philanthropic community, serving as a trusted resource in a time when philanthropists are more strategic with their support. Boca Ballet Theatre is proud to be on the first page of the Directory's "Culture" section, and feels privileged to be a part of this unique and authentic endeavor.

Boca Ballet Theatre Starts off the Season with Sparkle, Spice, and Mice: An Enchanting Take on the Holiday Classic - *The Nutcracker*

Featuring renowned guest artists from across the nation, sensational sets and exquisite costumes, Boca Ballet Theatre charmed with their unique version of *The Nutcracker* at Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater. The audience was captivated by Co-Artistic Director Dan Guin's enchanting choreography, evidenced by their chorus of "oohs" and "ahhs". More than 100 dancers dazzled in this holiday classic, set to music by Tchaikovsky.

BBT was pleased to present American Ballet Theatre's Gray Davis and Cassandra Trenary among the talented guest stars. Trenary sparkled as the Sugar Plum Fairy, poised and picture-perfect, and Davis danced the role of Cavalier with elegance and grace. Star artists Mauricio Cañete, Shannon Smith, Alexey

Kulpin and Jose Edwin Gonzalez also enhanced the show with their extraordinary performances. The men stole the show with their flawless flips and triumphant jumps, earning deafening cheers and applause from the house.

After the show, children were invited to the "Gingerbread Ball" to meet Clara and the magical characters. They were thrilled to pose for photos with the beautiful dancers on the very same stage where they had just performed. Surrounded by sweet treats and sparkling costumes, the kids seemed awed to experience the stage, the set, and the stars up close.

The Nutcracker was generously presented by Marleen and Harold Forkas* (*in loving memory), who graciously continue to keep the legacy of dance alive.



BBT Dancers in *The Nutcracker*
Photo credit: Silvia Pangano



Countess de Hoernle & BBT Dancers
at Princely Affair
Photo Credit: Mary Roycraft

A Priceless "Princely Affair" for Boca Ballet Theatre and Centennial Celebration for Countess de Hoernle

From the elegant décor to the enchanting performances, the Boca Raton Resort & Club was surely fit for a queen – or, more appropriately, for a Countess. Henrietta Countess de Hoernle was regal and radiant as the special guest at Boca Ballet Theatre's recent "A Princely Affair" luncheon and performance, in honor of her 100th birthday.

The festivities began with a mimosa social hour, exciting raffle prizes and a silent auction for the 300 glamorous guests, followed by a delicious luncheon and dazzling dance performances. Boca Ballet Theatre's aspiring young dancers

performed in celebration of the Countess' birthday, and world renowned dancers Ashley Boudier and Matthew Dibble entranced the audience with the fanciful George Balanchine pas de deux, Stars and Stripes™.


Ms. Boudier, a Principal dancer at New York City Ballet, and Matthew Dibble, formerly with Royal Ballet of London and recently starring in Twyla Tharp's *Come Fly Away*, exemplify the high caliber guest artists that Boca Ballet Theatre presents each year.

To kick off the 2012-2013 season, Boca Ballet Theatre dancers presented excerpts from

the upcoming productions of *The Nutcracker* and *Romeo and Juliet*. The grand-prize raffle was a luxurious 7-night cruise for two, sponsored by Giuliano and Judy Lorenzani of Boca Raton Travel & Cruises, along with Royal Caribbean International.

Boca Ballet Theatre is grateful for Event Chairs Susan Beery and Lidia Cegarra, Co-Chair Carrie Gibbons, and their dedicated Guild Members, as well as decadent décor designer Seton Smith, and "grand dame" Marleen Forkas – the presenting sponsor of *The Nutcracker*.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- BBT Guild Meeting**
January 9, 2013 @ 12:00pm
Lisa Franklin's Home
- BBT Studio Work Day**
Sunday, January 27, 2013
Time and Details to Follow
BBT Studio & Warehouse
- BBT Guild Meeting**
February 13, 2013 @ 12:00pm
Location to be Determined
- BBT Summer Workshop Auditions**
February 17, 2013 @ TBD
BBT Studio
- BBT Guild Meeting**
March 13, 2013 @ 12:00pm
Location to be Determined
- Romeo & Juliet Performances**
March 23-24, 2013
Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater

Reach Out for the "1st Step" Outreach Program!

Boca Ballet Theatre's 1st Step Program was created in 1999 to introduce underserved and at-risk children to the joy of movement and the art of dance. Generously sponsored by Peter and Anne Vegso of the Vegso Family Foundation, the program provides dancewear, shoes, laundry service, and transportation for the kids. Transportation is facilitated by Royce Deale of the Boca Raton Housing Authority.

Natalie Parker, Outreach Mentor, and her assistant Lara Rosenberg currently instruct a dozen young kids from Pearl City Cats Community Center. In addition to Classical Ballet and Introduction to Jazz, they designate class time to choreograph the program's end of year performance.

Natalie says that the children's enthusiastic energy is her favorite part of the program. The biggest challenge, she says, is transportation. Boca Ballet Theatre hopes to acquire our own bus/drivers in order

to overcome this obstacle and expand the program beyond the Boca Raton Housing Authority. As a result of the growing success of 1st Step, Boca Ballet Theatre is eager to help students take the "Next Step" by providing a year-long scholarship to 3-5 students who show promise throughout the 1st Step Program.



1st Step Outreach Program 2012
Photo Credit: Natalie Parker