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ABT's Sarah Smith & Pennsylvania Ballet's Thomas Baltrushunas in Boca Ballet Theatre's *Serenade* - 2005,
Choreography by George Balanchine © The
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Boca Ballet Theatre Presents *Summer Spectacular - Works of American Masters*
Saturday, August 1- Sunday, August 2, 2015

BOCA RATON - Boca Ballet Theatre is thrilled to announce their exciting summer production, *Summer Spectacular - Works of American Masters*. This unique program is comprised of a variety of compelling works, featuring the elegant and iconic *Serenade* - the first ballet that the legendary George Balanchine choreographed in America, along with Lew Christensen's comic masterpiece, *Con Amore*. The production, which will feature international dance stars as well as Boca Ballet Theatre dancers, is bound to entertain and dazzle you- and even make you laugh!

Performed to Tchaikovsky's 1880 "Serenade for Strings in C", the epic *Serenade* represents the epitome of neoclassical ballet. This mesmerizing piece, a standard in many professional companies' repertoires, including New York City Ballet and American Ballet Theatre, was originally created by Balanchine specifically for advanced dance students at the School of America Ballet to hone their skills. It is therefore a most appropriate piece for the aspiring young dancers at Boca Ballet Theatre to learn and master.

Lew Christensen's comic masterpiece, *Con Amore*, is the perfect supplement to the graceful *Serenade*. Set to bubbling Rossini overtures with a tongue-and-cheek libretto that the *New York Times* called "genuinely fine and funny...ingenious and theatrical", *Con Amore* is Christensen's most popular and widely performed ballet. This lively, irresistible romp is bound to make the audience laugh in their seats as they enjoy this fun number, rich with dance opportunities and choice comic roles.

While the professional guest stars have yet to be announced, the young dancers who will fill the corps de ballet roles will consist of a talented group of aspiring dancers, accepted by audition into Boca Ballet Theatre's Summer Intensive Workshop - a five week course during which they will train with four renowned artistic directors from around the U.S.. Many of the students will also be traveling from locations around the country in order to participate in this special workshop, which culminates in the full-length, professional production of *Summer Spectacular*.

Stay tuned to find out which guest artists will star in these performances, and to learn about the additional works that will be performed. Whatever you do this summer, don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to experience a dazzling dance production that fuses grace and elegance with comedic elements.

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Performances:

Saturday, August 1, 7:30pm

Sunday, August 2, 2:00pm

Location:

FAU Dorothy F. Schmidt – University Theater
College of Arts & Letters Theater
777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33431

Tickets:

Adult - \$35, Child/Senior - \$25

To purchase tickets: Call 561.995.0709 or visit <http://bocaballet.org/box-office/>



Boca Ballet Theatre's *Con Amore* – 2003
Michael Wardlaw
Photo by David Seabrooke



Boca Ballet Theatre's *Serenade* - 2005,
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Established in 1990, BBT is a nonprofit, award-winning civic ballet company that trains dance students, entertains audiences, and inspires the community through successful outreach programs. Under the guidance of Co-Artistic Directors Dan Guin and Jane Tyree, the mission is to enrich the cultural landscape of our community and educate its youth in classical ballet and concert dance through focused training, interaction with professional dancers and participation in full-length ballets and contemporary choreography. Please call 561.995.0709 or visit www.bocaballet.org for more information.