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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 15, 2006, noon

***A Princely Affair***

At Boca Raton Resort & Club

Friday, November 24, 2006, 7:00 pm

***The Nutcracker*** at FAU

Saturday, November 25, 2:00 & 8:00 pm

***The Nutcracker***

*The Gingerbread Ball* following matinee

Sunday, November 26, 2006, 2:00 pm

***The Nutcracker***

*The Gingerbread Ball* following matinee

Saturday, December 2, 2006, 7:00 pm

***Peter and the Wolf*** at Mizner Park

Friday, March 30, 2007, 7:00 pm

***Romeo & Juliet*** at FAU

Saturday, March 31, 2007, 8:00 pm

***Romeo & Juliet*** at FAU

Sunday, April 1, 2007, 2:00 pm

***Romeo & Juliet*** at FAU

**May, 2007**

***Spring Event TBA***



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## A Princely Affair A Boca Ballet Theatre Tradition Now Celebrating Its 15th Year!

*A Princely Affair*, Boca Ballet Theatre's signature fund-raising luncheon, will kick off the Company's 2006-2007 season. BankUnited FSB is the presenting sponsor of this year's *A Princely Affair*, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 15, 2006 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. The event will begin at noon with a mimosa social hour.

The event, hosted by Honorary Chairperson Dr. Cristina Keusch, is a perennial community favorite. Dancers in full costume enchant attendees as they savor their meal and enjoy the live and silent auctions. Performances will include excerpts from *The Nutcracker* and will feature special guest artists along with students from Boca Ballet Theatre.

While *A Princely Affair* has been a long-standing tradition enjoyed by mothers, grandmothers and daughters, many fathers are seizing the opportunity to create a memorable time with their daughters as well. Several table sponsor packages are available.

*A Princely Affair* will also include grand raffle for a 7-night Caribbean cruise for two aboard Celebrity Cruises' *Millennium*® courtesy of Boca Raton Travel & Cruises and Celebrity Cruises. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit Boca Ballet Theatre's dance programs and performances.

Patricia Ramudo is the chairperson for *A Princely Affair*; Elizabeth Dudley and Kim Wiles are the co-chairpersons.

Tickets for *A Princely Affair* are \$85 per adult, \$45 for children 13 and under.



### BankUnited Presents "A Princely Affair"

Jane Tyree, Andrea Ramudo, Maria Victoria Ramudo, Patricia Ramudo, and Joseph A. Cardenas, Market President for BankUnited's Palm Beach and Treasure Coast region

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to  
**"A Princely Affair"**

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*Letter from Executive Director Dan Guin*

Welcome to our 2006-2007 season!

The 2005-2006 season closed on a high note with nearly sold-out performances of *Coppélia*, our summer repertory concert. The performance showcased internationally-acclaimed principal dancers Mikelle Bruzina of Louisville Ballet and Eddy Tovar of Orlando Ballet. Once again we thank Michael and Terry Welch for their generous sponsorship of this production.

The 2006-2007 season is also off to a great start. We are thrilled by the increase in enrollment at the school this season and are pleased to see so many new faces. Many thanks to all who promoted Boca Ballet Theatre to their friends and classmates!

Please join us at *A Princely Affair* on October 15th. This promises to be another fun-filled event thanks to the generous support of BankUnited, our sponsor for this event. We are also eternally grateful to Boca Raton Travel & Cruises and Celebrity Cruises for sponsoring the grand-affle prize. And last but certainly not least, we thank all our wonderful volunteers who work so hard to make *A Princely Affair* a success.

Cordially,



Dan Guin, Co Artistic/Executive Director

**Boca Ballet Theatre Announces 2006-2007 Season**

**Mark your calendars for:**

**A PRINCELY AFFAIR  
Sunday, October 15, 2006  
(Boca Raton Resort & Club)**

A Princely Affair is an annual marquis luncheon and ballet performance. Performance consists of excerpts of season's productions with special guest artists.

**THE NUTCRACKER  
November 24-26, 2006  
(Florida Atlantic University)**

Boca Ballet Theatre continues to enchant its audience with its beloved version of *The Nutcracker*. This holiday classic sparkles as Clara's dream unfolds.

The *Gingerbread Ball* will follow both matinee performances of *The Nutcracker*. Let your little ones meet Clara, Sugar Plum Fairy, and other magical characters at the post-matinee children's party.

**Peter and the Wolf  
December 2, 2006 at 7:30 pm  
(Mizner Amphitheater)**

Originally composed by Sergei Prokofiev's as a musical piece to introduce children to the instruments of the orchestra, *Peter and the Wolf* springs to life as a ballet the entire family will enjoy. Boca Ballet Theatre will perform this classic tale with the Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia.

**ROMEO & JULIET  
March 30-April 1, 2007  
(Florida Atlantic University)**

The classic love story by William Shakespeare translated into a passionate musical score by Prokofiev. Co-Artistic Director Dan Guin choreographs this epic ballet full of drama, war, pride, prejudice, and love.

**MIZNER PARK CONCERT  
Sunday, May 27, 2007  
(Mizner Park Amphitheater)**

An evening full of eclectic dance works combines classical with new and innovative choreography. The Mizner Amphitheater is transformed into a full-scale performing arts venue creating an exciting theatrical environment. This program showcases the best in dance for all tastes and preferences.

**SUMMER INTENSIVE WORKSHOP  
June 25-August 5, 2007  
(Boca Ballet Theatre)**

This is a five-week intensive training program for intermediate and advanced dancers that concludes with the Summer Repertory Concert. The staff for this intense program is chosen from nationally known dancers and choreographers who wish to share their knowledge with students.

**SUMMER REPERTORY CONCERT  
August 3-5, 2007  
(Florida Atlantic University)**

These performances showcase what the students learned studying from guest teachers and choreographers brought in for the Summer Intensive Workshop. Designed to complete the training of the pre-professional student, this workshop gives students stage experience with top quality professional dancers and technicians.

**Mark Your Calendar for *The Nutcracker***

Boca Ballet Theatre continues to captivate its audience with its beloved version of *The Nutcracker*. A cherished Christmas tradition, this holiday classic sparkles as Clara's dream unfolds.

Year after year, South Florida residents return to enjoy Boca Ballet Theatre's production of *The Nutcracker*, which includes many magnificent sets and costumes. The sets, designed by Roger LaVoie, include a Christmas tree that actually "grows" to a glorious 36 feet and a glimmering snow-covered forest.

Students are joined by professional dancers in presenting this magical tale set to music by Tchaikovsky and choreographed by Dan Guin. Rejoining Boca Ballet Theatre for this year's performance of the Nutcracker is Sarah Smith from American Ballet Theatre as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Darren McIntyre from Ajkun Ballet as her Cavalier.

*The Nutcracker* is presented once again by JM Family Enterprises.

The "Gingerbread Ball" will follow both matinee performances of *The Nutcracker*. Children are invited to attend this special post matinee party where they can meet Clara, Sugar Plum Fairy, and other magical characters from the Performance. Tickets for The Gingerbread Ball are \$6 each and are sold separately. Call the box office at 561-995-0709 or visit the Web site at [www.bocaballet.org](http://www.bocaballet.org) to order tickets.



Katie Harris as Clara and Dennis Lue as The Nutcracker

***Coppélia* Gala**

Approximately 75 people joined Boca Ballet Theatre on August 5<sup>th</sup> at *Absinthe* restaurant for an après following the Saturday evening performance of *Coppélia*. The gala was organized by Sara Schaeffer and featured delightful hors d'oeuvres provided compliments of *Absinthe* General Manager Anthony Hobbs.

"The event provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our nearly sold-out performances of *Coppélia* and to thank our sponsors, Michael and Terry Welch," said Boca Ballet Theatre's Co-Artistic Director Dan Guin. "We are grateful to all our patrons for their support and shared vision to provide young people with the opportunity to train and work side-by-side with some of the best professional dancers, teachers and soloists from the most revered dance companies around the world."



Michael T. and Terry C. Welch  
*Coppélia* Sponsors

**News from the  
2006-2007 GUILD**

Boca Ballet Theatre Guild met on September 16th and elected the following officers:

Jeri Loeffler, President  
Tonya Hammond, President Elect  
Ann Ford, First Vice President  
Susan Beery, Secretary

Congratulations to Terry Welch who was nominated by Boca Ballet Theatre for Woman Volunteer of the Year. Terry made many of the beautiful *Coppélia* costumes and designed several exquisite tiaras, garlands, fans and masks.

Vera Boettcher was voted head of the "Adopt A Chair" program, which seeks to reduce operating expenses associated with chair rental. Anyone can "adopt a chair" or one of the two storage carts. The chairs cost \$10 each; the storage carts are an additional \$110. Our goal is 100 chairs.