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Princely Affair - A Royal Treat

Boca Ballet Theatre's 17th annual luncheon fundraiser, *A Princely Affair* drew a crowd of over 320 to the Boca Raton Resort & Club's Great Hall on Saturday, October 18, 2008. Ballet aficionados sipped mimosas, as they hobnobbed with dance dignitaries, such as Barbara Sandonato, Pennsylvania Ballet founding member and Victoria Schneider, wife of Jurgen Schneider, former ballet master at American Ballet Theatre. Patti Obey, international jazz master teacher and Joe Cardenas, Bank United's Market President for Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast also attended.

Nearly 100 local businesses and patrons donated a stunning array of silent auction selections and raffle prizes. Thanks to their generosity, the support of co-sponsor Bank United, and the hard work of Chairwoman Valentina Martinez and Co-chair Susan Fedele, Florida's premier youth ballet company raised \$50,000.

The highlight of the afternoon was a performance by Boca Ballet Theatre students. Skillful dancers, including Louisville Ballet principal dancer Erica de la O,

treated the audience to a prelude to *The Nutcracker*. Excerpts from the classic Christmas tale filled their heads with visions of sugar plums, enticing guests to attend BBT's annual holiday performance at Florida Atlantic University on November 28-30.

The afternoon concluded with sumptuous desserts of charlotte russe and white chocolate ballet slippers filled with chocolate mousse and raspberries. As attendees savored the tasty treats, emcee Cindy Surman acknowledged special guests and longtime supporters.

A good time was had by all.



Anchors Aweigh with Boca Raton Travel and Celebrity Cruises



Teresa Schneider, lucky winner of *A Princely Affair's* Grand Prize, will enjoy a seventeen day Caribbean cruise for two, thanks to the generosity of Boca Raton Travel & Cruises and Celebrity Cruises.

For the past seventeen years, Boca Raton Travel & Cruises has donated luxury cruises to BBT for their annual fundraiser. Dedicated supporters of Boca Ballet Theatre, owners Judy and Giuliano Lorenzani are well known in the community for their expert travel advice, competitive pricing, and personalized service. Last year they received Celebrity Cruise's prestigious "Agency of the Year" award.

Four years ago, the Lorenzani's joined forces with Celebrity Cruises, co-sponsoring the Grand Raffle. Offering extraordinary attention to detail, Celebrity provides upscale cruises to Alaska, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, New England, the Caribbean, Europe, Galapagos Islands, Hawaii, the Pacific Coast, Panama Canal, and South America. Their newly launched vessel, *Solstice*, is the largest of the fleet with unique amenities, such as glass-blowing and a live grass lawn aboard ship.

Last year, the two companies donated a lavish cruise to the Eastern Caribbean on the *Millennium*. "We are thrilled at this on-going partnership!" exclaimed Maria Scherer, Boca Ballet Theatre's Raffle Co-chairperson. "What a great way to help the arts and possibly win a great vacation." No one could agree more than Teresa Schneider, who will relax in luxury for two and a half weeks, sailing on the aquamarine waters of the Caribbean as she supports the region's foremost youth ballet company.

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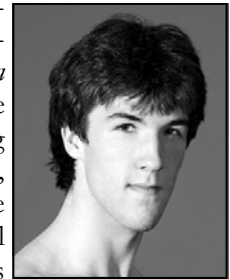
Boca Ballet Theatre will present the holiday classic *The Nutcracker* on November 28-30 at FAU's Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters. ABT superstars Devon Teuscher and Roddy Doble will dance featured roles in the 17th annual production, funded by Marleen and Harold Forkas.

On Dance Magazine's list of 2007's hottest dancers, Devon Teuscher is an exceptional dancer who shares this distinction with only 24 other performers. She began her training with Deanna Doty at Champaign Urbana Ballet Academy in Illinois. Continuing her studies at the Vermont Ballet Theatre School in Essex, Vermont, she attended the Kirov Ballet Academy Summer Program and Pacific Northwest Ballet Summer Course. A national training scholar at American Ballet Theatre Summer Intensive, she danced at the company's Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School on full scholarship. A rising star with American Ballet Theatre, she is sure to captivate the audience in this timeless fairy tale ballet.



Danceviewtimes counts Roddy Doble among ABT's corps of fine and dis-

tinctive dancers, praising him for his "loose-limbed *Pennsylvania Polka*." Trained at the School of Performing Arts in New Milford, Connecticut, Doble was awarded a full scholarship to ABT's Summer Intensive.



Named a National Training Scholar and a Chisholm Foundation Scholar, he appeared as a guest of the ABT Studio Company in Irvine, California. Doble attended the School of American Ballet on full scholarship. After joining the main company, he received roles in all of the full-length ballets.

Children of all ages are sure to be mesmerized by Clara's ethereal dream, her journey to an enchanted wonderland, and the fierce battle between the Mouse King and Clara's brave Nutcracker Prince. These characters come to life under the expert direction of Dan Guin, BBT's Executive Director and Co-Artistic Director. Roger Dumas' sets, June Landrith's costumes, and lighting by David Bauer enhance the magical quality of this ballet.

To purchase tickets, please call 561.995.0709 or order online at www.bocaballet.org

The Gingerbread Ball—A Treat for Children

Following matinee performances of *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, November 29 and Sunday, November 30, young audience members have the unique opportunity to meet the dancers at the Gingerbread Ball. As they sip punch and munch on cookies, youngsters can get autographs from their favorite characters - the Sugar Plum Fairy, the Mouse King, Clara, and the Nutcracker Prince. Sponsored by the Volunteer Guild of Boca Ballet Theatre, this special event brings reality and fantasy together, as fairy tale characters reveal their true identity. Tickets are only \$6.00, but availability is limited.

Season Subscription Savings

Balletomanes have a unique opportunity to view great dance for less! For only \$10.00 more than the price of two performances, dance lovers can enjoy all four ballets this season.....for just \$99.00!

And the list of performances is impressive. The season kicks off with *The Nutcracker*, ushering in the holiday season. Then, American Ballet Theatre's next generation of superstars grace the stage with their exquisite artistry and youthful passion. In May, Marius Petipa's *The Sleeping Beauty* takes audiences back to the fairy tales of their childhood and a world where good does triumph over evil. Finally, humor and whimsy combine to entertain audiences in the eclectic ballet, *Con Amore*.. All this.....for just \$99.00!