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Boca Ballet Theatre Join Us As We Celebrate 20 Extraordinary Years!

Welcome to the 20th Anniversary Season of Boca Ballet Theatre! What began as the dream of a group of parents to provide performing opportunities to aspiring young dancers has blossomed into a community treasure thanks to the dedication and generosity of our staff, volunteers, parents, benefactors and Board of Directors. This year we are especially proud to celebrate our tradition of educating young people and enriching our community through the art of dance.

Our 2009-2010 season closed on a high note with nearly sold-out performances of *Giselle*, our summer full-length ballet. The performance showcased internationally-acclaimed principal dancers Julie Kent and Marcelo Gomes from American Ballet Theatre and our own Sarah Smith, a former BBT student and a member of the American Ballet Theatre.

Our 2010-2011 Season kicks off with a Boca Ballet Theatre Tradition: *A Princely Affair* on November 7. Our two classical ballets this year will be *The Nutcracker* and *La Bayadère*, and our summer repertory concert will be *All American Summer* featuring one of our all-time favorites: *Play Ball@*. This year also marks the return to Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater for two of our performances: *The Nutcracker* and *La Bayadère*.

Mark your calendars for March 12 for our 20th Anniversary Gala at the Boca Country Club! The celebration will feature a video retrospective of Boca Ballet Theatre and will include special people who have touched BBT through the years.

Join us for an exciting season of dance and celebration!

Dan Guin & Jane Tyree
Co-Artistic Directors

In Loving Memory of Harold Forkas

Anyone who has had the pleasure of participating in or watching Boca Ballet Theatre's production of *The Nutcracker* knows that through the incredible generosity of Harold and Marleen Forkas, the performances were made possible. "Not only did they officially present *The Nutcracker* for 10 years, but it was their original donation that enabled us to build this production," said Dan Guin, Executive Director and Co-artistic Director of Boca Ballet Theatre.

Earlier this year Marleen Forkas donated \$75,000 to BBT in loving memory of Harold. "We are deeply touched by this wonderful tribute to Harold and grateful to both Marleen and Harold for all their support over the years," said Jane Tyree, Co-Artistic Director

of BBT. "It was both a professional honor and a wonderful blessing to work with Marleen and Harold for so many years. In fact, the amazing growth of BBT over the last decade in general, and the growing popularity of our ballet school in particular, is a direct result of their unparalleled generosity."



Marleen & Harold Forkas

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American Ballet Theatre's
Irina Dvorovento & Maxim Beloserkovsky
to Star in *The Nutcracker*



ABT's Irina Dvorovento & Maxim Beloserkovsky
Photo by David Friedman

American Ballet Theatre Principal Dancers Irina Dvorovento and Maxim Beloserkovsky will lead Boca Ballet Theatre's production of *The Nutcracker*, November 27-28, 2010 at Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater. A must-see for all ages, *The Nutcracker* kicks off Boca Ballet Theatre's 20th Anniversary season.

Choreographed by Co-Artistic Director Dan Guin, Boca Ballet Theatre's superlative staging of *The Nutcracker* includes magnificent sets and exquisite costumes. The sets, designed and newly enhanced by Roger LaVoie, include a Christmas tree that actually "grows" to a glorious 36 feet and a glistening snow-covered forest. A cast of 100 dancers join Ms. Dvorovento and Mr. Beloserkovsky in presenting this magical tale set to music by Tchaikovsky.

Principal dancers with American Ballet Theatre, Ms. Dvorovento (Sugar Plum Fairy) and Mr. Beloserkovsky (Sugar Plum Fairy's Cavalier) are often referred to as "Sweethearts of Ballet." Married and the parents of a beautiful young girl, the couple has danced as principals all over the world. Ms. Dvorovento's

repertoire includes leading roles in many of the great ballet classics: Giselle and Myrta in *Giselle*, Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet*, Odette-Odile in *Swan Lake*, Cinderella in Ben Stevenson's *Cinderella*, Swanilda in *Coppélia*, Nikiya and Gamzatti in *La Bayadère*, Kitri and Mercedes in *Don Quixote*, the Sugar Plum Fairy in *The Nutcracker*, and Princess Aurora in *The Sleeping Beauty*. Breathtakingly beautiful, Mrs. Dvorovento has been featured on the cover of *Dance Magazine* and *Pointe*, as well as in *People*, *Dancing Times*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Bazaar*, *Vogue*, *Vanity Fair*, *Elle*, *Russian Vogue*, *Town and Country*, and numerous others. Ms. Dvorovento was also the face of Movado Watches for three years.

Mr. Beloserkovsky's repertoire includes leading roles in most of the major classical ballets as well: Solor in *La Bayadère*, the Prince in Ben Stevenson's *Cinderella*, Franz in *Coppélia*, Basilio and Espada in *Don Quixote*, Albrecht and the peasant pas de deux in *Giselle*, the Cavalier in *The Nutcracker*, Romeo in *Romeo and Juliet*, Prince Desiré in *The Sleeping Beauty*, Prince Siegfried in *Swan Lake*, and James in *La Sylphide*. In 1993 he was honored by the President of the Ukraine for outstanding artistic achievement.

Performances of *The Nutcracker* will be held Saturday, November 27th at 2:00 PM and 8:00PM and Sunday, November 28th at 2:00 PM. 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 Nutcracker* are \$35 for adults and \$25 for children (17 years and under) and seniors (65 years and over). Tickets for the "Gingerbread Ball" are \$6 each and are sold separately. For more information or tickets please call 561-995-0709 or visit the Web site at www.bocaballet.org.

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A Princely Affair
Award-Winning Daniel Ulbricht Returns
for a Magical Afternoon of International Treats



Daniel Ulbricht

Daniel Ulbricht, a principal dancer with New York City Ballet, will be the featured guest artist at the annual *A Princely Affair*, Boca Ballet Theatre's signature fund-raising luncheon. *A Princely Affair*, which kicks off Boca Ballet Theatre's 20th Anniversary season, is scheduled for Sunday, November 7, 2010 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club and begins at noon with a mimosa social hour and silent auction.

Born in St. Petersburg, Florida, Mr. Ulbricht's talent earned him roles early-on in South Florida. At age 12 he was selected to appear in Miami City Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker* and at age 13 he danced the role of Fritz in Boca Ballet Theatre's production of the same ballet. Mr. Ulbricht then continued on to win prestigious scholarships and in 1999 was admitted to the School of American Ballet, City Ballet's academy.

Since joining New York City Ballet, Mr. Ulbricht has danced featured

roles in numerous productions including *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker™*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Sleeping Beauty*, *Swan Lake*, *Prodigal Son*, *Stars and Stripes*, *The Steadfast Tin Soldier*, *Tarantella*, and *Fancy Free*. He has also served as a guest teacher at various NYC schools including the School of American Ballet and national schools and universities. Last April, Mr. Ulbricht was awarded Lincoln Center's Martin E. Segal Award. This distinguished award is given annually to two rising young artists in recognition of exceptional accomplishment.

Mr. Ulbricht was also invited by Michelle Obama to perform and represent New York City Ballet at the first White House Dance Series on September 7, 2010.

A Princely Affair is a perennial community favorite. Last year Mr. Ulbricht captivated luncheon guests with two incredible performances and a surprise, last minute donation for the live auction - two orchestra tickets and backstage passes to a New York City Ballet production. Performances at this year's *A Princely Affair* will include excerpts from *The Nutcracker* and *La Bayadère*.

A Princely Affair will also include a grand raffle for a magnificent 12 night Mediterranean cruise for two on Celebrity's five-star rated *Solstice*, courtesy of

Boca Raton Travel & Cruises and Celebrity Cruises®. The *Solstice* sails from Barcelona, Spain on two alternating itineraries:

- * Barcelona to Rome, Naples/Capri, Ephesus, Mykonos, / Athens, Santorini, Valetta and back to Barcelona
- * Barcelona to Cannes, Florence, Rome, Naples, Kotor, Venice, Dubrovnik and back to Barcelona.

The winner of the grand raffle will be able to select from one of the two itineraries and the cruise can be taken from May through October 2011.

Grand-affle tickets for the chance to win the 12-night Mediterranean cruise are \$10 each or three for \$25. It is not necessary to be present to win. All proceeds from this event will benefit Boca Ballet Theatre's dance programs and performances.

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



(l-r): *A Princely Affair* Chair, Sharon Alpert and Co-Chair, Lidia Cegarra, Giuliano and Judy Lorenzani, owners of Boca Raton Travel & Cruises, Ledia Cano, District Sales Manager Celebrity Cruises, and Maria Scherer, Grand Raffle Prize Chair (photo by Mary Roycraft)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

A Princely Affair

Sunday, November 7—noon

Boca Raton Resort and Club

The Nutcracker

Saturday, November 27—2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
 Sunday, November 28—2:00 PM

At Olympic Heights Performing Arts Center

BBT 20th Anniversary Gala

Save the Date! Saturday, March 12

Boca Country Club

La Bayadère

Saturday, April 16 — 8:00 PM
 Sunday, April 17—2 PM

At Olympic Heights Performing Arts Center

Ballet in the Park -- FREE

May 29, 2011—7:00 PM

Mizner Park Amphitheatre

All American Summer

Summer Repertoire Concert
featuring *Play Ball!*

Saturday, July 30—8 PM
 Sunday, July 31— 2 PM

FAU's University Theatre (Griswold)

Boca Ballet Theatre Guild

Behind the Scenes, Making it All Happen

As we begin our 20th season, we would like to take the opportunity to thank our Guild members for all their hard work, leadership and service to Boca Ballet Theatre. We especially thank outgoing President Laurie Udine our 2010 nominee for Junior League Woman Volunteer of the Year and welcome Valentina Martinez, Guild President for the 2010-2011 season.

The Guild is comprised of volunteers who share an enthusiasm for supporting Boca Ballet Theatre. It is the group that supports BBT through special events and activities. The Guild brings energetic members of the ballet community together to assist with productions, fundraising events, and administrative help.

Whether you can donate your time on a regular basis or only occasionally, we invite you to put your own interests, special skills and talents to work for BBT. Share your love for the arts with others by becoming a member of the Guild. For more information please contact Valentina Martinez at 561-278-6063.



Guild President
 Valentina Martinez