

**BOCA BALLET THEATRE PRESENTS 2016/2017 SEASON AT  
A *PRINCELY AFFAIR* LUNCHEON AND PERFORMANCE**

**Boca Raton** – On Sunday, October 23, 2016, Boca Ballet Theatre's ***A Princely Affair*** Luncheon and Performance successfully kicked off the 2016/2017 season by raising awareness and community support for the Boca Raton nonprofit organization.

"We are so thrilled to kickoff the 2016/2017 Season of Dance with the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *A Princely Affair* Luncheon and Performance," stated Dan Guin, Executive Director and Co-Artistic Director of Boca Ballet Theatre, "We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to The Honorary Chairperson Arlene Herson and to the Event Chair Natalie Parker and Co-Chair Gail Baker". "The funds raised will assist Boca Ballet in continuing to enhance the cultural landscape of our community with spectacular ballet performances and outstanding community enrichment programs."

Guests of *A Princely Affair* gathered in the Great Hall at the Boca Raton Resort & Club for an elegant afternoon of dining, dance, and exciting raffle prizes. The highlight was a breathtaking performance by New York City Ballet principal dancer, Daniel Ulbricht and soloist Erica Pereira. Dancers from Boca Ballet Theatre performed excerpts from the upcoming production of *The Nutcracker*, presented by Marleen Forkas In loving memory of Harold Forkas.

The festivities began with a mimosa social hour, raffle items and a silent auction, followed by a delicious luncheon and amazing dance performances. Cindy Surman, the luncheon's mistress of ceremonies, expressed a heartfelt thanks to Honorary Chair Arlene Herson and Event Chairs, Natalie Parker and Gail Baker, and for the support of Corporate Sponsor *Once Upon A Time*. Also a big thank you to Business Circle Members: Physical Therapy Institute; AW Architects, Inc.; Boca Raton Florist; Brown Robert LLP.; First Response Plumbing; HealthSouth; Interventional Cardiology Associates; Lee Parker, Inc.; Malcom and Baker CPA's & Associates; Russian Market/LuBlu; Palm Beach Estate Buyers; Grand Prize Raffle Sponsors: Zizah Preble and Carrie Gibbons.

After the New York City Ballet guest artists took their bows for *Tarantella* Daniel Ulbricht came out to the podium and proposed that if there would be a \$2500 donation to BBT he would perform a new contemporary piece for the audience. Marleen Forkas immediately raised her hand and Daniel again mesmerized the audience with his artistry. Thank you Marleen and Daniel! Mr. Ulbricht then raised additional funds for Boca Ballet Theatre by auctioning off "all access passes" to a performance at New York City Ballet.....Bravo!!!!

Among the attendees were; Chad Kenney, President of Boca Ballet Theatre's Board of Directors, Boca Raton Councilman Robert Weinroth; Constance Scott; Ingrid Fulmer; Seth Marmor; Marleen Forkas; Martin and Edith Stein; Rabbi Merle Singer and Denise Jordan, Executive Director of the American Parkinson Disease Association.

**Attached:**

Photo 1: Event Chair Natalie Parker and Honorary Chairperson Arlene Herson (Photo: Don Tolj)

Photo 2: Daniel Ulbricht and Marleen Forkas

Photo 3: Andrea Doyle, Edith and Martin Stein, Dan Guin, Rabbi Merle Singer

**About Boca Ballet Theatre**

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. For more information please visit [www.bocaballet.org](http://www.bocaballet.org) or call 561-995-0709.