

**BOCA BALLET THEATRE PERFORMS AT THE 8TH ANNUAL
CAREER TRANSITION FOR DANCERS' HEART & SOUL GALA**

Boca Raton – On February 9, 2017, Boca Ballet Theatre dancers performed at The Breakers for The 8th Annual Career Transition For Dancers' Heart & Soul Gala. The event was hosted by Brian Stokes Mitchell and honored Philanthropist Sydell Miller. The 2017 Dance Award was presented to Marcelo Gomes who danced with Boca Ballet Theatre in 2010 in *Giselle*.

The dancers performed *Boogie Woogie*, an excerpt from *Just Swingin*, choreographed by Co-Artistic Director Dan Guin. Originally underwritten by Seton and Blake Smith and performed by Boca Ballet Theatre in 1995, *Just Swingin* is one of the most beloved pieces. Created as a tribute to the Andrews Sisters who performed at the USO Shows during WWII, the upbeat feelgood *Boogie Woogie* was performed by "Sisters" Jillian Carpenter, Brida Gibbons, Alexa Saffold; "The Company" Olivia Beers, Hannah Hutchins, Zoe Robert, Arantza Rojas, Lili Baker, Noemi Alvarez-Luevano; and "Bugle Boy" Christina Fedele.

Bravo to the amazing talent at Boca Ballet Theatre and thank you to Steven Caras who invited us to perform at this prestigious event.

Photo attached:

Photo 1: Cast of *Just Swingin*

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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 or call 561-995-0709.