

BOCA BALLET THEATRE ANNOUNCES GUEST ARTISTS FOR LA SYLPHIDE

Boca Raton – One of the oldest ballets still commonly performed, *La Sylphide* ushered in the beautiful, romantic era of ballet and remains popular today. Directed and choreographed by Co-Artistic Director Dan Guin, *La Sylphide* is his interpretation of the Bournonville classic. “We are so pleased to announce that New York City Ballet Principal Dancers Megan Fairchild and Gonzalo Garcia will be returning to the Boca Ballet Theatre stage dancing the lead roles of The Sylph and James”, said Dan Guin. “Our audience will remember them from their recent performance in the *Don Quixote* grand pas de deux at the 25th Anniversary Gala Performance”.

Megan Fairchild was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and began her dance training at the age of four. Her expansive repertoire includes roles as the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Dewdrop in George Balanchine’s *The Nutcracker*, Pierrette in Balanchine’s *Harlequinade*, the Second Act Divertissement in Balanchine’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, Swan Hilda in the George Balanchine/Alexandra Danilova production of *Coppelia* and Aurora and Princess Florine in Peter Martins’ *The Sleeping Beauty*. She became an apprentice with New York City Ballet in 2002 and was promoted to principal dancer in 2005.

Gonzalo Garcia was born in Zaragoza, Spain, Mr. Garcia began studying ballet at the age of eight. He participated in the Prix de Lausanne, becoming the youngest dancer to receive a gold medal. Mr. Garcia joined San Francisco Ballet in March 1998 and in 2000 he was promoted to principal dancer, and in 2002 was invited to perform Balanchine’s *Ballo della Regina* with New York City Ballet as part of the Company’s Balanchine Centennial Celebration in 2004 and he joined New York City Ballet in 2007 as a principal dancer.

With *La Sylphide* being a shorter story ballet, Boca Ballet Theatre will be adding the stand alone piece “Enchanted Garden” from *Le Corsaire* to the program. This lovely vignette was added to *Le Corsaire* to showcase the Corps de Ballet which is the heart and soul of classical ballets. This performance will feature Boca Ballet Theatres own Sasha Lazarus as soloist. Enchanted Garden stands alone as a large beautiful piece that we know you will love.

Dates and Times: Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 8:00pm; Sunday, April 9, 2017, 2:00pm.

Location: The Countess de Hoernle Theatre, Spanish River High School,
5100 Jog Road, Boca Raton, FL 33496

Ticket Price: \$35 for adults and \$25 for children and seniors.

Tickets and Information: (561) 995-0709 www.bocaballet.org

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Photos: Megan Fairchild and Gonzalo Garcia in NY City Ballet’s production of *La Sylphide*,
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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.