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**BOCA BALLET THEATRE PRESENTS *SHARE THE JOY*
FEATURING THE BBT4PD PARTICIPANTS**

Boca Raton FL (April 15, 2016) – On April 2, 2016 Boca Ballet Theatre’s Community Outreach Program BBT4PD presented their second annual performance and fundraising event ***Share The Joy***. Held at the Countess de Hoernle Center for Dance, the evening included a wine and cheese reception before the performance and a dessert reception after.

With more than 200 in attendance the performers living with Parkinson’s disease took the stage accompanied by the BBT4PD Instructors and Share the Joy Volunteers, this is when the magic happened! With Pianist Dr. Martha Brown the program started with Somewhere Over The Rainbow, next was I hope I get it from “*A Chorus Line*” and then Shake Rattle & Roll which was an audience participation piece and everyone took the opportunity to have a little fun. This is when the dancers of varied ages from the school of Boca Ballet Theatre took the stage, the BBT4PD dancers joined them and performed The Knight Dance from “*Romeo and Juliet*” as soon as the music started for the next piece So She Dances the tissues came out and for this and the next number Reverance (Can you Feel The Love Tonight) there wasn’t a dry eye in the house as the Boca Ballet Theatre dancers joined BBT4PD and you felt, you knew that something very special was happening and in some way no one would feel exactly the same after this experience.

All of the participants were so graceful and loving to each other, they were proud of their performance and were already talking about being involved again next year....this was truly a moment that we all shared the joy!

The BBT4PD dance classes for those living with Parkinson’s disease is in its 3rd amazing season of movement based classes and the participants are loving it!

The program enjoys title sponsorship from the American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA), an organization devoted to enhancing the lives of those living with PD. Each class flows with constant energy, led by Boca Ballet Theatre instructors, Cindy Surman and Dennis Lue, who trained with Dance for PD®, a collaboration between the Mark Morris Dance Group and the Brooklyn Parkinson Group.

The benefits of this special program for those living with Parkinson's are immeasurable, both physically and mentally. The support the students bring to each other is a social and emotional bonus that is priceless. Classes are open to anyone with Parkinson’s, no matter their age, ability, or the advancement of their condition and are FREE of charge due to the support of APDA, Firstlantic Healthcare and the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation.

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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.