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Erica De La O & Kristopher Wojtera
star in *Paquita* by Marius Petipa
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Sanjay Saverimuttu and Carina Castaneda in
Valse-Fantaisie by George Balanchine ©
The George Balanchine Trust
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Dan Guin and Boca Ballet Theatre dancers in
Piano Man by Michael Williams
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Boca Ballet Theatre's Repertory Concert - *Dance Fest* -Thrills the Audience

BOCA RATON - After an immensely impressive performance of *Dance Fest* on Saturday, May 3rd, dancers, patrons and friends of Boca Ballet Theatre were greeted with good food and warm hospitality at Brewzzi Boca Raton, thanks to Manager Drew Meltz. The repertory concert at Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater charmed the crowd with a spicy and diverse blend of classical, neoclassical and contemporary work. The program showcased the choreographic talents of Boca Ballet Theatre's Co-Artistic Director, Dan Guin, and the Russian masters, George Balanchine and Marius Petipa, performing the classic works of *Valse-Fantaisie*, *Boca Baroque*, *Piano Man*, and *Paquita*, with special guest artists from Louisville Ballet.

Marius Petipa's *Paquita*, staged by Donald Tolj, featured Louisville Ballet stars Erica De La O and Kristopher Wojtera, graceful and elegant throughout the myriad of complex variations that are considered to be some of ballet's most celebrated examples of 19th-century classicism—and some of the most difficult.

Valse-Fantaisie, originally choreographed by Balanchine for the State Opera of Hamburg in 1969 and composed by Mikhail Glinka, was staged by the George Balanchine Trust Repetiteur, Elyse Borne, on behalf of the George Balanchine Trust. *Valse-Fantaisie* starred Sanjay Saverimuttu, who began his training at Boca Ballet Theatre and recently joined Louisville Ballet as a member of the corps de ballet. Boca Ballet Theatre was thrilled to welcome Saverimuttu to the stage as an official guest artist, and as Louisville Ballet's newest company member.

The production's many highlights included the guest artists' stunning solos. Erica De La O shined in *Terpsichore*, choreographed by Daylena Ruiz and set to Antonio Vivaldi, and Kristopher Wojtera awed in an excerpt from Adam Houghland's *Ten Beautiful Objects*, with music by Max Richter.

Choreographed by Dan Guin, the upbeat and uplifting piece *Boca Baroque*, featured baroque trumpets, horns, and beautiful dancers in harmony to "Concerto in D for 3 Trumpets" by German baroque composer, Georg Philipp Telemann.

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Last but not least - *Piano Man*, “a dance cartoon”, captivated audience members of all ages as the most playful piece in the production. Choreographed by jazz innovator Michael Williams as a tribute to the black and white cartoons of the 1930s, this playful piece was set to a score of Liberace's flamboyant music, bringing to life animated images of a keyboard's octave. Featuring Boca Ballet Theatre's Dan Guin as the dynamic Piano Man, there is no doubt that Liberace would have loved it.

Don't miss Boca Ballet Theatre's next production, *Swan Lake* – Friday, August 1 – Sunday, August 3 at Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater. Experience the most famous of classical ballets, staged after the original choreography of Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov, and set to the music of Peter Tchaikovsky. This lavish production is hauntingly beautiful. For tickets and more information, please call 561.995.0709 or visit www.bocaballet.org.

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. Please call 561.995.0709 or visit www.bocaballet.org for more information.



Erica De La O, Kristopher Wojtera,
Steven Caras, Elyse Borne



Michelle Chin, Cindy Surman,
Marlene Forkas, Jane Tyree



Chad Kenney, Britt Sanford,
Sanjay Saverimuttu, Seth Marmor
