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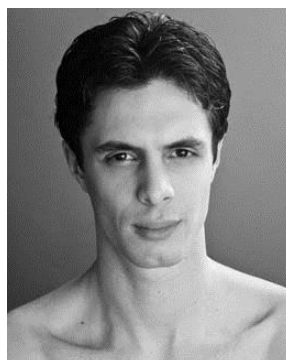
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Devon Teuscher
Soloist, American Ballet Theatre



Alexandre Hammoudi
Soloist, American Ballet Theatre

**Marleen and Harold* Forkas Present Boca Ballet Theatre's *The Nutcracker*,
Featuring ABT Soloists Devon Teuscher and Alexandre Hammoudi**

Boca Raton, FL – Get ready for the holiday season with Boca Ballet Theatre's dazzling production of *The Nutcracker*, featuring world-renowned guest artists, magical sets and sparkling costumes. Boca Ballet Theatre is thrilled to announce that American Ballet Theatre (ABT) soloists, Devon Teuscher and Alexandre Hammoudi, will dance the lead roles of Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier. This unique version of the classic showcases choreography by Co-Artistic Director Dan Guin, and a cast of more than 100 dancers. Set to music by Tchaikovsky, this is a whimsical and wonderful treat for all ages.

Born in Pennsylvania, Devon Teuscher began her dance training at the age of nine under Deanna Doty of the Champaign Urbana Ballet Academy in Champaign, IL. She continued her training at the Vermont Ballet Theatre School in Essex, Vermont under the direction of Alex and Kirsten Nagiba. At the age of eleven, Teuscher attended The Kirov Ballet Academy summer intensive, followed by the Pacific Northwest Ballet summer intensive on full scholarship for two years. From 2002 to 2006 Teuscher attended American Ballet Theatre's Summer Intensive, and was a National Training Scholar from 2003 to 2006. In January 2005, Teuscher relocated to New York City to dance at American Ballet Theatre's Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School on full scholarship. Teuscher joined the Studio Company in 2006 where she danced leading roles in *Raymonda*, *Les Sylphides*, *Swan Lake*, *Sleeping Beauty* and various works by Jessica Lang. She joined ABT as an apprentice in December 2007 and the corps de ballet in June 2008. She became a Soloist in August 2014.

A native of Paris, France, Alexandre Hammoudi began his training at seven with Max Bozzoni of the Paris Opera Ballet. He continued his training at the Academy of Dance Salle Playel in Paris from 1996-1999, received further training at the English National Ballet School in London and, most recently, at the School of American Ballet. Hammoudi has won numerous international competitions, including the Trophee Arabesque and the Biarritz Dance Competition. At 16, Hammoudi became a member of the National Ballet of Cuba and toured South America with that company. Hammoudi joined ABT's Studio Company in 2002, joined the main Company as an apprentice the following year, and became a member of the Company's corps de ballet in April 2004. He was appointed a Soloist in July 2012. His repertory with the Company includes a myriad of lead roles. In addition, Hammoudi has danced all over Spain as a guest artist with Angel Corella and Stars of American Ballet.

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The Nutcracker will be presented at Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater in Boca Raton, where special pyrotechnics were custom-created for Boca Ballet Theatre's production to infuse the stage with magic.

Following matinee performances, don't miss the *Gingerbread Ball*, a festive children's party where kids are invited onstage after the show to meet Clara, Sugar Plum Fairy, and the other magical characters. Admission to the Gingerbread Ball is \$8 per person and includes a goody bag with sweet treats.

Performance dates/times:

Friday, November 28 @7pm
Saturday, November 29 @2pm
Saturday, November 29 @8pm
Sunday, November 30 @2pm

LOCATION: Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater - 20101 Lyons Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33434

TICKETS: \$20 - \$35 for adults and \$10 - \$25 for children and seniors.

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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.

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