

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET

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Pacific Northwest Ballet Presents the Fall  
**DISCOVER DANCE Community Performance**  
First Outreach Performance of the 2010-2011 Season

2:00 pm

Saturday, November 13, 2010

Marion Oliver McCaw Hall  
321 Mercer Street at Seattle Center

**SEATTLE, WA** — Pacific Northwest Ballet will present the first of this season's two DISCOVER DANCE Community Performances, on Saturday, November 13 at 2:00 pm at Marion Oliver McCaw Hall. DISCOVER DANCE is part of PNB's Community & Education Programs, offering long-term in-school residencies throughout the greater Seattle area. With the guidance of PNB Teaching Artists, this performance will include original choreography created by three participating schools: Arbor Heights Elementary, Broadview Thomson K-8, and Highland Park Elementary. PNB and Spectrum Dance Theater's REACH Student Dance Group, an outreach program for youth ages 11-15, will also be featured at this performance. As a special added attraction, the performance will also include excerpts from Kent Stowell's *Cinderella*, presented by PNB Company dancers. Tickets to DISCOVER DANCE are \$12 and may be purchased by calling 206.441.2424, online at [www.pnb.org](http://www.pnb.org) or in person at the PNB Box Office, 301 Mercer Street.

## DISCOVER DANCE

Pacific Northwest Ballet's innovative DISCOVER DANCE program was launched in 1998, and added a performance component two years later. The program serves a vital need by bringing dance education programs to Seattle and Eastside schools that might not otherwise have such opportunities. DISCOVER DANCE gives over 600 students, ages 7-14, the opportunity to work with PNB Teaching Artists, over three- to five-month residencies, to create original choreographic works specifically designed to be integrated into their academic curriculum. The students then perform their works onstage at McCaw Hall, alongside repertory excerpts performed by PNB Company dancers. DISCOVER DANCE classes also get a behind-the-scenes look at a professional ballet company, including field trips to rehearsal studios, production offices and the costume shop.

As PNB's largest Community Education program, DISCOVER DANCE gives students a unique and comprehensive learning experience. PNB's Teaching Artists guide students to think of themselves as artists.

The end result is not only dance education, but also fostering confidence, creativity, trust, and camaraderie among students. In 2009 the program received funding from the National Endowment for the Arts to increase PNB's educational programming capacity in Seattle Public Schools via additional long-term, in-school residencies.

### **REACH Student Dance Group**

REACH Student Dance Group is a partnership between Pacific Northwest Ballet and Spectrum Dance Theater. REACH offers eight-week intensive dance workshops for students to learn different dance styles, create original choreography, attend live performances, and perform at McCaw Hall. REACH is open to students ages 11–15, of all ability and experience levels. The fall 2010 REACH instructor is Vanessa Villalobos, who specializes in AfroLatin body movement inspired by the sounds of Salsa, Ballroom Rumba and the Peruvian Festejo.

### **TICKET & SHOWTIME INFORMATION**

**DISCOVER DANCE Community Performance** will take place at **2:00 pm** on **Saturday, November 13, 2010** at Marion Oliver McCaw Hall, 321 Mercer Street at Seattle Center.

**Tickets** are **\$12** and may be purchased:

- \* By calling the PNB Box Office at **206.441.2424** (Mon.-Fri. 9am–6 pm; Sat. 10am–5pm)
- \* In person at the **PNB Box Office**, 301 Mercer St. (Mon.-Fri. 10am–6pm; Sat. 10am–5pm)
- \* Online at **www.pnb.org** (24/7)
- \* 90 minutes prior to the performance at McCaw Hall, 321 Mercer Street (subject to availability)
- \* Discounted tickets are available for groups of 10 or more by calling **206.441.2416** or emailing **juliej@pnb.org**

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**To learn more about the National Endowment for the Arts, please visit: [www.nea.gov](http://www.nea.gov).  
Images from Community Education Programs are available in the press room at: [www.pnb.org](http://www.pnb.org).**

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