



# PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET

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## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET CONGRATULATES PRINCESS GRACE AWARD-WINNER MARGARET MULLIN!**

Pacific Northwest Ballet was thrilled to learn today that corps de ballet dancer **Margaret Mullin** has been chosen as a recipient of the prestigious Princess Grace Award. Presented by the Princess Grace Foundation-USA, the Awards help emerging artists pursue their artistic goals in theater, film, dance and choreography.

Margaret Mullin is from Tucson, Arizona. She studied on scholarship at Ballet Arts Tucson and at Pacific Northwest Ballet School, and attended summer courses at Ballet Tucson, Pacific Northwest Ballet School, and Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. She was the recipient of a Thurber Scholarship Award in 2003 and 2004, and the 2007 Founding Director Scholarship Award from Angela Whitehill of Burklyn Ballet. Ms. Mullin joined Pacific Northwest Ballet as an apprentice in 2008 and was promoted to corps de ballet in 2009. A recent profile of Ms. Mullin by Rosie Gaynor in the August, 2011 issue of *Dance Magazine* noted "her strong stage presence, musicality, clean lines, and ability to fly across the stage."

"We collectively congratulate Margaret Mullin on being awarded a Princess Grace Award," said PNB artistic director Peter Boal. "Maggie is an artist of tremendous potential and versatility. Her talent along with a strong work ethic and an engaging stage presence are all part of this well-deserved honor."

Past recipients of the Princess Grace Award from Pacific Northwest Ballet and Pacific Northwest Ballet School include current PNB dancers Benjamin Griffiths (Boston Ballet, 2003), Andrew Barteel (PNB School, 2007), and Lucien Postlewaite (PNB, 2008); former PNB dancers Miranda Weese (New York City Ballet, 1995), Seth Belliston (PNB, 1996), Stanko Milov (Pittsburgh Ballet Theater, 1997), and Le Yin (Houston Ballet, 1998); and former PNB School students Drew Jacoby (LINES, 2005) and Meredith Webster (LINES, 2007).

Former PNB principal **Olivier Wevers** was another of this year's Princess Grace Award-winners, receiving a choreography fellowship through Spectrum Dance Theater. "I am so pleased to learn of Olivier's award," continued Mr. Boal. "Watching Olivier develop and grow as a choreographer over the past decade has been rewarding for all of us at PNB. We congratulate him on the distinguished honor and look forward to his bright future as a choreographer."

PNB also congratulates Seattle-based choreographer **Zoe Scofield**, who received this year's other choreography fellowship from the Princess Grace Foundation-USA.

**For the complete press release from the Princess Grace Foundation-USA, read on....**



**PRINCESS GRACE FOUNDATION-USA ANNOUNCES  
2011 AWARDS WINNERS IN THEATER, DANCE & FILM  
*Jon M. Chu receives Princess Grace Statue Award***

**NEW YORK, NY – (August 15, 2011)** The Board of Trustees of the **Princess Grace Foundation-USA (PGF-USA)** and its **Chairman, Hon. John F. Lehman**, announced today the winners of the 2011 **Princess Grace Awards**. The Awards for theater, dance and choreography, and film continue the legacy of Princess Grace (Kelly) of Monaco, who anonymously helped emerging artists pursue their artistic goals during Her lifetime. This year's 21 Awards winners will travel to New York City as guests of the Princess Grace Foundation-USA, where they will receive their Awards at the annual black-tie **Princess Grace Awards Gala, on November 1, 2011 at Cipriani 42nd Street**. This year's Awards Gala will be highlighted by the unveiling of a unique tribute to Princess Grace by **Montblanc**.

The Princess Grace Foundation-USA, a public charity, was formed after the death of Princess Grace in 1982. They present scholarships, apprenticeships, and fellowships to assist artists at the start of their careers. The Foundation has cultivated a diverse group of nearly 600 artists to date who continue to advance the spectrum of performing arts with innovative, cutting-edge, and vibrant theater, dance, choreography, film, playwriting and design. Since the Foundation's inception, more than 700 Awards have been given to recipients, totaling more than \$8.5 million.

At the Gala, **The Montblanc Collection Princesse Grace de Monaco** will be premiered in the U.S.- a spectacular, new tribute collection to one of the most remarkable individuals of all time, celebrated for Her iconic, timeless style; Her artistic talent as an Oscar®-winning actress and Her unrelenting commitment to helping others. **The Montblanc Collection Princesse Grace de Monaco** is a continuation of the privileged relationship the brand has enjoyed with the Principality of Monaco in recent years. Consisting of fine jewelry pieces, timepieces and writing instruments, the Montblanc Collection is true to Princess Grace's enduring style and sophistication. Feminine and elegant, the pieces from this collection are some of the most exquisite ever crafted in **Montblanc's Ateliers**, rich in details and inspired by this icon's spirit and attention to style.

For the third year in a row, celebrated artist **Alex Soldier**, known for his mastery of precious miniatures, has created an objet d'art to symbolize the Princess Grace Awards. The Award symbolically combines the three art forms lauded by the Foundation: theater, dance, and film by using precious metals and Swarovski crystal accents. The sculpture is made for each recipient to wear as a pin, a special reminder of their Award for the world to see.

**PRINCESS GRACE STATUE AWARD**

Past winners of the Awards who distinguish themselves in their artistic disciplines since receiving their initial Princess Grace Awards are eligible to win the coveted **Princess Grace Statue Award**. It includes a \$25,000 unrestricted cash gift and a special Bronze Statue of Princess Grace created by Dutch artist Kees Verkade. This year's *Statue Award* winner is **Jon M. Chu**.

Jon M. Chu won his original Princess Grace Award, a Film Scholarship at University of Southern California, in 2001. He is the director of **Step Up 2 The Streets** (2008), and **Step Up 3D** (2010). Combined, these two films have grossed over 300 million dollars theatrically. In 2011, his third film, **Justin Bieber: Never Say Never**, garnered rave reviews and claimed the title as the highest grossing concert-themed film of all time in the U.S. and the third highest grossing documentary of all time. Jon M. Chu is the creator, writer and director of **The League of Extraordinary Dancers (The LXD)**, which is the number one original program for Hulu. He is currently in production on the next film in the G.I. Joe franchise, to be released next summer.

### **PRINCESS GRACE AWARDS**

Each year, the Foundation presents the **Princess Grace Awards** to artists who show excellence and promise in the areas of theater, dance, and film. Students are eligible for scholarships; emerging artists working in companies qualify for apprenticeships and fellowships. A playwriting fellowship is available for individual artists through a residency at New Dramatists in New York City, which includes the opportunity to have the winning play be licensed and published by Samuel French, Inc. In addition to these, the Foundation also gives honorable mention grants to applicants through Honoraria.

The 2011 **Princess Grace Awards** winners (listed below) represent 20 colleges, universities, and not-for-profit theater and dance companies throughout the United States. The Awards winners exemplify both classical and experimental artistic disciplines and, while still considered emerging talent, already show exceptional promise in their areas of expertise. The Foundation's support assists their theater and dance studies, helps pay their artistic fees at non-profit theater and dance companies and helps support their thesis film projects. In addition to the Awards, the Princess Grace Foundation-USA extends general operating monies to companies hosting an Awards winner. This year's Princess Grace Awards winners are:

### **THEATER AND PLAYWRITING**

#### **Carlos Alexis Cruz**

Theater Fellowship, *Grace Le Vine Award*  
Miracle Theatre Group

#### **Miriam Hyman**

Theater Scholarship, *George C. Wolfe Award*  
Yale School of Drama

#### **Matthew Jones**

Theater Apprenticeship, *Robert & Gloria Hausman Award*  
Alternative Theater Ensemble

#### **Hana Sooyeon Kim**

Theater Scholarship, *Fabergé Award*  
University of California, Los Angeles

#### **Sarah Rasmussen**

Theater Apprenticeship, *Pierre Cardin Award*  
Oregon Shakespeare Festival

#### **Sadieh Rifai**

Theater Fellowship, *Gant Gaither Award*  
American Theater Company

#### **Johnna Adams**

Playwriting Fellowship  
New Dramatists, Inc.

## **DANCE AND CHOREOGRAPHY**

### **Alisa Alba**

Dance Fellowship  
The National Institute of Flamenco

### **Joseph Gorak**

Dance Fellowship  
American Ballet Theatre

### **Margaret Mullin**

Dance Fellowship  
Pacific Northwest Ballet

### **Jeffrey Van Sciver**

Dance Scholarship, *Chris Hellman Award*  
Dominican University/LINES Ballet

### **Casia Vengoechea**

Dance Scholarship  
The Julliard School-Dance Division

### **Frederick (Pete) Walker**

Dance Fellowship  
North Carolina Dance Theatre

### **Zoe Scofield**

Choreography Fellowship  
DiverseWorks ArtSpace

### **Olivier Wevers**

Choreography Fellowship  
Spectrum Dance Theater

## **FILM**

### **Valerie Bischoff**

Film Graduate Scholarship  
Columbia University

### **Emily Hyde**

Film Undergraduate Scholarship  
Pacific Northwest College of Art

### **Gina Napolitan-Witz**

Film Graduate Scholarship  
California Institute of the Arts

### **Raul Paz Pastrana**

Film Graduate Scholarship, *Cary Grant Award*  
School of Visual Arts

### **Temra Pavlovic**

Film Undergraduate Scholarship, *John H. Johnson Award*  
California Institute of the Arts

### **Iva Radivojevic**

Film Undergraduate Scholarship  
CUNY Hunter College

## **HONORARIA**

### **R. Davis McCallum**

Theater Honorarium  
The Public Theater

### **Jacqueline Burnett**

Dance Honorarium  
Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

### **Nigel Campbell**

Dance Honorarium  
Luna Negra Dance Theater

### **Chanel DaSilva**

Dance Honorarium  
Trey McIntyre Project

### **Shreyasi Das**

Film Honorarium  
Rochester Institute of Technology

### **Nick Twemlow**

Film Honorarium  
University of Iowa

## **SPECIAL PROJECT and WORKS IN PROGRESS AWARDS**

**Special Project Awards** and **Works in Progress Residencies at the Baryshnikov Arts Center** are grants available to past *Princess Grace Awards* winners and Honoraria recipients for uniquely significant projects that advance their artistic development. This year's *Special Project Awards* and *Works in Progress Residencies* are:

### **SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS**

Rose Bond  
Regina Garcia  
Alex Ketley  
Rashaun Mitchell  
Jimmy Orrante  
Alice Reagan  
Amie Siegel  
Karolina Sobecka

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS RESIDENCIES**

Charlotte Brathwaite  
Branden Jacobs-Jenkins  
David Neumann

### **ABOUT THE PRINCESS GRACE FOUNDATION – USA**

The Princess Grace Foundation-USA is a not-for-profit, publicly-supported foundation, headquartered in New York City and founded more than 25 years ago by Prince Rainier III of Monaco in honor of his wife, Princess Grace [Kelly]. The Foundation's mission, that mirrors Princess Grace's in Her lifetime, is to support emerging artists in theater, dance and film through the awarding of scholarships, apprenticeships and fellowships. Since the Foundation's inception, more than 700 Awards have been given to recipients, totaling more than \$8.5 million. Some notable Princess Grace Awards recipients in Theater include: 2008 Tony® Award winner for Best Direction of a Play, **Anna D. Shapiro**; Pulitzer

and Tony® Award winning playwright **Tony Kushner**; and Academy Award® winner **Eric Simonson**. Film recipients include: **Stephen Hillenburg**, creator of *SpongeBob SquarePants*; **Greg Mottola**, director of *Paul*, *Adventureland* and *Superbad*; and **Cary Joji Fukunaga**, writer and director of *Sin Nombre* and *Jane Eyre*. Dance/Choreography Awards recipients include: Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Artistic Director **Robert Battle**; American Ballet Theatre's **Gillian Murphy**, **Ethan Stiefel** and **Sarah Lane**; as well as choreographers **Andrea Miller** and **Dominic Walsh**.

**For more information, please visit [www.pgfusa.org](http://www.pgfusa.org).**

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