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**CASTING ANNOUNCED FOR PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET'S  
PERFORMANCE AT BUMBERSHOOT:  
SEATTLE'S MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL**

Labor Day Monday, September 1, 2008, 5:30 pm  
Bagley Wright Theatre  
155 Mercer St., Seattle Center

**SEATTLE, WA** — Fresh off its triumphant performances at the Vail International Dance Festival, Pacific Northwest Ballet returns to Bumbershoot, Seattle's Music and Arts Festival, where it performed for standing-room-only audiences in 2006 and 2007. PNB will once again present one performance only at the Labor Day weekend festival, on Monday, September 1. Artistic Director Peter Boal recently announced the casting for the performance, which will feature a selection of works, including Kiyon Gaines' *Interrupted Pri'si'zh'en*, Jonathan Porretta's *Lacrymosa*, and Twyla Tharp's *Nine Sinatra Songs*. Three-day passes to Bumbershoot are available at [bumbershoot.org](http://bumbershoot.org) for \$80 thru August 16 and \$100 thereafter. \$35 date-specific tickets are on sale thru August 15 (\$40 beginning August 16). For further information about Bumbershoot, visit [www.bumbershoot.org](http://www.bumbershoot.org).

Kiyon Gaines' *Interrupted Pri'si'zh'en*

Kiyon Gaines' *Interrupted Pri'si'zh'en* was first performed as part of PNB's 2008 Choreographers' Showcase. In addition to having his work performed at Bumbershoot, Mr. Gaines (a member of PNB's corps de ballet) is creating his first repertory work for PNB, which will premiere in PNB's November NEW WORKS repertory program. *Interrupted Pri'si'zh'en* will be performed by **Batkhurel Bold, Benjamin Griffiths, James Moore, Jordan Pacciti, and Lucien Postlewaite.**

Jonathan Porretta's *Lacrymosa*

**Jonathan Porretta** joined Pacific Northwest Ballet as an apprentice in 1999. He was promoted to corps de ballet in 2000, to soloist in 2002 and to principal in 2005. Mr. Porretta has choreographed *Duel, Flawless, and Jubilant* for PNB's 2004, 2005 and 2006 (respectively) Choreographers' Showcases. Mr. Porretta's *Lacrymosa* will be performed by **Chalnessa Eames and Seth Orza.**

Twyla Tharp's *Nine Sinatra Songs*

The popular classic *Nine Sinatra Songs*, choreographed by American dance icon Twyla Tharp, returns for Bumbershoot. *Nine Sinatra Songs* features seven couples in a delicious ballroom homage to Ol' Blue Eyes. The series of pas de deux will be danced by seven couples: **Lesley Rausch and Stanko Milov, Ariana Lallone and Bakhurel Bold, Maria Chapman and James Moore, Carrie Imler and Jonathan Porretta, Carla Körbes and Jeffrey Stanton, Jodie Thomas and Josh Spell, and Kaori Nakamura and Olivier Wevers.**

Program and casting subject to change.

## **UPCOMING PNB PROGRAMMING**

### **SEASON OPENING GALA**

**Saturday, September 20, 2008**

***Slaughter on Tenth Avenue*** – From repertory program 4

***Emeralds pas de trois*** – From repertory program 3

***New Tharp*** – From repertory program 1

***After the Rain pas de deux*** – From repertory program 6

***Symphony in C*** – From repertory program 6

Toast PNB's new season with the annual Season Preview Performance as an intoxicating aperitif to the upcoming programs. Patrons can choose to enjoy the season-sampling performance with a champagne intermission, or opt to make it a complete red carpet evening by joining the artists for a Gala supper in the wings, followed by Seattle's best-dressed on-stage post-performance dance party.

### **LECTURE DEMONSTRATIONS**

PNB kicks off its 2008-2009 season with three lecture demonstrations that are sure to engage, enlighten, and entertain our audiences:

#### **TWYLA THARP**

Thursday, September 18

5:30 pm, *McCaw Hall*

Choreographer Twyla Tharp will discuss her new works for PNB, with excerpts performed onstage by Company dancers. Ms. Tharp will also field questions from the audience. This special event is FREE for full season subscribers; subscribers may purchase additional tickets for \$15; general admission \$20.

#### **BALANCHINE'S PETIPA**

Wednesday, October 1

5:30 pm, *Studio C, The Phelps Center, 301 Mercer St.*

Education Programs Manager Doug Fullington will discuss the influence of Balanchine's Russian training on his choreography, with a particular focus on pas de deux and corps de ballet choreography. Excerpts from PNB's 2008-2009 repertory, as well as works by Marius Petipa, will be performed by Company dancers and students from Pacific Northwest Ballet School. Tickets to this special event are \$20.

#### **BALLET 101**

Saturday, October 4

2:00 pm, *The Phelps Center, 301 Mercer St.*

Robert Greskovic, acclaimed dancer writer for the *Wall Street Journal*, will participate in this seminar on ballet basics, drawing from his popular book, *Ballet 101: A complete guide to learning and loving the ballet*. Tickets to this special event are \$20.

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