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Emeralds and Rubies and Diamonds – Oh My!

PNB and Pacific Place announce story contest in conjunction with *Jewels*

SEATTLE, WA - Pacific Place, downtown Seattle's premier shopping destination, promises to dazzle the jewel in your life with the opportunity to win a romantic weekend getaway.

In celebration of **Pacific Northwest Ballet's** acclaimed production of George Balanchine's *Jewels*[™] (January 29 to February 7 at McCaw Hall), Pacific Place is hosting a contest for a romantic downtown Seattle weekend in March for two, including two tickets to Pacific Northwest Ballet's BROADWAY FESTIVAL (premieres March 12, 2009) with a backstage tour, a Pacific Place gift card valued at \$500, a two-night stay at The Westin Seattle and breakfasts both mornings for two at their Coldwater Bar & Grill. One winner will be selected by Pacific Place and notified on Friday, February 13, just in time for a last-minute Valentine's surprise. Four runners-up will receive BROADWAY FESTIVAL tickets for two.

To enter, contestants simply visit www.pacificplaceseatle.com and submit their best heart-warming jewelry story, be it sentimental, humorous, surprising or romantic. Entries will be posted on www.pacificplaceseatle.com and must be received by Wednesday, February 11. For more information, log onto the web site (www.pacificplaceseatle.com and www.pnb.org) or call the Pacific Place Concierge Desk at 206.405.2655. No purchase is necessary and rules and details are available online at www.pacificplaceseatle.com.

Those lacking a compelling jewelry tale can still shop their way to the ballet. Shoppers who purchase \$100 or more on a single day at Pacific Place can bring their receipts to the Concierge Desk on Level 1 to receive a voucher good for one complimentary ticket to see *Jewels* and a 20 percent discount on a second ticket. (Limit one free ticket per customer.) Shoppers who purchase \$500 or more on a single day at Pacific Place can bring their receipts to the Concierge Desk to receive a voucher good for two complimentary tickets. (Limit two free tickets per customer.) Shoppers who purchase \$500 or more on a single day at Pacific Place can also take advantage of Pacific Place's complimentary valet service in its parking garage.

Pacific Northwest Ballet presents George Balanchine's *Jewels*[™], the third repertory program of the 2008-2009 season. Rarely seen as a complete trio, this radiant production of *Emeralds, Rubies, and Diamonds* in one evening-length production is an homage to the three golden ages of dance and showcases George Balanchine's masterful choreography. Several special events are planned in conjunction with PNB's production of *Jewels*, including a lecture in which Costume Shop Manager Larae Theige Hascall will discuss and display the work of legendary costume designer Karinska. *Jewels* runs from January 29 through February 7 at Seattle Center's Marion Oliver McCaw Hall, 321 Mercer Street. Tickets may be purchased by calling the PNB Box Office at 206.441.2424, online at www.pnb.org or in person at the PNB Box Office at 301 Mercer Street. Special ticket pricing is available for students, seniors and groups.

Pacific Place features 50 shops, restaurants and an 11-screen movie theatre at Sixth Avenue and Pine Street in downtown Seattle. Parking beneath Pacific Place is abundant and affordable. For more information, call 206.405.2655 or visit the web site at www.pacificplaceseattle.com.

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