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Annual Million Dollar Gala -
MAD HOT: A Russian Seduction
June 8, 2010

On Stage
Four Seasons Centre
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March 23, 2010... MAD HOT: A Russian Seduction, the annual million-dollar fundraising gala for The National Ballet of Canada, is on June 8, 2010 at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts. Artistic Director **Karen Kain** announced today the casting for the one-hour performance which begins the evening and is followed by a special post-performance celebration in the lobby for all guests and dinner onstage for gala patrons.

The performance begins with *Musings* by **James Kudelka** featuring **Xiao Nan Yu, Aleksandar Antonijevic, Heather Ogden, Rebekah Rimsay, Jillian Vanstone, Piotr Stanczyk** and **Etienne Lavigne**.

Principal Dancers **Bridgett Zehr** and **Zdenek Konvalina** will dance a pas de deux from the *Diamonds* section of *Jewels* by **George Balanchine**.

Principal Dancer **Sonia Rodriguez**, who is celebrating her 20th anniversary season, will perform an excerpt from **Mark Godden's** *As Above, So Below* with Principal Dancer **Piotr Stanczyk**.

Ms. Zehr and First Soloist **Patrick Lavoie** will perform an excerpt from *Polyphonia* by **Christopher Wheeldon**.

The performance concludes with the Act I pas de deux from **John Cranko's** *Onegin* performed by Principal Dancers **Greta Hodgkinson** and **Guillaume Côté**.

All guests are invited to a special post-performance celebration featuring Russian-inspired cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Gala patrons will enjoy a gourmet dinner onstage by celebrity chef **Mark McEwan** followed by dancing with the National Ballet dancers.

The performance begins at 6:30 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm), with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

All funds raised from the event will go to The National Ballet of Canada to ensure that the company can continue to deliver unparalleled excellence in dance.

MAD HOT Raffle:

Raffle tickets can be purchased by phone at 416 345 9595 (raffle license number M642568).

Raffle prizes include:

- A trip for two to Jade Mountain, St. Lucia – Value: \$20,174
- A trip for two to St. Regis, Aspen – Value: \$9,094
- A trip for two to a Sandals' Caribbean resort - Value: \$8,000
- A trip for two on the Rocky Mountaineer - Value: \$7,500
- A trip for two to Montreal – Value: \$3,000

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Four seats in the Rolex Executive Suite at the 2010 ATP Rogers Cup – Value: \$ 2,000

You do not need to be present to win. Terms and conditions of prizes may apply. All prizes must be accepted as awarded. Chances of winning are dependent upon the number of tickets sold. The maximum number of tickets issued for this raffle is 3,200. This raffle is open only to residents of Ontario aged 18 and above. Please note: Tax receipts cannot be issued for raffle ticket purchases.

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Tickets:

Purchase a Table
Gala performance, reception, dinner and dancing
Tables of 10: \$25,000 and \$15,000

Be a HOTTIE
Gala performance, reception, dinner and dancing
Mad HOTTIE ticket: \$1,500

Performance PLUS
Gala performance and reception
Performance PLUS tickets: \$50 - \$125

Venue:

Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen Street West, Toronto

Box Office:

The box office is located at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts (145 Queen Street West) or call 416 (toll free 1 866) 345 9595. Tickets can also be purchased online at national.ballet.ca

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