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Pur ti Miro, a World Premiere by Jorma Elo
Plus *Opus 19/The Dreamer* and *West Side Story Suite*
June 4 – 13, 2010

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May 19, 2010... *Pur ti Miro*, a world premiere by Finnish-born **Jorma Elo**, Resident Choreographer of Boston Ballet, opens on June 4, 2010. Mr. Elo is one of the most sought-after choreographers and has created works for numerous ballet companies in both Europe and North America. *Pur ti Miro* will be presented with **Jerome Robbins'** *Opus 19/The Dreamer* and *West Side Story Suite* at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts.

Pur ti Miro is Mr. Elo's first work for The National Ballet of Canada and is set to music by **Beethoven** and **Monteverdi** with costumes by **Holly Hynes** and lighting by **John Cuff**. This new work will feature an ensemble cast of **Naoya Ebe**, **Stephanie Hutchison**, **Patrick Lavoie**, **Elena Lobsanova**, **Noah Long**, **McGee Maddox**, **Heather Ogden**, **Sonia Rodriguez**, **Jenna Savella** and **Robert Stephen**.

Set to **Prokofiev's** thrilling *Violin Concerto No. 1 in D Major, Opus 19/The Dreamer* is a stirring and unforgettable work by **Jerome Robbins**, one of American choreography's greatest talents. On opening night, the lead roles will be danced by Principal Dancers **Sonia Rodriguez** and **Zdenek Konvalina** and will feature a violin solo by **Benjamin Bowman**.

Jerome Robbins' *West Side Story Suite* features seven of the popular song and dance numbers from his famous Broadway collaboration with **Leonard Bernstein** and **Stephen Sondheim**. Complete with singing, *West Side Story Suite* "lifts audiences to their feet", National Post, 2007. The opening night performance will feature **Zdenek Konvalina** as Tony and **Elena Lobsanova** will be his star-crossed lover, Maria. **Guillaume Côté** will dance the role of Riff, the leader of the "Jets", and Bernardo, the head of rival gang the "Sharks", will be performed by **Piotr Stanczyk**. **Stephanie Hutchison** will dance the role of Anita and the role of Rosalia will be danced by **Jordana Daumec**.

The National Ballet's Summer Season will continue with *Olegin*, June 19 – 25, 2010, featuring a glorious new set and costume design created by **Santo Loquasto** and new lighting by **James F. Ingalls**.

A reminder to all audience members attending a performance of *Pur ti Miro* & *Opus 19/The Dreamer* & *West Side Story Suite* and *Olegin*, the G20 Summit is being held in Toronto on June 26 and 27, 2010 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Security preparations will begin well in advance and we recommend taking the TTC or GO Transit to your performance. Please give yourself additional travel time.

Principal Casting

Pur ti Miro

Sonia Rodriguez or Tanya Howard, Heather Ogden or Chelsy Meiss, Jenna Savella or Jordana Daumec, Stephanie Hutchison or Lise-Marie Jourdain, Elena Lobsanova or Sarah Elena Wolff

Patrick Lavoie or Jiří Jelinek, Noah Long or Jonathan Renna, Naoya Ebe or James Shee, McGee Maddox or Keiichi Hirano, Robert Stephen or Brett van Sickle

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Opus 19/The Dreamer

Sonia Rodriguez and Zdenek Konvalina (June 4, 9 at 7:30 pm)
Tanya Howard and Keiichi Hirano* (June 5, 6 at 2:00 pm)
Heather Ogden* and Jiří Jelinek* (June 5, 10 at 7:30 pm)
Bridgett Zehr* and Brett van Sickle* (June 10 at 2:00 pm/June 12 at 7:30 pm)
Xiao Nan Yu and Guillaume Côté (June 11 at 7:30 pm/June 13 at 2:00 pm)

Chelsy Meiss or Alexandra MacDonald, Tiffany Mosher or Alexandra Golden, Elena Lobsanova or Krista Dowson, Jenna Savella or Juri Hiraoka, Lisa Robinson or Nadine Drouin, Selene Guerrero-Trujillo or Grace Hanley

Robert Stephen or James Shee, James Leja, Christopher Stalzer or Nan Wang, Jonathan Renna or Aarik Wells, Naoya Ebe and Ryan Booth, Brendan Saye

West Side Story Suite

Tony Zdenek Konvalina (June 4, 5, 9, 10, 12 at 7:30 pm)
Christopher Stalzer* (June 5, 6, 10, 13 at 2:00 pm/June 11 at 7:30 pm)

Riff Guillaume Côté (June 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 at 7:30 pm)
(leader of the Jets) Noah Long (June 5, 6, 10, 13 at 2:00 pm/June 12 at 7:30 pm)

Bernardo Piotr Stanczyk (June 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 at 7:30 pm)
(leader of the Sharks) Jonathan Renna (June 5, 6, 10, 13 at 2:00 pm/June 12 at 7:30 pm)

Anita Stephanie Hutchison (June 4, 9, 12 at 7:30 pm)
(Bernardo's girlfriend) Sonia Rodriguez* (June 5 at 2:00 pm/June 11 at 7:30 pm)
Tiffany Mosher* (June 5, 10 at 7:30 pm/June 13 at 2:00 pm)
Jordana Daumec* (June 6, 10 at 2:00 pm)

Maria Elena Lobsanova (June 4, 5, 9, 10, 12 at 7:30 pm)
(Bernardo's sister) Jillian Vanstone* (June 5, 6, 10, 13 at 2:00 pm/June 11 at 7:30 pm)

Rosalia Jordana Daumec (June 4, 9, 10, 12 at 7:30 pm)
(a friend) Stephanie Hutchison (June 5 at 7:30 pm/June 10, 13 at 2:00 pm)
Alejandra Perez-Gomez* (June 5, 6 at 2:00 pm/June 11 at 7:30 pm)

Singers: Michael Hughes, Kathleen Brett, Gabi Epstein, Robyn Newman and Louise St. Cyr

*debuts

All casting subject to change.

Pur ti Miro & Opus 19/The Dreamer & West Side Story Suite

Friday, June 4 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, June 5 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm
Sunday, June 6 at 2:00 pm
Wednesday, June 9 at 7:30 pm

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Thursday, June 10 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm
Friday, June 11 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, June 12 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 pm

Tickets:

Prices range from \$20 to \$210.

Discount rates are available for groups of 10 people or more. Rush seats are available on the day of the performance in person at the box office for \$30.

DanceBreak members aged 16 to 29 can purchase \$25 tickets on the day of the performance, subject to availability. Visit DanceBreak.ca

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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The 2009/10 season is presented by CTV and The Globe and Mail.

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