Pennsylvania Ballet announces 2010-2011 Season roster

Hussey, Mentzer promoted to Soloist

Philadelphia, PA (September 13, 2010) – Pennsylvania Ballet Artistic Director Roy Kaiser announces the 2010-2011 Season roster, including a number of promotions and new dancers. Notably, Ian Hussey and Abigail Mentzer have been promoted to the rank of Soloist from their previous positions in the Corps de Ballet.

“Both Ian and Abigail have grown up artistically here at Pennsylvania Ballet, making the most of every opportunity that was given to them and developing their own distinctive talents,” Kaiser says. “The 2010-2011 Season roster is comprised of strong, unique artists, and I’m thrilled to present them to Philadelphia audiences.”

This season, Evelyn Kocak joins the Corps de Ballet from Staatsballett Berlin in Germany. Tyler Savoie and Amir Yogev have been promoted to the Corps de Ballet from their positions as Apprentices. Alex Ratcliffe-Lee has been promoted to Apprentice from Pennsylvania Ballet II, the Joyce and Herbert Kean Trainee Program. Additionally, Amy Holihan, Logan Martin, and Amy Statton have been hired to Pennsylvania Ballet II.

Founded in 1963 by Balanchine student and protégée Barbara Weisberger, Pennsylvania Ballet is one of the nation’s leading ballet companies. Headquartered in Philadelphia, the Company’s annual local season features six programs of classic favorites and new works, including the Philadelphia holiday tradition, George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker™. For more information, visit paballet.org or call 215.551.7000.

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PENNSYLVANIA BALLET
2010-2011 Season
Company Roster

Artistic Director: Roy Kaiser
Ballet Master: Jeffrey Grible
PA Ballet II Director: William DeGregory
Choreographer in Residence: Matthew Neenan

Executive Director: Michael Scolamiero
Ballet Mistress: Tamara Hadley
Music Director: Beatrice Jona Affron

PRINCIPALS
Amy Aldridge
Martha Chamberlain
Julie Diana
Riolama Lorenzo
Arantxa Ochoa

Zachary Hench
Alexander Iziliaev
Sergio Torrado

SOLOISTS
Abigail Mentzer
Brooke Moore
Barette Vance
Gabriella Yudenich

Ian Hussey
James Ihde
Jermel Johnson
Francis Veyette

CORPS de BALLET
Laura Bowman
Caralin Curcio
Adrianna de Svastich
Megan Dickinson
Lauren Fadeley
Holly Lynn Fusco
Evelyn Kocak
Rachel Maher
Katelyn Prominski

Daniel Cooper
Andrew Daly
Tyler Savoie
Jonathan Stiles
André Vytoptov
Amir Yogev

APPRENTICES
Lillian Di Piazza
Kaia Annika Tack

Edward Barnes
Alex Ratcliffe-Lee

Pennsylvania Ballet II
Lara Clemens
Sarah Hochman
Amy Holihan
Rachel Jambois
Elizabeth Mateer
Ryoko Sadoshima
Amy Statton

Logan Martin
Eric Trope

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