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Feld returns to the Joyce!

Ballet Tech Foundation, Inc. will present a three-week season next fall at the Joyce Theater entitled *In the Company of Men*. The season will run the weeks of October 18 – November 7, 2004. *In the Company of Men* will feature Damian Woetzel and Sean Suozzi of the New York City Ballet and three principal dancers from the Ballet Tech Company: Jason Jordan and Patricia Tuthill (both graduates of the Ballet Tech School) and Wu Kang Chen from Taiwan. One male dancer, yet to be discovered, will be added to the list. The repertoire for the season will consist entirely of premieres, which at this point is anticipated to be eight and could be as many as eleven ballets! All choreography will be by Eliot Feld. For updated information, check our website at www.ballettech.org.

In the Press

Baryshnikov Premieres new ballet by Mr. Feld. Mikhail Baryshnikov is currently on a solo tour featuring two ballets choreographed by Mr. Feld, *Mr. XYZ* (2003) and *Yazoo*, which premiered January 23, 2004 in Holyoke, MA. The tour, entitled *SOLOS WITH PIANO or not...* will include performances in London, Los Angeles, Seattle, Berkeley, and Heilbronn, Germany.

Ballet Tech Students are "One of a Kind" in Pointe Magazine. "At 7:45 am on any weekday morning, many school buses crowd lower Broadway to unload scores of New York City public schoolchildren-but these kids are toting more than just books to class. They are armed with pointe shoes, tights and dance bags because they attend a very different kind of academic institution: the first public school in the nation exclusively for ballet dancers."-Kristin Lewis, *Pointe Magazine*. To read more about Ballet Tech's talented students, pick up the December 2003/January 2004 issue of *Pointe Magazine*.

Archival Project to Preserve 116 Ballets

Ballet Tech is embarking on a new archival project to ensure that Mr. Feld's choreography is preserved over time. This project includes transferring a library of film and video onto DVD, a more stable format that will be less likely to deteriorate in the coming years.

If you would like to make a contribution to this project, please call the Development Office at (212) 777-7710 x 323.

Ballet Tech Students Attend Performances

Ballet Tech students attended several professional dance performances this semester including American Ballet Theatre, Battery Dance Company and Thalia Spanish Theatre. The October 26, 2003 performance by American Ballet Theatre included: *Fancy Free*, *Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux*, *Theme & Variations*, *Le Grand Pas de Deux*, *Three Virgins and a Devil* and *The Flames of Paris Pas de Deux*. Following are quotes from the thank-you letters the students sent to American Ballet Theatre:

"I really enjoyed watching all five of the ballets, but my two favorites were Le Grand Pas de Deux and Fancy Free... it looked so fun I wanted to get up and dance with them."

~Victoria Crockett, 6th grade student

"This performance inspired all of the students at Ballet Tech to dance more gracefully and stretch their feet more often. I think that when everybody went home they tried at least one of the steps that they saw during the performance."

~Vania Lucinda Sousa, 6th grade student

"I thank all the dancers for doing such a beautiful job, inspiring me to be a better dancer, and probably become one, one day."

~ Synthia Kasabova, 6th grade student

New Beginners

90 little yellow buses are arriving each week at Ballet Tech, bringing our newest students to attend their very first ballet classes. There are 655 children enrolled in the beginner session that runs December – February. These children auditioned for Ballet Tech in public elementary schools across the city in the Spring and Fall 2003. Ballet Tech auditioned 26,242 students and selected 947 for the beginner program.

Master Teacher

The students of Ballet Tech were treated to master classes with Mr. Richard Thomas in January and February. Mr. Feld, Ms. Christine Sarry (Faculty Director, Upper School) and Mr. Dan Levans (dance faculty) all studied with Mr. Thomas themselves and are delighted to give our students the opportunity to study with him. Mr. Thomas danced with such internationally renowned companies as American Ballet Theatre, Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo and the New York City Ballet, and has been on the faculty of several prestigious schools including: Joffrey American Ballet Center, the American Ballet Theatre School and the School of Pennsylvania Ballet.

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Welcome New Staff Members

Ballet Tech welcomes three new staff members: Vasso Anderson- Administrative Director, Ballet Tech School; Cathy Eilers- Audition Coordinator; and Amy Jackson- Transportation Coordinator.

Upcoming Events:

Friday February 6:	Ballet Tech PTA's 6 th Annual Multicultural Dinner
Monday February 9:	Parent Open Classes, Beginner Level
Wednesday February 11:	Parent Open Classes, Beginner Level
Friday February 13:	Parent Open Classes, Beginner Level and 5 th Grade
Friday February 27:	Open House for Institutional Donors
October 18-November 7, 2004:	Performances of <i>In the Company of Men</i> at The Joyce Theater

Open Audition Dates:

Saturday March 27, 2004
Saturday June 5, 2004
Saturday May 1, 2004

For more information on open auditions please visit
<http://www.ballettech.org/auditiondates.html> or call (212) 777-7710

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