



Don Quixote

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Don Quixote is a sweeping Spanish-flavored tale of romance and chivalry that oozes vitality and fun. The extraordinary MCB dancers perform super-charged solos and swashbuckling feats with daredevil flair.

This beloved classic is a vibrant, kaleidoscopic delight full of castanets clicking, ruffled skirts swirling, toreadors strutting, street dancers cavorting plus flower girls, a troop of gypsies and more.

Don Quixote is famous for Kitri and Basilio's sparkling pas de deux, the humorous cast of characters, stunning sets and a beautiful dreamscape scene. It's a rich variety of classical dancing at its most exquisite - and demanding. The leaps! The cape-whipping! The bravura! An unforgettable stage spectacle that makes the heart sing.

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MCB dancers in Don Quixote. Photo © Daniel Azoulay



Dear MCB Family and Friends,

Some ballets stay with us long after audiences see them for the first time, or the hundredth.

Firebird is one of those ballets. In 1910, impresario Sergei Diaghilev commissioned the young Igor Stravinsky to compose the extraordinary score you are about to hear. Promoting

classical dance throughout Europe and the Americas, Diaghilev had founded Ballet Russes in 1909, and Firebird was one of the first masterpieces of this touring troupe, which is still considered the most influential ballet company of the early 20th century. Ballet Russes' success was in large part due to the ground-breaking collaborations of its choreographers, composers, designers and dancers, who were all at the top of their chosen fields and who helped transform the course of dance history.

In 1949, George Balanchine would build on this strong tradition by choreographing his own *Firebird*. Then in 1970, he would work with Jerome Robbins to expand on his earlier vision of this work.

In performing *Firebird*, Miami City Ballet pays homage to this rich history of artistic collaboration that endures through the generations to resonate as strongly with 21st century dancers, audiences and artists as it did when it was first created.

In a similar way, the other two ballets on this program also celebrate earlier works. In 1942, *Rodeo* was composed by Aaron Copland and choreographed by Agnes De Mille. This work was then re-imagined in 2015 by Justin Peck, a very different choreographer who found new inspiration in the score and the original choreographic context.

In 1982, Twyla Tharp would also find her creative spark ignited by an earlier artist. Her *Nine Sinatra Songs* are a tribute to a singer whose star rose in the 1950's and '60's.

In these three ballets, Miami City Ballet explores the many ways in which our classical art form develops original masterpieces to bring new beauty and artistry to our current times.

To create these types of transcendent works, the arts have always relied on the strong support of visionaries like Diaghilev. We would like to thank those who helped MCB bring this program to you, including the National Endowment for the Arts, Toby Lerner Ansin, and Jay Franke and David Herro, the lead donors for this current project.

With gratitude,

Lourdes Lopez Artistic Director Tania Castroverde Moskalenko Executive Director

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Danced with New York City Ballet and Pennsylvania Ballet.

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Promoted to Principal Soloist in 2017.



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Danced with Ballet Arizona.

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Danced with Boston Ballet II.

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Joined MCB as a member of the Corps in 2016.



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Havana, Cuba

Danced with Nacional De





REYNERIS REYES Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Danced with the National Ballet of Cuba, Royal Winnipeg Ballet and Boston Ballet.

Joined MCB as Principal in 2010.





ON POINT WITH...

JENNIFER LAUREN

Company Position: Principal Years with Company: 13 Hometown: Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Jennifer Lauren, known for her "vibrant lyricism" (*Dance Magazine's 25 to Watch*) makes a point to be as genuine as possible when she's performing on stage. That sincerity comes shining through off stage, too.

Who has had the biggest impact on your career?

My mom, my dad, and my husband. My dad passed away 10 years ago. He always recorded the shows and took lots of pictures. My mom likes to tell this story... when I danced *Swan Lake* in Alabama. He would watch that video of me dancing every night. He was so proud of me.

You've said that when you dance you hope to make a "human" connection to the audience. Is there a role that you feel was made just for you or that you feel connected to?

I haven't performed it yet, but I'm excited to dance *Tschaikovsky Pas de Deux*. I started with Alabama Ballet when I was

16 and I've been wanting to do it ever since. So, I've been waiting 21 seasons to even be called to the rehearsals!

What do you do when you're not dancing?

My husband Blake and I are currently volunteer puppy raisers for Southeastern Guide Dogs. We have a black lab puppy, Leon. He's such a joy to have around! I cuddle with him every night. It's going to be hard to say good-bye to him when he's 12 months old, but he has a purpose – and that's to be with someone that really needs him.



Program includes:

RODEO: FOUR DANCE EPISODES Peck/Copland

NINE SINATRA SONGS Tharp/Sinatra

FIREBIRD Balanchine, Robbins/Stravinsky

ARSHT CENTER, February 14 – 16

KRAVIS CENTER, February 21 – 23

BROWARD CENTER, February 29 – March 1

Special thanks to Robert Benson for generously sponsoring the premiere of *Rodeo: Four Dance Episodes* at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts.

Special thanks to Toby Lerner Ansin and Robert Benson for generously sponsoring the premiere of *Firebird* at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts.

Special thanks to Rose Miniaci for generously sponsoring *Firebird* at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Performances of *Rodeo: Four Dance Episodes* are supported in part by an award for the National Endowment for the Arts.



RODEO: FOUR DANCE EPISODES

Choreography by Justin Peck
Music by Aaron Copland*
Staged by Michael Sean Breeden
Costume Design by Reid Bartelme and Harriet Jung
Lighting Design by Brandon Stirling Baker

Considered by many to be the phenomenal Justin Peck's finest work to date, *Rodeo: Four Dance Episodes*, with its cast of fifteen men and one woman, is a groundbreaking work that challenges conventions and showcases the power of MCB's exceptional male dancers.

Peck has reconsidered Aaron Copland's famous score, created for Agnes de Mille's jaunty 1945 Americana, *Rodeo*, to produce a work that is both highly energized and deeply felt. Most extraordinary, perhaps, is the second "episode," which features an adagio ensemble of five men — somber, non-sexual, yet highly charged — in striking contrast to the all-out excitements of the opening and closing sections.

This work's "energy, charm, inventiveness, musicality and polish," wrote Alastair Macaulay in *The New York Times*, "proved irresistible."

Run-time: 25 minutes

Miami City Ballet premiere: February 14, 2020, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts; Miami, FL.

*Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo. By arrangement with Boosey & Hawkes, Inc. publisher and copyright owner.

NINE SINATRA SONGS

Choreography by Twyla Tharp © Twyla Tharp Songs Sung by Frank Sinatra* Staged by Stacy Caddell Scenic Design by Santo Loquasto Costume Design by Oscar de la Renta Lighting Design by Jennifer Tipton

In the wake of her investigation of the methods of turn-of-the-century exhibition/ballroom dancing for the movie *Ragtime*, Twyla Tharp created her *Nine Sinatra Songs*, each of them with its own musical and dance/theater character. The music is the voice of Sinatra himself, singing *My Way, Strangers in the Night, Somethin' Stupid*, and *Softly, As I Leave You* among others, while the dances range in mood from the glamorous and the showy to tart, comic relief and what she herself refers to as a "bastardized tango". Seven couples, Oscar de la Renta gowns, and Sinatra – here is Tharp at her most accessible, inventive and seductive.

Run-time: 31 minutes

Miami City Ballet premiere: March 12, 2004, Jackie Gleason Theatre; Miami, FL.

World Premiere on October 15, 1982 by Twyla Tharp Dance

*With appreciation to Sinatra Enterprises and The Frank Sinatra Foundation

FIREBIRD

Choreography by Jerome Robbins and George Balanchine
Music by Igor Stravinsky*
Staged by Glenn Keenan
Creative Director Wendall K. Harrington
Sets and Costume Design by Anya Klepikov
Lighting Design by James F. Ingalls
Scenic Supervision by Michael Best
Projection Programming by Paul Vershbow
Set and Costume Assistants Christina Beam, Calypso Michelet and Sean Sanford
Lighting Assistant Brandon Stirling Baker

Set Construction by Hudson Scenic Studio, Inc Costume Construction by Coco DuPont, Euro Co Costumes, Inc., Rodney Gordon, Inc., Marian Jean Hose, Inc., Arnold Levine, Parsons-Meares, LTD., Tricorne, Inc., James Weeden, Eric Winterling, Inc., Miami City Ballet Costume Shop

Alive with color, excitement, and spectacular effects, *Firebird* is a fantastical and thrilling fairy tale about magic, love, danger and liberation. Prince Ivan, a young hunter, strays into a mystical forest where he encounters the exotic, immortal Firebird who gives him an enchanted feather that will summon her when he is in dire need. When Ivan falls in love with a beautiful Princess who is under the spell of the evil sorcerer Kastchei, he calls the Firebird, and the battle between good and evil is joined...

The original production, with its ravishing score by the young Igor Stravinsky, was the great sensation of Diaghilev's 1910 Ballets Russes season, and Balanchine's 1949 version – which

he created for his wife, Maria Tallchief – was New York City Ballet's first great success. It is that version, later amplified by Jerome Robbins, that MCB is now presenting, with ravishing new costume and scenic designs by, Anya Klepikov and projections by Wendall Harrington, all under the personal supervision of Lourdes Lopez, who danced the Firebird at NYCB for many years. "I grew up in this ballet," she says. "I was a monster, I was a super, I was a princess, and then I was a Firebird."

Now *Firebird* is reborn yet again, to thrill a new generation of lovers of fairy tales... and of ballet.

Run-time: 32 minutes

Miami City Ballet premiere: February 14, 2020, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts; Miami, FL.

*The Firebird, Suite from the Ballet (1945). Used by arrangement with European American Music Distributors Company, U.S. and Canadian agent for MCA/Universal Music Publishing Group, publisher and copyright owner.

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SYNOPSIS

SCENE 1

It's nighttime in the forest. Prince Ivan is out hunting. He has strayed into a mystical realm. He senses an eerie feeling in the air - do the trees have eyes?

Ivan sees a flash of light and he chases it. It's the Firebird, an enchanted creature with exceptional magical powers. The Firebird comes here to eat from the majestic golden apple tree. Distracted, she doesn't see Ivan approaching.

Ivan catches the Firebird, surprising them both!

Ivan is captivated by the Firebird's power and beauty. He realizes she is a creature that should never be caged. He releases her. To thank him, Firebird offers him an extraordinary gift; one of her enchanted feathers that he can use to summon her should he be in dire need.

What to watch for?

Notice the liquid play of the ballerina's arms, elbows, wrists and fingers to her sides or down her body. Her wing-like port de bras – or, carriage of the arms – creates the effect she is about to take flight.

Did you know?

In 1970, Balanchine asked Jerome Robbins to revamp the dance of the monsters by softening their fairy tale sinister vibe with some tongue in cheek humor.

What to watch for?

Firebird tells a straight-forward love story...on the surface, replete with a prince, a captive princess, an evil sorcerer and his evil monster horde. But how could a single Prince defeat a mighty sorcerer and monster horde alone? Here is where Michel Fokine (original choreographer) added something new to the ballet by adding something Russian: The Firebird.

Did you know?

marked the first female principal role where the ballerina played neither a woman nor a lover. She was a strange being who aided the prince, but not a romantic prospect.

SYNOPSIS CONTINUED

SCENE 2

In the domain of the evil sorcerer Kastchei, thirteen princesses gather. They dance, but they are prisoners, trapped under a spell.

Ivan watches the princesses dance, and is drawn to one of them. Is this love at first sight? As the Princess and Ivan dance together, they discover the feeling is mutual.

Danger approaches... The princesses flee in fear. A monster appears and attacks Ivan. Soon there is a gaggle of strange and fearsome monsters surrounding the Prince.

The ominous figure of Kastchei appears, and casts a dark and powerful spell that forces Ivan to dance the "infernal dance" to his death.

Ivan knows the only way to save himself and the princesses is to use the enchanted feather to summon the Firebird for help.

The Firebird appears, and gives Ivan a sword which he uses to defeat Kastchei. With Kastchei vanquished, his spells are broken. The monsters fall to the ground. The knights emerge from their woody prison.

The Firebird sends Prince Ivan and his beloved Princess safely home while she restores peace to the mystical forest.

SCENE 3

It's daybreak. Finally free, the knights and the princesses attend the wedding of Prince Ivan and the Princess.

Did you know?

Balanchine cast Maria Tallchief, a Native American raised on an Osage reservation, as the very first Firebird. On opening night, when the curtain fell, they heard the roar of the audience and knew then that the fledgling New York City Ballet had its very first over the top success.

BIOS

WENDALL K. HARRINGTON

CREATIVE DIRECTOR/PROJECTION DESIGNER

Wendall K. Harrington (Creative Director/ Projection Designer) had the idea for a new production of *Firebird* and brought it to MCB. It was the wisdom and collaboration of the entire MCB company that has brought this production into being. We hope that many new audiences can share in the beauty of the work of two of the greatest choreographers of the 20th century, Balanchine and Robbins.

Ms. Harrington was the Creative Director of *Les Mizrahi*, for the Drama Department in NYC, as well as the Design Director of Esquire Magazine. As a projection designer, she was recently awarded Lifetime Recognition by the Knights of Illumination.

Ms. Harrington received the Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, and American Theatre Wing awards for The Who's Tommy. Her Broadway credits also include: All The Way, Grey Gardens, Putting It Together, The Capeman, Ragtime, Company, Driving Miss Daisy, The Will Rogers Follies, The Heidi Chronicles, My One and Only and They're Playing Our Song. Work in opera includes: Werther, The Grapes of Wrath, Nixon In China, A View from the Bridge, The Photographer and The Magic Flute. For MCB: The Fairy's Kiss and George Balanchine's The Nutcracker®.



For Alexei Ratmansky: Cinderella, Pictures at an Exhibition, Firebird, Anna Karenina, Seranata Ratmansky. For Doug Varone: Ballet Mecanique, The Nutcracker and for Houston Ballet, Sylvia.

Wendall is the head of the Projection Design concentration at the Yale School of Drama.

BIOS

ANYA KLEPIKOV

SET AND COSTUME DESIGNER

Anya Klepikov designs spaces and clothes for theater, opera and dance. Born on the Crimean Peninsula, Anya arrived in Boston as a teenage refugee from the former USSR. After earning her MFA in Design from the Yale School of Drama, she formed long-standing collaborations with directors Preston Lane (The Glass Menagerie, Kingdom of Earth, A Doll's House, Radiunt Abundunt, A Midsummer Night's Dream and Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf at Triad Stage, NC), Mike Donahue (collaborations include Moscow, Cheryomushki!, Uncle Vanya, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, The Who's Tommy, Bakkhai, Brandt and As You Like It), and the late Tim Vasen, for whom she designed 13 productions at Princeton University.

Anya's scenic and costume design for *Firebird* is a labor of love born from childhood memories of Russian fairy tales and a tribute to the legacy of the Ballet Russes which originally enticed her to practice theatrical design.

Her work in opera includes An American Tragedy (Glimmerglass), Mourning Becomes Electra (Florida Grand Opera), The Cradle Will Rock (Opera Saratoga) as well as productions in non-traditional spaces and configurations including: Hydrogen Jukebox (Fort Worth Opera), Empty The House (Curtis Music School) and Orpheus & Euridice (Vermont Marble Museum, National Gallery of Art).



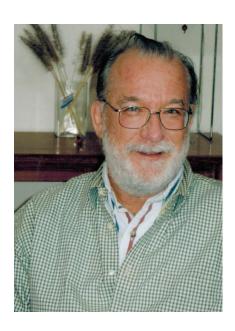
Before joining the faculty at UMass Amherst, Anya had lectured on design and color at Princeton, Brown, Colgate and the Yale School of Drama.

BIOS

JAMES F. INGALLS

LIGHTING DESIGN

James F. Ingalls designed George Balanchine's The Nutcracker® and The Fairy's Kiss, choreographed by Alexei Ratmansky, both for Miami City Ballet. Other designs for dance include Unbound (San Francisco Ballet's New Works Festival); several pieces for Paul Taylor's American Modern Dance including Concertiana, Brief Encounters, Continuum and Half Life; many pieces for Mark Morris Dance Group including Layla and Majnun, Mozart Dances, The Hard Nut and L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato; Twyla Tharp's 50th Anniversary Tour; George Balanchine's The Nutcracker® (Pacific Northwest Ballet) and John Cranko's Onegin (National Ballet of Canada). His designs for opera include Orfeo et Euridice (Metropolitan Opera), Idomeneo and La Clemenza di Tito, both directed by Peter Sellars (Salzburger Festspiele) and II Farnace and Kat'a Kabanova, both directed by Garry Hynes (Spoleto Festival/USA). His recent work in theatre includes Richard III (White Light Festival/NYC), Pale Sister (Gate Theatre/Dublin, Ireland) and The Beacon (Druid Theatre/Galway). He often collaborates with the Wooden Floor dancers in Santa Ana, CA.

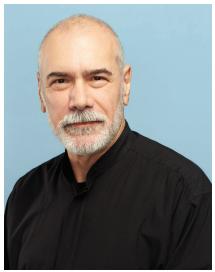


BIOS



GARY SHELDON PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR

Gary Sheldon returns for his tenth season as principal conductor and was recently appointed Music Director for Miami City Ballet. He previously held positions with San Francisco Ballet, Atlanta Ballet and Ballet Met. He has guest conducted for numerous ballet companies throughout the United States, Canada and Europe, as well as at the Aspen Festival, Artpark, Grant Park Concerts, Spoleto Festival, Meadowbrook Festival and Tanglewood. Sheldon was a prizewinner in the BBC's Rupert Foundation Competition and the American Symphony Orchestra's Stokowski Competition, and won top award at The American Prize in Orchestral Conducting. Sheldon currently holds positions with the Lancaster Festival in Ohio (artistic director) and the Festival at Sandpoint in Idaho (principal conductor). He is a native of Bay Shore, N.Y. and a graduate of the Juilliard School and Institut de Hautes Etudes Musicales in Montreux, Switzerland.



FRANCISCO RENNÓ COMPANY PIANIST

Francisco Rennó is the winner of several major piano competitions and has appeared as a soloist with orchestras in North and South America. He has given solo and chamber music recitals throughout the two continents, including appearances at Carnegie Recital Hall and The Phillips Collection.

For ballet performances, he has performed as a soloist with the symphony orchestras of Kansas City, St. Louis, Berkeley, Naples, and on tour with Miami City Ballet at The Kennedy Center, Torino Danza in Torino, Italy and at Les Étés de la Danse in Paris. Rennó was company pianist for the Kansas City Ballet from its inception in 1981, joining Miami City Ballet in 1999. He composed the music to Edward Villella's "THE WALTZ: Our Lady of Oblivion".



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BACKSTAGE AT THE BALLET



LOURDES LOPEZ
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Lourdes Lopez became Artistic Director of Miami City Ballet in 2012, bringing with her a nearly 40-year career in dance, television, teaching, and arts management. Born in Havana, Cuba in 1958 and raised in Miami, Lopez began taking ballet lessons at the age of five, and when she was eleven, received a full scholarship to the School of American Ballet (SAB). Shortly after her sixteenth birthday, she joined New York City Ballet's corps de ballet, and her star rose quickly. As a soloist and principal dancer, she danced countless featured roles, including Balanchine's Stravinsky Violin Concerto, Liebeslieder Walzer, Firebird, Serenade, Symphony in C, Agon, The Four Temperaments, A Midsummer Night's Dream, and Robbins' Dances at a Gathering, Glass Pieces, Fancy Free, In the Night, Four Seasons and Brandenburg.

Upon retiring from the company, Lopez joined WNBC-TV in New York as a Cultural Arts reporter, writing and producing feature segments on the arts, artists and arts education. She also served as a full-time senior faculty member at New York's Ballet Academy East and on the dance faculty of Barnard College.

In 2002, she became the Executive Director of The George Balanchine Foundation, where among other things she oversaw the 2004 Balanchine Centennial Celebration. Lopez co-founded The Cuban Artists Fund, which supports Cuban and Cuban-American artists in their endeavors, and has served as a dance panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts. She also co-founded Morphoses with Christopher Wheeldon — a New Yorkbased dance company aiming to revitalize dance through innovative collaborations. In 2011, she also received the prestigious Jerome Robbins Award for her years in dance.

In 2014, she was elected to serve on the Ford Foundation's Board of Trustees, marking the first time an artist was elected to serve on its board.

Under Lopez's direction, Miami City Ballet has become one of the country's premier ballet companies. Celebrating her for her "...admirable stewardship of Miami City Ballet, building upon the company's Balanchine legacy while also embracing the local culture and community of Miami," Dance Magazine named her a 2018 recipient of its Dance Magazine Awards. In 2017, the magazine also named her one of 'The Most Influential People in Dance Today'.

Lopez is married to investment banker George Skouras and is the mother of two daughters, Adriel and Calliste.

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TANIA CASTROVERDE MOSKALENKO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tania Castroverde Moskalenko joined Miami City Ballet as Executive Director in August 2018, bringing with her more than 20 years of experience leading successful performing arts institutions. Most recently serving as Chief Executive Officer of Chicago's Auditorium Theatre, Castroverde Moskalenko worked to revitalize the organization's financial health and oversaw a dramatic increase in programming, ticket sales and philanthropic support. In 2017, she was named 'Chicagoan of the Year for Dance' by the *Chicago Tribune*.

Prior to her tenure at Auditorium Theatre, Castroverde Moskalenko spent four years as the President and CEO of the Center for the Performing Arts and the Great American Songbook Foundation in Indiana, where she provided both the artistic vision and the strategic direction for the organization. She created and implemented a strategic plan resulting in new programming that expanded the Center's reach, engaged a broader audience, increased board membership, and engaged new partners.

Before that, she spent seven years as the Executive Director of the Germantown Performing Arts Centre in Tennessee.

Castroverde Moskalenko holds a BFA from the University of Memphis and a master's Degree in Philanthropic Studies from Indiana University. In October 2013, she was honored with a Women of Influence award by the Indianapolis Business Journal.

Castroverde Moskalenko returns to Miami after 30 years where she and her family arrived as political refugees from Cuba when she was six years old. She grew up in the city and her parents and extended family continue to live here. She studied classical ballet in Miami and is married to a former Russian ballet dancer, Alexei Moskalenko, who is Assistant Artistic Director of the Youth America Grand Prix. She is the mother of five children.

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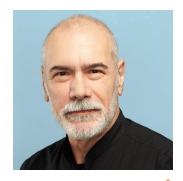
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ADMINISTRATION

Lourdes Lopez

Artistic Director

Tania Castroverde Moskalenko

Executive Director

ARTISTIC

Director of Artistic Administration:

Anne-Camille Hersh

Company Manager: Michael Sebesto

PRODUCTION AND WARDROBE

Production and Lighting Director: John Hall Production Stage Manager: Kelly Brown

Assistant Stage Manager:

Gabe Friend-Jones

Head Carpenter: Brian Harris Property Master: Marc Stoudt

Head Electrician: William Schwendel

Assistant Electrician: Apon Nichols Sound Engineer: Sean M. Deceunick

Projection Operator: Steve Covey

In Memorium: Richard Carter

Director of Costume Department:

Eleanor Wolfe

Wardrobe Master: Ricardo Asturias Wardrobe Mistress: Jennifer Conrad

Costume Shop Coordinator:

Pamela Tarantino

School Wardrobe Mistress: Ibis Hernandez

Seamstresses: Julia Villalobos.

Carmen Wilson

Makeup Artist: Carol Raskin

DEVELOPMENT

Chief Development Officer: Elena Quevedo

Senior Director of Donor Relations:

Courtney K. Ford

Senior Director, Major Gifts:

Orene Tross-Harris

Director of Special Events: Lisa Pollack

Director of Foundation and

Government Relations: Michele Scanlan

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Gradon Hadaway

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Manager of Foundation and

Government Relations:

Melissa Rosko, CFRE

Manager of Development and

Community Engagement—Palm Beach:

Meghan Bulfin Monteiro

Donor Relations Manager:

Isabel Von der Mühll

Development Assistant: Sydney Hartman

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Susan Galler, Glenn Kaufhold,

Ruth Robinson

MARKETING

Chief Marketing Officer: Julii Oh

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Public Relations and Communications

Manager: Amber Dorsky

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Box Office Manager: Matt Saurusaitis

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Maritza Castro

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Roger Mejia

Kaaren Mils

Sergio Rodriguez

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Karen Silva

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Chief Community Engagement Officer:

AnaMaria Correa

Community Engagement

Programs Manager: Tharesa Z. Perry

Arts in Education Program Manager:

Melissa Anduiza

Teaching Artists: Vanya Allen, Meredith Barton, Stephanie Fuentes, Jennifer Puig,

Kelly Robotham

Ballet Bus Group Leaders: Gisel Hernandez, Rhonda Hopkins, Kristina M. Jackson

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Director of Finance: John J. Shumaker, C.P.A.

Senior Accountant: Jesus Valdes

Payroll Coordinator: Marisa Rios-Lopez

Staff Accountant: Carlos Lopez

Human Resources Director: Lina Aquirre

Office Manager and Executive Assistant:

Jov Stanfield

Board Liaison and Executive Coordinator:

Kelsey Irl

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Chair: Lourdes Lopez

School Artistic Director: Arantxa Ochoa

Managing Director: Lisa De Ravel

School Operations Manager:

Jessica Bork

School Programs Manager: Brian Ganan

Student Life and Housing Manager:

Roslyn Ruiz

School Administrative and Marketing

Coordinator: Eileen López

Principal Faculty: Alexander Iziliaev,

Reyneris Reyes

Faculty:

Kareen Pauld Camargo

Michele Chaviano

Brittany Kernohan

Claudia Lezcano

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PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Employment and Labor Law: Lisa Berg, Esq. - Stearns Weaver Miller, et al, P.A. Immigration Law: Glenn Rissman, Esq. —

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MEDICAL PROVIDERS

Pianists:

Marianela Castro

Gladys Fariñas

Vivian Gonzalez

Teresa Valdivia

Yraima Menendez

Juvenal Correa-Salas

Company Physician: Kathleen Davenport MD

Director of Dance Medicine:

Kathleen Bower PT. DPT. MTC.

Physical Therapist: Elizabeth Maples PT, DPT Massage Therapist: Alexis Somoano LMT

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Mariana Alvarez Brake

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