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BALLET BELLEVUE INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL 2000 FEATURES SCAPINO BALLET FROM ROTTERDAM, HOLLAND

Bellevue, WA - Ballet Bellevue International Dance Festival 2000, May 18-21 brings Ballet Bellevue's second annual offering of international artists to the Theatre at Meydenbauer Center in downtown Bellevue. A varied array of styles ranging from cutting edge contemporary ballet, to Brazilian Samba, modern dance, classical ballet and cool jazz will be performed by artists from Holland, Bolivia, France, Canada, and the US. Following Ballet Bellevue's sensational inaugural International Dance Festival 1999, featuring the French Compagni Ecart and Mexico's Tabiyat, Ballet Bellevue's second annual festival will celebrate the new century with two different programs of international works. Scapino Ballet from Holland will perform Sophie's Delight, an excerpt from Schlieman Pieces by Artistic Director, Ed Wubbe. This contemporary masterpiece is about the archeologist who discovered the ancient city of Troy. Second Stage Dance Company, Evergreen City Ballet and Bellevue's own Ballet Bellevue are also represented in this year's festival.

Performances will begin with a preview on Thursday, May 18th at 7 PM (all seats \$10) followed by opening night Friday May 19th, at 8PM (adults \$17, students/seniors \$10) and the family matinee Saturday, May 20th and 2 PM (all seats \$10), the gala evening performance Saturday, May 20th at 8PM (adults \$17, students/ seniors \$10) and the final Sunday matinee performance, May 21st at 3PM (adults \$17, students/seniors \$10). Reserved Patron seating for all shows: \$25/person. For tickets and information call (425) 455-1345