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BALLET BELLEVUE PRESENTS NORTHWEST ARTISTS

IN PURE CLASSICS

Les Sylphides and excerpts from *Don Quixote*

Bellevue, WA - Former Bolshoi Ballet Grigorovich company dancer, Viktoria Titova, presents her debut as new Artistic Director of Ballet Bellevue with two great classics. *Les Sylphides* and excerpts from *Don Quixote*, in an early spring program to be performed March 8 & 9, 2003, at the elegant, spacious Mercer Island Performance Center, 9100 SE 42nd, Mercer Island.

In this perfect balance of pure classics, the exciting, colorful variations from *Don Quixote* will follow the complete one-act ballet of *Les Sylphides* with its dreamy, romantic tableaux, the quintessential "white ballet."

Excerpts from the famous character ballet, *Don Quixote* (music: Leon Minkus, Choreography: Alexander Gorsky), will feature guest artists, John Bishop as the matador and Daniel Wilkins as Basilio. Mr. Bishop, former soloist with American Ballet Theater, currently directs the new Northwest Ballet Theatre in Anacortes. Mr. Wilkins, a graduate of Olympic Ballet School in Edmonds and the School of American Ballet in New York, formerly danced with the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and Donald Byrd/The Group. Roles of Kith, the street girl and toreadors will be performed by rising stars from our Puget Sound community, Lara Seefeldt and Natalie Dahlstrom of Ballet Bellevue, Bryon Brill of Northwest Ballet Theatre and Fernando Moreno of Spectrum Dance Theatre. Solo roles in *Les Sylphides* (music: Frederic Chopin, choreography: Michel Fokine) are danced by Ms. Seefeldt, Ms. Dahlstrom and Mr. Brill.

Fifteen students from Northwest Ballet Theatre in Anacortes and Ballet Bellevue School

have also been invited to perform with the company dancers in this production.

Performance times are Saturday, March 8th at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM and Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 PM.

Tickets are \$17 (Adults) and \$10 (Students/Seniors) with discount available for groups

of 10 or more. For tickets and information contact Ballet Bellevue at 425.455.1345
www.balletbellevue.org or TICKETWINDOW at 206.325.6500
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