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TUTUS IN UNLIKELY PLACES AND SPACES **Ballet Bellevue launches “This is YOUR Ballet Bellevue” Photo Contest**

Bellevue, WA – Don’t be too surprised by tutus appearing in Bellevue any time of day or night, rain or shine, as photographers both amateur and professional choose their favorite Ballet Bellevue dancer for a chance to win the \$500 First Prize in Ballet Bellevue’s “This is YOUR Ballet Bellevue” Photo Contest. Prizes of \$200 and \$100 will also be awarded for 2nd and 3rd place. The deadline for entries is October 1, 2008. To enter the contest, visit www.balletbellevue.org (entry fee \$25). Ballet Bellevue’s spectacular photos of last season, courtesy of international photographer, Angela Sterling, inspired Bellevue resident, Matthew Rehrl, to open ballet photography to the community in a contest for Ballet Bellevue’s 2008-09 Season. Ms. Sterling will be the judge to select the three winning shots. “This is YOUR Ballet Bellevue” is the theme chosen by Artistic Director, Jennifer Porter, for the 14th season of Bellevue’s own professional chamber ballet company. Dancers Caroline Burnett, Kara Rochelle Dominick, Kyle Johnson, Natasha Keeley, Alexa Kovalick, Katrina Muser and Christina Stockdale, are serving as models for the photo contest. Winners will be announced at Ballet Bellevue’s “Harvest Moonlight” ONE NIGHT ONLY performance on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 8:00 PM at The Theatre at Meydenbauer Center. Opening the new season, this beautiful and poignant repertoire of autumn love features works by Northwest choreographers,

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including world premieres by Stacy Lowenberg of Pacific Northwest ballet and Natascha Greenwalt-Murphy of DASF. For tickets (\$27 Adult, \$22 Student/Senior, Group Discounts) call 425.455.1345 or ticketwindowonline.com (206.325.6500).

“Watch out Nutcracker, The Snowman’s coming” is being echoed this holiday season, as Ballet Bellevue brings back the enchanting children’s story, *The Snowman*, written by England’s Raymond Briggs with live orchestra performing the unforgettable score of English composer, Howard Blake. Performances are December 13-14 at Northshore Performing Arts Center in Bothell and December 28 – January 4 at The Theatre at Meydenbauer Center. Professional dancers may audition by appointment, and an audition for children’s roles is being held on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 2:00 PM (Ballet Arts Center, 204 100th Avenue NE, downtown Bellevue). For tickets and information call 425.455.1345.

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