

# alaskadance**theatre**

## **Alaska Dance Theatre Announces 2011-12 Performance Season Celebrating 30 years in Alaska**

*Alaska Dance Theatre, Inc. (ADT) releases 2011-12 "SEASON OF MAGIC, IRONY & BEAUTY" celebrating 30 years in Alaska.*

### **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE THE RETURN OF A COMMUNITY FAVORITE THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE AND FULL-LENGTH OTHELLO BY CHOREOGRAPHER GILLMER DURAN.**

Anchorage, Alaska (Alaska Dance Theatre) August 15, 2011 - Alaska Dance Theatre, Inc. (ADT) announces its 2011-12 season following last season's critically acclaimed premiere of *Qug'yuq*, a Yup'ik version of *The Swan*. This is ADT's 30th year in Alaska. Throughout the coming "Season of Magic, Irony & Beauty", Choreographer Gillmer Duran and Associate Artistic Director Sarah Grunwaldt have selected works that represent the ever evolving nature of life and the arts in Alaska. From the return of Darl Schaaff's *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, a cherished community favorite, to the premiere of Duran's innovative version of *Othello: The Moor of Venice*, the season is a celebration of ADT's growth from a small community ballet school to a professional dance company with international visibility.

### **PREMIERES**

#### Work En Avant

*Othello: The Moor of Venice* – Duran's cinematic approach intends to capture Shakespeare's expressions of desire, betrayal and deception highlighted by a physical and kinetic exploration of movement with aesthetic elements of extreme simplicity. Alaska Dance Theatre plus guest artists Karel Cruz, Lindsy Dec and Artur Sultanov.

DATE: Friday March 2, 2012 and Saturday March 3, 2012

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Discovery Theater, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts, 621 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

TICKET PRICES: \$20-\$30

### **REVIVALS**

#### Favorite Tales & Stories

*The Sorcerer's Apprentice* – A revival of Darl Schaaff's version of one of Anchorage's most cherished and remembered Halloween ballets, choreographer Gillmer Duran breathes new life into a reimaged edition for a new generation of Alaskans to enjoy.

DATE: Friday October 28, 2011 & Saturday October 29, 2011

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Discovery Theater, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts, 621 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

TICKET PRICES: \$20-\$30

## **CELEBRATIONS**

### Guest Masters, Studio Series

*An Evening of Tap & Jazz* – An evening celebrating the rich history of tap dance and jazz music is performed by emerging Alaskan artists.

DATE: Friday September 30, 2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Alaska Dance Theatre, 550 E. 33rd

TICKET PRICES: \$10-\$12

### Intersections

*Solos and Arias* – A sophisticated evening showcasing a unique collaboration between Anchorage Opera and ADT Company that will unfold into an inspiring, haunting blend of choreography, opera and music.

DATE: Friday April 13, 2012 and Saturday April 14, 2012

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Discovery Theater, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts, 621 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

TICKET PRICES: \$20-\$30

### Choreographer's Showcase, Studio Series

*On The Verge* – An evening celebrating new dances from up and coming visiting & local choreographers.

DATE: Saturday February 11, 2012

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Alaska Dance Theatre, 550 E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

TICKET PRICES: \$10-\$12

## **ABOUT ALASKA DANCE THEATRE**

Alaska Dance Theatre (ADT), founded in 1981, is the premiere nonprofit dance organization in Alaska. It's mission is to promote dance through professional education, performance and advocacy in Alaska and to provide a recognized artistic element within the dance community for local and visiting artists to expand their creative talent while nurturing discipline, confidence, fitness and the experience of movement. Believing that dance is for everyone, Alaska Dance Theatre strives to keep its programs affordable to a wide range of the population.

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