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**MIAMI CITY BALLET**  
**CELEBRATES ITS 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA**  
**WITH THREE ARTISTIC SENSATIONS:**

*Miami City Ballet* in collaboration with *The Cleveland Orchestra* present the World Premiere of *SYMPHONIC DANCES* by *Alexei Ratmansky*.

**ONE NIGHT ONLY! MARCH 1, 2012**  
**ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER, MIAMI**

**MIAMI BEACH, FL** (Jan. 24, 2012) – Three of the world's biggest artistic sensations come together for one spectacular evening when **Miami City Ballet, Florida's Internationally Acclaimed Company; Edward Villella, Founding Artistic Director**, in collaboration with the highly esteemed **The Cleveland Orchestra; Franz Welser-Möst, Music Director** present the World Premiere of *SYMPHONIC DANCES*, by world-renowned choreographer **Alexei Ratmansky** with music by **Sergei Rachmaninoff; Tito Muñoz, Conductor**. The evening's program also features *Carnival Overture*, music by Antonin Dvořák, and *La Valse*, choreography by George Balanchine; music by Maurice Ravel.

The performance and gala take place on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Adrienne Arsht Center, Ziff Ballet Opera House, 1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami.

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This historic one night only event brings together two of the world's most acclaimed companies in dance and music, and the most talented and sought-after choreographer working today, in celebration of **Miami City Ballet's** 26 years of artistic excellence. It will be an unforgettable *tour de force*, showcasing the artistic strengths of Alexei Ratmansky, Miami City Ballet's dancers and The Cleveland Orchestra's musicians – artists who are at the heights of their careers.

**Gala tickets** are \$1000 each, which includes prime orchestra seating followed by a celebration dinner dance on the stage of the Ziff Ballet Opera House, can be purchased by calling Rebecca Interian at (305) 929-7000, ext. 1408 or email [rebecca@miamicityballet.org](mailto:rebecca@miamicityballet.org). Proceeds from the gala will support the future artistic endeavors of **Miami City Ballet**. **Tickets to the performance only** range in price from \$25 to \$170 and are on sale at [miamicityballet.org](http://miamicityballet.org) or by calling (305) 929-7010 or toll-free (877) 929-7010.

The evening is hosted by Grand Honorary Chairmen, **Harriet and Henry Pownall**, lead underwriters for *Symphonic Dances*. Members of the gala committee, who have been steadfast in their efforts to make this 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala a success, include Gala Chairmen **Margaret Eidson and Bobi Eroncig** and the Gala Host Committee: **MCB Founder Toby Lerner Ansin, Ana and Robert T. Barlick, Jr., Margarita and Armando Codina, Douglas Cramer, Margaret and Mike Eidson & Colson Hicks Eidson, Bobi and Jim Eroncig, Dr. Kira and Neil Flanzraich, Adrienne Fleur bon Haes and Marvin Ross Friedman, Darla and John Karlton, Jan R. and Dan Lewis, Beth P. and Jay W. Lotspeich, Claudia and Steve Perles, Shutts and Bowen, LLP and Diana S.C. Zeydel.**

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**Photos of the 2011-12 season ballets are available upon request.  
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**About Miami City Ballet**

Critically acclaimed by *The New York Times*, MCB was founded in 1985 by Artistic Director Edward Villella. The Company has more than 40 dancers, and a repertoire of over 90 ballets which they perform in the four home counties of Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Collier, and around the world. MCB maintains its headquarters in Miami Beach in a facility designed by renowned architectural firm Arquitectonica. The facility houses rehearsal studios and administrative offices as well as the Company's school: Miami City Ballet School.

**For more information on Miami City Ballet or to purchase tickets, call 305.929.7010, toll-free 877-929-7010 or visit [miamicityballet.org](http://miamicityballet.org). You can also join us on [Facebook](#), follow the Company on [Twitter](#) or subscribe to the MCB Blog.**

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