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**Ballet Productions Canada Society Presents: An Evening of Classics & New Works**

**'Les Sylphides and Mixed Repertoire' by: Coastal City Ballet**

VANCOUVER, BC – Coastal City Ballet, established in 2011, opens its 2013-2014 fall season with the romantic reverie "Les Sylphides," November 9th at Centennial Theater in North Vancouver and November 17th at the ACT in Maple Ridge. The evening's program will also include the thrilling pas de deux, Pas d'Esclave, from Le Corsaire as well as pieces by award winning local choreographer Wen Wei Wang and Brazilian choreographer Renata Pacheco.

Les Sylphides, choreographed by Michel Fokine to the enchanting music of Frederic Chopin, pays homage to the romantic ballet era. Les Sylphides is a short, non-narrative ballet blanc. Dressed in long white tutus and lit by moonlight, the dancers are muses to a young poet's imagination. Through music and dance an ethereal, mystical atmosphere is evoked.

Also being performed is the thrilling pas de deux, Pas'd' Esclave from the second act of Le Corsaire. The Russian ballet, Le Corsaire, is an exotic tale of love and piracy and will leave the audience electrified with its spectacular turns and leaps.

Coastal City Ballet is excited to present a world premiere by Vancouver's world renowned choreographer Wen Wei Wang, recipient of the Clifford E. Lee choreographic Award and the Rio Tinto Alcan and Isadora Awards for Choreography. His company, Wen Wei Dance, has toured across Canada five times, and has presented works at dance festivals around the world including the International Dance Festival in Vancouver. Coastal City Ballet is thrilled to be working with Mr. Wang.

The fall program will also include Monasterio, a Vancouver premiere choreographed by Brazilian choreographer Renata Pacheco with music by Madredus, a renowned Portuguese musical ensemble.

**About Coastal City Ballet**

Coastal City Ballet is a pre-professional ballet company located in Vancouver, BC. Coastal City Ballet provides post-secondary age dancers with professional-level performance, training, and mentorship opportunities in preparation for a career in dance. Company members maintain a rigorous training schedule modeled on that of a professional ballet company with daily class, rehearsals, and scheduled performances throughout the season.

Coastal City Ballet's repertoire includes neoclassical and classical ballet commissions, as well the development of story ballets, and contemporary works.

The artistic staff is led by Artistic Director Li Yaming, and is comprised of well-known and highly respected dance professionals from throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. Coastal City Ballet is honored to have Johnny W. Chang, of Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet, among others, on its Artistic Advisory Committee.

Learn more about Coastal City ballet at: [www.coastalcityballet.com](http://www.coastalcityballet.com)

About Li Yaming, Coastal City Ballet Artistic Director

Li began his ballet training at the Beijing Dance Academy at the age of 11. Upon graduation he joined the resident ballet company and was quickly promoted to Principal dancer. In 1988, Li immigrated to Canada and was invited by Lawrence Gradus to join the Theatre Ballet of Canada, in Ottawa.

Li has since performed extensively across the United States, Canada, and parts of Europe, performing an extensive repertoire of roles and world premiere dance works. He has studied and worked with international artists such as Ben Stevenson, Lynn Seymour, Rudolf Nureyev, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Celia Franca, Anne Williams, Sulamith Messerer, Karen Kain, and Olga Evreinoff.

Li began teaching while at the Beijing Dance Academy, completing a Major in Dance Education, and has since taught in Canada, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, and the United States. He was Company Teacher for Ottawa Ballet and has taught at the Quinte Ballet School, Simon Fraser University, and the National Ballet of Canada, among others.

#### LISTING INFORMATION:

COASTAL CITY BALLET PRESENTS "Les Sylphides and Mixed Repertoire"

##### North Vancouver

Date: November 9, 2013 at 7:30 pm  
Ticket prices: \$30 Adults, \$22 Students/Seniors, \$20 for Groups of 10  
Address: Centennial Theatre, 2300 Lonsdale Ave. North Vancouver, B.C.  
Box Office: [www.ctcboxoffice@northvanrec.com](mailto:www.ctcboxoffice@northvanrec.com) / 604.984.4484  
Website: [www.coastalcityballet.com](http://www.coastalcityballet.com)

##### Maple Ridge

Date: November 17th, 2013 at 7:30 pm  
Ticket prices: \$30 Adults, \$22 Students/Seniors, \$20 for Groups of 10  
Address: ACT Maple Ridge, 11944 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC  
Box Office: [www.theactmapleridge.org](http://www.theactmapleridge.org) / 604.476.2787  
Website: [www.coastalcityballet.com](http://www.coastalcityballet.com)

