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Artistic Director

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Principal Casting Announced for Fall Mixed Programme

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October 22, 2008... **Karen Kain**, Artistic Director of The National Ballet of Canada, announced today the principal casting for *Symphony in C & Polyphonia & In The Upper Room*. The Fall mixed programme begins November 5, 2008 and will open the 2008/09 season at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts.

The opening night performance of *Symphony in C* will feature **Greta Hodgkinson** and **Zdenek Konvalina**; **Xiao Nan Yu** and San Francisco Ballet guest artist **Tiit Helimets**; **Jillian Vanstone** and American Ballet Theatre guest artist **Ethan Stiefel**; and **Sonia Rodriguez** and **Piotr Stanczyk**. The National Ballet's newest First Soloist, **Erkan Kurt**, will perform a principal role on November 6 at 2:00 pm and November 7 and 8 at 7:30 pm. Mr. Kurt was a First Soloist with the Bavarian State Ballet before joining the company.

The ensemble cast in *Polyphonia* on opening night will include **Chan Hon Goh**, **Zdenek Konvalina**, **Etienne Lavigne**, **Noah Long**, **Heather Ogden**, **Piotr Stanczyk**, **Jillian Vanstone** and **Xiao Nan Yu**.

In the company premiere of *In The Upper Room*, the principal roles will be performed by **Aleksandar Antonijevic**, **Greta Hodgkinson**, **Stephanie Hutchison**, **Zdenek Konvalina**, **Heather Ogden** and **Xiao Nan Yu**.

Principal Casting:

Symphony in C

First Movement: Allegro Vivo

Greta Hodgkinson, Zdenek Konvalina

(November 5, 6 at 7:30 pm/November 8 at 2:00 pm)

Heather Ogden, Aleksandar Antonijevic

(November 6, 9 at 2:00 pm/ November 7, 8 at 7:30 pm)

Second Movement: Adagio

Xiao Nan Yu, Tiit Helimets[†]

(November 5, 7 at 7:30 pm/November 6 at 2:00 pm)

Heather Ogden, Etienne Lavigne

(November 6 at 7:30 pm)

Heather Ogden, Tiit Helimets[†]

(November 8 at 2 pm)

Greta Hodgkinson, Etienne Lavigne

(November 8 at 7:30 pm/November 9 at 2:00 pm)

Third Movement: Allegro Vivace

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Jillian Vanstone*, **Ethan Stiefel†**
(November 5, 7, 8 at 7:30 pm)
Jenna Savella*, **Naoya Ebe***
(November 6, 8 at 2:00 pm)
Jillian Vanstone*, **Keiichi Hirano**
(November 6 at 7:30 pm/November 9 at 2:00 pm)

Fourth Movement: Allegro Vivace
Sonia Rodriguez, **Piotr Stanczyk**
(November 5, 6 at 7:30 pm/November 8, 9 at 2:00 pm)
Tina Pereira*, **Erkan Kurt***
(November 6 at 2:00 pm/November 7, 8 at 7:30 pm)

Polyphonia

Xiao Nan Yu, **Noah Long***
(November 5, 6, 8 at 7:30 pm/November 9 at 2:00 pm)
Sonia Rodriguez*, **Nan Wang**
(November 6, 8 at 2:00 pm/November 7 at 7:30 pm)

Heather Ogden, **Etienne Lavigne***
(November 5 at 7:30 pm/November 8 at 2:00 pm)
Greta Hodgkinson, **Aleksandar Antonijevic**
(November 6 at 2:00 pm/November 8 at 7:30 pm)
Jillian Vanstone*, **Brett van Sickle***
(November 6, 7 at 7:30 pm/November 9 at 2:00 pm)

Chan Hon Goh, **Piotr Stanczyk**
(November 5, 8 at 7:30 pm/November 6, 9 at 2:00 pm)
Tina Pereira, **Etienne Lavigne**
(November 6, 7 at 7:30 pm)
Tina Pereira, **Piotr Stanczyk**
(November 8 at 2:00 pm)

Jillian Vanstone, **Zdenek Konvalina**
(November 5 at 7:30 pm/November 8 at 2:00 pm)
Tina Pereira, **Richard Landry**
(November 6, 9 at 2:00 pm/November 8 at 7:30 pm)
Jenna Savella*, **Richard Landry**
(November 6, 7 at 7:30 pm)

In The Upper Room

Aleksandar Antonijevic, **Greta Hodgkinson**, **Stephanie Hutchison**, **Zdenek Konvalina**, **Heather Ogden**, **Xiao Nan Yu**
(November 5, 8 at 7:30 pm)

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Aleksandar Antonijevic, Greta Hodgkinson, Stephanie Hutchison, Heather Ogden, Piotr Stanczyk, Xiao Nan Yu
(November 6, 7 at 7:30 pm)

Alexandra Golden, Stephanie Hutchison, Etienne Lavigne, Andreea Olteanu, Sonia Rodriguez, Aarik Wells
(November 6, 8, 9 at 2:00 pm)

* Debuts † Guest Artists All casting subject to change.

Symphony in C & Polyphonia & In The Upper Room*

Wednesday, November 5 at 7:30 pm
Thursday, November 6 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
Friday, November 7 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 8 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
Sunday, November 9 at 2:00 pm

* Company Premiere

Tickets:
Prices range from \$20 - \$200.

Discount rates are available for groups of 10 or more. Rush seats are available on the day of performance in person at the box office for \$30. DanceBreak members aged 16 to 29 can purchase \$20 tickets on the day of the performance, depending on availability. Visit DanceBreak.ca.

Venue:
Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen Street West, Toronto.

Box Office:
The box office is located at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts (145 Queen Street West) or call 416 (toll free 1 866) 345 9595. Tickets can also be purchased online at national.ballet.ca.

Website: national.ballet.ca.

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