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Greta Hodgkinson and Etienne Lavigne Welcome a Son

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January 5, 2010... The National Ballet of Canada announced today that Principal Dancer **Greta Hodgkinson** and her husband, First Soloist **Etienne Lavigne**, welcomed their son on Christmas Eve. Maxime Ashod Lavigne was born at 4:41pm on December 24, 2009. This is the first child for the couple, who were married in July 2008. The family is now at home and all are healthy and happy.

The National Ballet of Canada's 2009/10 Winter Season opens with *24 Preludes by Chopin* & *A Suite of Dances* & *The Four Seasons*, March 3 – 7, 2010 and continues with *Swan Lake*, March 11 – 21, 2010 at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts.

The 2009/10 season is presented by CTV and The Globe and Mail.

24 Preludes by Chopin is a gift from THE VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE,
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The Four Seasons is a gift from THE VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE,
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Swan Lake is made possible by generous financial support from production underwriters Sandra & Jim Pitblado and Margaret & Jim Fleck.

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