

Benjamin Bowman Appointed Concertmaster

October 13, 2010... The National Ballet of Canada today announced the appointment of **Benjamin Bowman** as Concertmaster of The National Ballet of Canada Orchestra.

"We are thrilled to welcome Benjamin, one of Canada's most gifted violinists, to The National Ballet of Canada and look forward to his leadership, energy, extraordinary artistry and imagination," says **David Briskin**, Music Director and Principal Conductor.

Born in Illinois and raised in Manitoba, Mr. Bowman has performed to critical acclaim throughout North America, Europe and Asia.

Mr. Bowman recently was the Guest Concertmaster in the National Ballet's June 2010 season where he performed the violin solos in *Opus 19/The Dreamer* (Prokofiev), *Pur ti Miro* (Beethoven) and *Onegin* (Tchaikovsky).

Mr. Bowman performs regularly as a soloist and is a member or frequent guest artist for some of the country's best chamber music ensembles, including the twice Grammy-nominated ARC Ensemble (Artists of the Royal Conservatory), Art of Time Ensemble and Amici. He has had varied and extensive experience as leader and has acted as Guest Concertmaster with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and is the Associate Concertmaster with the Canadian Opera Company Orchestra. Other collaborative work includes extensive immersion in contemporary/new music, improvisation and performance with singer/songwriters.

Mr. Bowman's performances have been recorded for radio broadcast in Canada with the CBC, in the USA, UK, Poland, Hungary, Switzerland, The Netherlands and Korea. His discography is quickly growing with recent chamber-music releases on the ATMA and Sony/RCA Red Seal labels. Mr. Bowman received his Bachelor of Music degree from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. In his spare time, he composes and arranges music and writes electronic music.

The National Ballet of Canada opens the 2010/11 season with *Cinderella* on November 11, 2010 at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts.

[More information on Benjamin Bowman >](#)

The 2010/11 season is presented by CTV and The Globe and Mail.

Cinderella is a gift from THE VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE, THE NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA.

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Karen Kain
Artistic Director

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Performance Sponsors: Gatsby Valet (November 12 at 7:30 pm) and KPMG (November 17 at 7:30 pm).

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