

## Maria Baranova of The Hamburg Ballet and Joseph Gorak of American Ballet Theatre Win The Erik Bruhn Prize Demis Volpi of Stuttgart Ballet Wins Choreographic Prize

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March 5, 2011... **Maria Baranova**, 18, of The Hamburg Ballet and **Joseph Gorak**, 21, of American Ballet Theatre are the winners of The Ninth International Competition for The Erik Bruhn Prize on Saturday, March 5 at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto. They each receive a cash prize of \$7,500 and a sculpture by Jack Culliner. **Demis Volpi** of Stuttgart Ballet is the winner of the Choreographic Prize for his work, *Little Monsters*, and also receives a sculpture by Jack Culliner and a cash prize of \$2,000.

**Maria Baranova**, a member of the Corps de Ballet with The Hamburg Ballet, danced a pas de deux from Act II of *Giselle* for the classical section and *Chopin Dialogue*, a new work by **John Neumeier**, for the contemporary section with **Kiran West**.

**Joseph Gorak**, a member of the Corps de Ballet with American Ballet Theatre, danced a pas de deux from Act II of *La Sylphide* for the classical section and *Divergent Connectivity*, a new work by **Nicola Curry**, for the contemporary section with **Christine Shevchenko**.

The first-ever Audience Choice Awards went to **Elisa Badenes**, 19, of Stuttgart Ballet **Daniel Camargo**, 19, of Stuttgart Ballet and **Robert Stephen**, of The National Ballet of Canada for his new work *Passacaglia*. The audience texted their votes for all three categories and the results were tabulated backstage.

Dancers and choreographers from American Ballet Theatre, The Hamburg Ballet, Royal Danish Ballet, Stuttgart Ballet and The National Ballet of Canada competed for the prestigious prizes.

Principal Dancer **Greta Hodgkinson** hosted the event and The National Ballet of Canada performed George Balanchine's *Theme and Variations*.

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

The Ninth International Competition for The Erik Bruhn Prize is presented by John & Claudine Bailey.

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