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Bridgett Zehr and Zdenek Konvalina Appointed Guest Artists in 2011/12 Season

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May 4, 2011... **Karen Kain**, Artistic Director of The National Ballet of Canada, today announced that Principal Dancers **Zdenek Konvalina** and **Bridgett Zehr** will become Guest Artists in the 2011/12 season. Mr. Konvalina and Ms. Zehr will continue to perform with the National Ballet throughout the 2011/12 season and will join English National Ballet as Principal Dancers.

"The National Ballet has greatly benefited from having these beautiful dancers performing with us for the last five years. Bridgett and Zdenek are extraordinary artists and I fully support them in this wonderful opportunity to perform in London, which I know has long been their dream," says Ms. Kain. "I am pleased that both will maintain a strong relationship with the company and will dance in our 60th anniversary season."

Mr. Konvalina will appear as Jack/The Knave of Hearts and Ms. Zehr as Mother/The Queen of Hearts in the North American premiere of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* which opens June 4, 2011.

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

Thomson Reuters presents *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

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Alice's Adventures in Wonderland is presented as part of Luminato, Toronto Festival of Arts and Creativity.

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Jiri Jelínek, Heather Ogden, Piotr Stanczyk, Sonia Rodriguez, Aleksandar Antonijevic, Bridgett Zehr, Guillaume Clôté, Xiao Nan Yu, Zdenek Konvalina, Greta Hodgkinson. Photos by Sian Richards.



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