

Romeo and Juliet Documentary in Production Airs on CBC in Spring 2012

November 17, 2011... The National Ballet of Canada today announced that a one-hour documentary on the creation of the world premiere of *Romeo and Juliet* is set to air on CBC in spring 2012 in celebration of the company's 60th anniversary. The special presentation, titled ***Romeos & Juliets***, is currently in production and features the creative process of internationally renowned choreographer **Alexei Ratmansky**, from the National Ballet studios to opening night on November 16, 2011 at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts. *Romeos & Juliets* is shooting in Toronto until December 2011 and will air on CBC Television in spring 2012.

Romeos & Juliets is written, directed and produced by Moze Mossanen and is produced by Shaftesbury in association with the CBC and with the participation of the Canada Media Fund. The documentary is executive produced by Christina Jennings and Scott Garvie for Shaftesbury, with Shaftesbury's Jan Peter Meyboom serving as supervising producer.

Romeo and Juliet runs until November 27, 2011 at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto.

To celebrate the National Ballet's remarkable 60-year history, November 14 – 20, 2011 has been proclaimed **The National Ballet of Canada Week** by His Worship Mayor Rob Ford, coinciding with the opening of an archival display at Toronto City Hall and the world premiere of *Romeo and Juliet*.

The 2011/12 Season is presented by CTV and The Globe and Mail.

Celebrating 60 Years of Partnership with The Volunteer Committee, The National Ballet of Canada.

BMO Financial Group presents *Romeo and Juliet* and Opening Night Celebrations.

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