

Principal Dancer Sonia Rodriguez Writes *T is for Tutu: A Ballet Alphabet*

September 1, 2011... The National Ballet of Canada's Principal Dancer **Sonia Rodriguez**, together with husband **Kurt Browning**, introduces *T is for Tutu: A Ballet Alphabet*, a new book on ballet for children aged 6 – 10 years old. Published by Sleeping Bear Press, the book explores the art and history of ballet and is illustrated by American artist **Wilson Ong**.

This is the first book that Ms. Rodriguez has written. Co-author and husband Mr. Browning also wrote *A is for Axel: An Ice Skating Alphabet*. The couple lives in Toronto, Ontario with their two young children, Gabriel and Dillon.

T is for Tutu: A Ballet Alphabet is now available for sale across North America for \$18.95.

Born in Toronto, Ms. Rodriguez grew up in Spain, studying dance in Madrid with Pedro de la Cruz and at the Princess Grace Academy in Monaco. She joined The National Ballet of Canada in 1990 and has been a Principal Dancer since 2000. Ms. Rodriguez's repertoire with the National Ballet includes principal roles in *Swan Lake*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Sleeping Beauty*, *Giselle* and *Onegin*. She created the title role in James Kudelka's *Cinderella* and Princess Vasilisa in *The Firebird*.

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