



JUNIOR DANCERS CHOSEN TO PERFORM WITH THE AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE

Tring Park School for the Performing Arts are delighted to announce that 19 of their junior dancers have been chosen to perform with the American Ballet Theatre at the London Coliseum on 2nd – 4th April 2009 in the ballet '*Le Corsaire*.'

The American Ballet Theatre, one of the world's most revered and innovative dance companies, approached Tring Park to audition following a recommendation from the English National Ballet company. Impressed with the exceptional standard of the boys and girls they auditioned, the American Ballet Theatre has confirmed they will now source all their young dancers from Tring Park.

Principal, Stefan Anderson, comments "Over the years, Tring Park has earned a reputation for developing and nurturing talented young dancers, many of whom are now with leading dance companies such as the English National Ballet, the Rambert Dance Company and the Birmingham Royal Ballet to name but a few. We are extremely proud of the girls and boys who were chosen by the American Ballet Theatre and are looking forward to seeing them perform in this stunning production of '*Le Corsaire*.'

Tring Park School for the Performing Arts have supplied pupils for performances by the English National Ballet for many years and are now looking forward to working with the American Ballet Theatre and building on the school's nationwide reputation.

NOTES TO EDITORS:-

- **Tring Park School for the Performing Arts** offers a unique opportunity for gifted young people to specialise in Dance, Drama, Musical Theatre or Music, whilst gaining an excellent academic education to GCSE, BTEC and 'A' level.
- **Tring Park School for the Performing Arts** is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school, attended by a maximum of 300 pupils between the ages of 8-19.
- Housed in a former Rothschild mansion and set in beautiful grounds, the School is located in Tring.
- Figures from the Department for Schools, Children and Families for the summer exams 2008 demonstrate that the school provides an "added value" for pupils' performance that is in the top 25% in the country.
- Tring Park's aim is to create dancers who have versatility and longevity and offer students training for a lifetime career in Dance. Students are encouraged to be 'thinking' dancers, understanding and taking responsibility for their own physique in the translation of required techniques.
- Tring Park provides passionate and safe teaching, believing that the wellbeing of the pupils in their care is paramount.
- The course covers not only a strong Classical training, but dancers are also prepared for work in Contemporary, Jazz and Commercial Dance.
- Whilst pupils may take formal examinations, they are also offered a wide range of performance opportunities, and can take workshops with visiting guest artists. Annual performances also take place at School and at a London West End theatre, attended by leading choreographers and artistic directors.

- Many of Tring's graduates have also achieved secondary careers in areas such as Choreography and Artistic Direction.

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