

Roxey Ballet Company

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**AWARD-WINNING, INTERNATIONAL DANCE ARTISTS
INVITES PUBLIC TO CELEBRATE THE HEART'S HOLIDAY.**

Lambertville, NJ,

February 3, 4, 10, 11 & 12: In celebration of the Valentine spirit, the esteemed Roxey Ballet Company who maintains a roster of commissioned, international & award-winning dance artists invites the public to their unique "Romance & Dance" concert. This production offers romance-seekers and sweethearts alike of all ages a world-class, romantically themed evening filled with culture, making the most beautiful addition to anyone's Valentine plans.

Within the intimate setting of Canal Theater Studios, the Romance & Dance concert performances will capture viewers by awakening the senses through a colorful blend of contemporary dance, classical ballet and neo-classical ballet.

The Romance & Dance concert offers playful and passionate performances designed by award-winning choreographer and international performer, Randy James. James is known as an emotionally evocative choreographer, receiving commissions from dance companies, colleges and universities, while accepting esteemed awards such as the New Jersey Governor's Award in Arts Education. In addition to being a commissioned guest choreographer at the Roxey Ballet Company, James also serves as an Associate Professor at the Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University. Mark Roxey, Artistic Director states "having Randy James as a guest choreographer is a perfect addition to the Roxey Ballet Company, commissioning artists like James further enhances our established, eclectic dance pieces that we perform throughout the state and

throughout the year, offering audiences the most cutting-edge dance entertainment".

While the Roxey Ballet Company reintroduces this romantic dance concert series, each year guests can also expect newly choreographed pieces. For example, Roxey while keeping romance in mind has titled the latest musical dance theatre piece, "Remote Control", which highlights the typical flavor of who controls the remote in our domestic relationships. Remote Control has a fun, contemporary twist where any viewer will certainly enjoy relating.

Guests of Roxey Ballet's Romance and Dance series are guaranteed a unique and memorable experience for their Valentine holiday. **To read more about the performing artists go to www.roxeyballet.org**
Featured Choreographer

Choreographer Randy James is building an international reputation as an exceptionally gifted master teacher and an emotionally evocative choreographer, receiving commissions from dance companies, colleges and universities. The New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State honored him with a Choreographic Fellowship Award in 2004 and 1994 for recognition of his artistic excellence. Mr. James received the New Jersey Governor's Award in Arts Education and was named Distinguished Teaching Artist in 2002. He has been a guest artist at various institutions including the American Dance Festival, Jacob's Pillow, London Contemporary Dance theater and School, VII Annual International Contemporary Dance Conference and Performance Festival in Poland, Tage des Tanzas in Germany and Austria, Fine Five School in Estonia, Via Danse in Latvia, among others. Randy was born and raised in New Jersey and currently lives in Highland Park. He began his training at Rutgers University as a dance and theater major. His performance background includes summer stock, dinner theater, regional ballet companies and nightclub revues. He has also performed with the Metropolitan Opera Ballet at Lincoln Center in Aida and was principal dancer with Dan Wagoner & Dancers for eight years. James received his Bachelor of Arts from Empire State College and currently serves as an Associate Professor in the Dance Department at Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University.

The Roxey Ballet is a world class contemporary ballet company with an extensive New Jersey season and schedule of local, national and international touring. The company is a non-profit organization incorporated in New Jersey in 1995. Its mission is to deliver artistic and cultural excellence through professional dance performances, residencies, educational programs, workshops and master classes. It is an multicultural and all-inclusive organization, fostering a creative environment of growth for all of its artists. Its unique and diverse works, taking traditions to the next level, strive to inspire audiences and artists alike. The Roxey Ballet seeks to preserve and advance the fine art of dance for generations to come. Access to quality dance performance and education is paramount to the mission of the company The company is accessible to artists and patrons with disabilities. The Roxey Ballet is supported in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts; The Wachovia Foundation, The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey, The Bunbury Company, The Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission and The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, in addition to individual donors.

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