

PENNSYLVANIA BALLET

ROY KAISER, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR 2010-2011 SEASON

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PENNSYLVANIA BALLET ANNOUNCES 2010-2011 SEASON ROSTER

Hussey, Mentzer promoted to Soloist

Philadelphia, PA (September 13, 2010) – Pennsylvania Ballet Artistic Director Roy Kaiser announces the 2010-2011 Season roster, including a number of promotions and new dancers. Notably, **Ian Hussey** and **Abigail Mentzer** have been promoted to the rank of Soloist from their previous positions in the Corps de Ballet.

“Both Ian and Abigail have grown up artistically here at Pennsylvania Ballet, making the most of every opportunity that was given to them and developing their own distinctive talents,” Kaiser says. “The 2010-2011 Season roster is comprised of strong, unique artists, and I’m thrilled to present them to Philadelphia audiences.”

This season, **Evelyn Kocak** joins the Corps de Ballet from Staatsballett Berlin in Germany. **Tyler Savoie** and **Amir Yogev** have been promoted to the Corps de Ballet from their positions as Apprentices. **Alex Ratcliffe-Lee** has been promoted to Apprentice from Pennsylvania Ballet II, the Joyce and Herbert Kean Trainee Program. Additionally, **Amy Holihan**, **Logan Martin**, and **Amy Statton** have been hired to Pennsylvania Ballet II.

Founded in 1963 by Balanchine student and protégée Barbara Weisberger, **Pennsylvania Ballet** is one of the nation’s leading ballet companies. Headquartered in Philadelphia, the Company’s annual local season features six programs of classic favorites and new works, including the Philadelphia holiday tradition, *George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker™*. For more information, visit paballet.org or call 215.551.7000.

