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### ***“FLOWER FESTIVAL”*** **EMBRACING SUMMER’S EDGE**

**Bellevue, WA** - What is more *June* than Ballet Bellevue’s bouquet of dance, bursting with beauty and love of the season? One performance only: June 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM at Sammamish Performing Arts Center just east of downtown Bellevue (100 140<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E., Bellevue, WA 98005). Artistic Director, Jennifer Porter shares the billing of new works with choreographers Kyle Johnson and Terry McKinnon. Three world premieres include music of Philip Glass featuring pianist Jila Dabestani, and McKinnon’s experiment of ballet with hip hop, a first for Ballet Bellevue. The new ballets with and edge are set off by the all time classic, *Flower Festival at Genzano pas de deux*, a stunning solo from *Paquita*, and the contemporary masterpiece, *Afternoon of a Faun* staged by Porter to the captivating music of Claude Debussy.

**For information and tickets (Patron VIP Seating \$27, Adult \$22, Student/Senior \$17), call 425.455.1345 or visit [www.balletbellevue.org](http://www.balletbellevue.org) or Brown Paper Tickets 1.800.838.3006.**

To warm the stage for the 8:00 PM performance, Ballet Bellevue School will present their 1:00 PM recital, featuring ballet (*A Midsummer’s Tale*) plus Turkish and Ukrainian folk dances by children ages 3 to 18. Matinee tickets: all seats \$15. Call 425.455.1345. Reserve early.

Ballet Bellevue is the Eastside’s own professional ballet company, a small, exquisite ensemble of classically trained dancers performing classical ballet, contemporary masterpieces and new works by Northwest artists. Ballet Bellevue also supports and celebrates arts education for all ages and abilities in the diverse traditions of Bellevue’s community.

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