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# THEATRE CALGARY ANNOUNCES REX HARRINGTON ADDED TO THE CAST OF *TOSCA CAFE*

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**Calgary, AB** – Theatre Calgary and Artistic Director **Dennis Garnhum** are pleased to announce that renowned Canadian ballet dancer **REX HARRINGTON** will join the cast of the Canadian premiere of *TOSCA CAFE*, which will open Theatre Calgary's 2011-12 season.

Mr. Harrington will play several characters in *Tosca Cafe* including **Rudolf Nureyev**, one of the most celebrated ballet dancers of the 20th century. *Tosca Cafe* is a blend of ballet, modern dance, 20th century music, Italian opera, beat poetry and theatrical storytelling. It is based on the real San Francisco establishment that was founded in 1919 and has been a home to artists, thinkers and socialites throughout the decades.

*"I am honoured to have Rex join the cast and give audiences in Calgary and Vancouver a chance to see him perform,"* says Garnhum. *"To add a dancer the calibre of Rex is a rare and wonderful opportunity, and I know he is genuinely excited to be a part of this ground-breaking show."*

Mr. Harrington joined the National Ballet of Canada in 1983 and became a principal dancer in 1988. He has been made an Officer of the Order of Canada, been inducted to Canada's Walk of Fame and made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He is currently an artist-in-residence with the National Ballet of Canada and came out of retirement in 2010 to perform in their production of *Onegin*. More recently, Mr. Harrington has also been a guest judge on the television show *So You Think You Can Dance Canada*.

*Tosca Cafe* is a presentation of the American Conservatory Theater production that will be further developed and rehearsed at Theatre Calgary this summer. A co-production with the Vancouver Playhouse, *Tosca Cafe* starts in Calgary on September 13 and runs through October 2, 2011. The production will then move to Vancouver from October 8 to 29, 2011. Single tickets for Theatre Calgary's run will go on sale in mid summer, more details can be found at [theatrecalgary.com](http://theatrecalgary.com).

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