



The State Ballet of Rhode Island

RI's First Established Classical Ballet Company
Artistic Director * Herci Marsden

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February 1, 2010

Dear Patron of the Arts,

The State Ballet of Rhode Island's 50th Performing Season is well underway. Many exciting events have already taken place including our successful performance of *Coppélia* in December and the release of the limited edition book, *The Golden Ballerina: Celebration of a Lifetime in Ballet*, by Artistic Director Herci Marsden. However, there are still many events yet to come in 2010, including our spring performance of *Giselle* to include alumni dancers on May 14-15, SBRI's 50th birthday on November 19th, and the highlight event of the season: the exclusive Golden Anniversary Gala on June 6 with the establishment of the *Herci Marsden Scholarship Fund*.

As we prepare for this once-in-a-lifetime Gala celebration, the Gala Planning Committee is focused on creating a unique event that will commemorate this historic occasion and will be inclusive of business leaders, performers, alumni, volunteers, and community members from throughout the 50 years of the Company's rich history. The Golden Anniversary Gala will be held at the members-only Dunes Club in Narragansett, a truly historic ocean side venue to complement this memorable event, and will include:

- Pre-dinner reception with vocalist Kelley Lennon
- The 14 piece Night Life Orchestra for dinner and dancing
- Anniversary dinner with champagne toast
- Special performances by SBRI's principal dancers
- Prominent guest speakers
- Special video presentation of 50 years of SBRI's history
- Silent and live auctions of one-of-a-kind memorabilia

Business leaders and individuals are invited to support this event through attendance and/or sponsorship. Your sponsorship will be noted in the Gala Program Book, on signage at the event, on the company's website, and is tax deductible to the extent allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (501c(3) nonprofit). Please refer to the enclosed listing of Sponsorship Opportunities. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the Gala, please complete the enclosed Sponsorship form. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact us at (401) 334-2560 or at info@stateballet.com and we will be happy to assist you.

We appreciate your consideration to help make The State Ballet of Rhode Island's Golden Anniversary Gala a very special occasion to celebrate Ms. Herci Marsden's most unique achievement in the arts community: 50 golden years of arts and education for the citizens of Rhode Island and its neighbors.

Sincerely,

Ana Marsden Fox

Co-Chair, Gala Committee
Executive Director,
The State Ballet of Rhode Island

Sheila Burgess

Co-Chair, Gala Committee

Lori Broess

Co-Chair, Gala Committee



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Sponsorship Opportunities

SBRI's Golden Anniversary Gala
Sunday, June 6, 2010 The Dunes Club, Narragansett
4:30 PM – 10:00 PM
Reservation: \$110 per person

"Giselle" - \$2,500

Ten reservations (1 table) for dinner
Half page display in Event Program Booklet
Signage recognition at event and SBRI website

"Swanhilda" - \$1,000

Four reservations for dinner
Quarter page display in Event Program Booklet
Signage recognition at event and SBRI website

"Sylvia" - \$500

Two reservations for dinner
Sponsorship listing in Event Program Booklet
Signage recognition at event and SBRI website

"Aurora" - \$250

One reservation for dinner
Sponsorship listing in Event Program Booklet

"Cinderella" - \$100

Sponsorship Listing in Event Program Booklet
[Reservations for dinner are not included]

\$50 for 50 years

Listing in Event Program Booklet
[Reservations for dinner are not included]

Scholarship donation to the "Herci Marsden Scholarship" Fund

This newly formed scholarship fund will provide a training opportunity for a young, deserving dancer who has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to the mission of the ballet company.

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Sponsorship Donation Form

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4:30 PM – 10:00PM

Donor Company: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please place a check next to your Sponsorship Level of choice or write your contribution amount:

- | <u>Sponsorship Level</u> | <u>Amount Pledged*</u> |
|---|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Giselle" | \$ 2,500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Swanhilda" | \$ 1,000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Sylvia"..... | \$ 500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Aurora" | \$ 250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Cinderella" | \$ 100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 for 50 Years | \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newly Formed "Herci Marsden Scholarship" | |

Donation \$ _____

* Please check here if you wish your donation to remain anonymous:
(Acknowledgment opportunities guaranteed to those who respond by May 6, 2010)

Donor Signature: _____

Thank you for your generous contribution. The State Ballet of Rhode Island is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. All contributions made to SBRI are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. If you have any questions, please call SBRI at 401-334-2560 or email info@stateballet.com.

Please make check payable to: The State Ballet of Rhode Island

Please return this completed form to:

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