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**WHO:** ARC Dance Productions

**WHAT:** *Assemblé Festival and Gala Concert*

**WHERE:** ARC Dance Space: 9250 14<sup>th</sup> Ave NW Seattle, WA 98117

**WHEN:** **March 30 through April 5, 2014**

**GALA**

**TICKETS**

**& INFO:** [www.arcdance.org](http://www.arcdance.org) 206.352.0798

**ARC DANCE HOSTS “ASSEMBLÉ FESTIVAL,” A YOUTH BALLET  
GATHERING AND CONCERT IN BALLARD**

Seattle, WA: ARC Dance launches the *Assemblé Festival*, a festival for youth ballet companies from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia. The week-long event, from March 30 through April 5 and hosted at the ARC Dance Space in Ballard, brings together participants from the Northwest with the aim of fostering artistic exchange among classical dance educators and their students through master classes, forums, seminars, and final performances.

“As part of the 10-year anniversary celebration of Arc School of Ballet, it felt like the perfect time to host a festival to bring NW youth ballet companies together,” said Marie Chong, Artistic Director of ARC Dance. She noted further, “In an age of hand-held electronics, we have noticed that young people enjoy developing skills such as focus, discipline, and hard work through a traditional, established art form. We hope the festival promotes awareness about the benefits of a classical ballet education.”

*Assemblé Festival* begins on Sunday, March 30 and runs 7 days, complete with Artistic Director forums, master classes, and culminating in a gala concert with performances from every participating youth company on Saturday, April 5. For more information about participating in the festival, performances, or to contribute, please contact: Marie Chong, Artistic Director at 206.352.0798 or [info@arcdance.org](mailto:info@arcdance.org)

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### *About ARC Dance Productions*

ARC Dance Productions maintains a 9,000 square foot facility in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle. ARC supports dance education programs, performances, and a resident professional dance company (ARC Dance Company).

### *About ARC Dance Company*

**ARC Dance Company** is a professional repertory dance company in Seattle, Washington that presents contemporary ballet in a performance season from July through December. Since its inception in 1999, ARC has performed works by nationally recognized and emerging choreographers seen by over 30,000 people in standard theater venues with seating capacities of 300 to 2500. It currently produces its regular concert season at the Bagley Wright/Leo K Theatre at Seattle Center.

### *About Arc Youth Dance Company*

ARC Dance Productions, in association with Arc School of Ballet, launched the Arc Youth Dance Company (AYDC) in 2013. It offers artistic and personal growth to dancers ages 11-20 years old who seek further artistic excellence through dance performance. AYDC members are students of Arc School of Ballet (ASB) in the Intermediate Level or higher as selected by annual audition. Arc Youth Dance Company also performs at the Bagley Wright/Leo K. Theatre, along with the professional ARC Dance Company.

### *About Arc School of Ballet*

Arc School of Ballet provides personalized ballet training in an atmosphere that promotes personal and artistic growth. By including elements of both classical and contemporary ballet technique from the classic French, Italian, and Russian Schools of training, the core curriculum at Arc School of Ballet (ASB) provides dancers with a broad knowledge of classical technique and the comprehension to adapt to all current ballet styles and forms.

Arc School of Ballet offers four coordinated, high-quality programs to dancers of all ages and backgrounds. The variety of classes works to meet students' varying interests in dance, ranging from children's creative movement and beginning ballet to adult education/fitness to specialized professional-career-bound training.

Arc School of Ballet opened its doors in July 2004. The school provides individual attention to students through limited class sizes. It focuses on classical ballet and offers a professional dance career preparation program. Its training regime is consistent with the stylistic requirements of ARC Dance Company, the resident professional dance company.

Since 2004, Arc School of Ballet has educated over 1500 dancers who are ongoing dance ambassadors, working with and supporting professional performing companies beyond their time at ARC.

Graduates of Arc School of Ballet have gone on to dance with the following organizations: Alvin Ailey School, Alberta Ballet, American Ballet Theater/JKO School, Ballet Austin, Pacific Northwest Ballet School, Boston Ballet, Nevada Dance Theater, Cirque du Soleil, School of American Ballet, Ballet Tucson, San Francisco Ballet School, Joffrey Ballet, Milwaukee Ballet, San Diego Ballet, Nashville Ballet, North Carolina School of the Arts, Alonzo King's Lines Ballet, Princeton Ballet, The Juilliard School, San Francisco Conservatory of Dance, City Ballet of San Diego, Mark Morris Dance Company, Penninsula Dance Theater, and ARC Dance Company.

### *ARC Dance combined with Arc School of Ballet*

Arc School of Ballet shares common goals with its resident professional dance company, ARC Dance Company: to provide opportunities for the public to explore the joy and beauty of dance. Arc School of Ballet and ARC Dance Company occupy over 9,000 square feet of the former Crown Hill School, now the Crown Hill Center in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle -9250 14th Ave NW, Seattle, Washington 98117

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