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Prix de Lausanne Ballet Competition This Week

Photo by Gregory Batardon, courtesy Prix de Lausanne. The prestigious Prix de Lausanne ballet competition takes place this week, with the finals on Saturday. Lausanne live streams the competition, allowing fans to witness the competition's daily activities, selections, and finals. Lausanne provides a ...

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ABT Swan Lake Review: Sarah Lane Debut

Sarah Lane's American Ballet Theatre Swan Lake debut Thursday was a special event celebrating her perseverance. She joined ABT in 2003 and was promoted to Soloist in 2007. As a 10-year Soloist, she is just now dancing lead roles in major ...

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I posted a few curtain call photos from the Thursday American Ballet Theatre Swan Lake performance on my photography website notmydayjobphotography.com. The performance featured Sarah Lane's ABT debut as Odette/Odile. Look for my review soon. A few late night comments: Sarah ...

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NYCB 21st Century Choreographers Review, Jan. 25

With all of the depressing ballet news these days-the resignation of New York City Ballet Master in Chief Peter Martins due to harassment charges, departure of ABT's Marcelo Gomes due to a sexual harassment allegation, and labor unrest at ABT possibly ...

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Balletfocus 2017 Highlights

It's been fun covering the New York ballet scene in 2017 and I hope you enjoyed Balletfocus commentary and photography. Thanks for tuning in. Here are my favorites of 2017: ABT Discovers New Stars Sometimes bad events lead to good ...

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Veronika Part Shines in Fadeyev Ballet Nutcracker

Above photo: Veronika Part and Andrei Kisselev with Nutcracker Prince Michael Pezzuto and Abby Jiang as Marie (left side) and Juliana Fadeyev (right side). Fadeyev Ballet presented The Nutcracker last week at the Jeanne Rimsky Theater in Port Washington, Long ...

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Marcelo Gomes Leaving ABT Amid Allegation

Shocking and sad news as ABT Principal Dancer Marcelo Gomes is leaving the company after a sexual misconduct allegation. According to The New York Times, ABT was made aware of a “highly concerning allegation of sexual misconduct” by Marcelo that ...

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Ellison Ballet Winter Performance Showcases Young Talent

Above photo: Elisabeth Beyer and Charlie Clinton, Nutcracker. Ellison Ballet presented its Winter Showcase last week at the Ailey Citigroup Theater. Ellison students, all in their teens, were impressive, demonstrating a high level of technique and stage maturity. The

dancers ...

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Veronika Part in Fadeyev Ballet Nutcracker

Above photo: Veronika Part and Marcelo Gomes, ABT Nutcracker, December 13, 2013.

Since Veronika Part's unfortunate departure from ABT in July (see my thoughts on her final performance along with photos), Veronika's fans have limited opportunities to see her great talent, ...

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