

## **Sean Musselman Named Artistic Director, Ballet Master at L'Academie of Dance St. Petersburg Gains World Class Artistic Talent**

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September 25, 2017 Saint Petersburg, FL – L'Academie of Dance is proud to announce the appointment of Ballet Master and Artistic Director, Sean Musselman. Musselman studied at The School of American Ballet in New York City. There he had the rare opportunity to work under the legendary George Balanchine and Jerome Robbins (of the Broadway classic West Side Story fame) and with the Russian superstar Danseur Rudolph Nureyev.

"I am delighted to work with L'Academie of Dance, we have an opportunity to make a true impact on the future for young dancers in our community." Musselman stated, "I am extremely committed to building on the rich and growing St. Petersburg performing arts community, one dancer at a time."

In the fall of 2017, L'Academie of Dance appointed Musselman for his passion for the arts and unprecedented classical training. He joins a diverse, talented and experienced team of dance instructors to ignite the potential of each student with their own artistic and performance plan.

Mr. Musselman's professional career includes dancing with many greats of the ballet and opera world to include Mikhail Baryshnikov, Luciano Pavarotti, Peter Martins, Gelsey Kirkland, Suzanne Farrell, among others. He was a member of the Eglevsky Ballet under the direction of Edward Villella, The Milwaukee Ballet under the direction of Ted Kivit, The Chicago City Ballet as well as Chicago Lyric Opera under the direction of iconic American ballerina Maria Tallchief.

"L'Academie of Dance is dedicated to excellence and bringing the finest resources to our students. We see each one as an individual and work to meet their needs and goals. As Artistic Director, Ballet Master, Sean Musselman brings the standards of excellence needed to offer world class dance in St Petersburg," stated Anthony Sleeter, L'Academie founder. The classes include Ballet for children and adults, Jazz, Acro, Hip Hop/ Break and more. "We cannot wait to for the 2017/2018 season under the direction of Sean Musselman," Sleeter added.

**About L'Academie of Dance:** L'Academie of Dance is a studio in St. Petersburg, FL offering a unique variety of dance disciplines. Artistic Director, Ballet Master Sean Musselman is dedicated to the art of dance and helping each student reach their potential. L'Academie provides students with a strong technical foundation and they strive to produce dancers well-rounded in strength, stamina and flexibility, all while fostering their growth as performing artists. The customized attention to each student, positive learning environment and state of the art floors set L'Academie apart. [www.lacademieofdance.com](http://www.lacademieofdance.com)

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