

# *Les Etoiles pour le Japon*

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Dear Madame, dear Sir,

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2011, a magnitude 9.0 earthquake hit the north east of Japan. A tsunami followed, devastating land and homes in an area of over five kilometres inland, and took the lives of more than thirty thousand individuals. Tens of thousands of homes were destroyed, leaving nearly half a million residents homeless. Hit by the tsunami, several nuclear generators started to leak poison and radiation, forcing more than a million people in the area to evacuate.

As Japanese citizens living in France, and active, involved supporters of the ballet, we would like to help the victims of the disaster that hit our nation by organizing a charity ballet performance in Paris. We called on our many dancer friends, all renowned principals and soloists from prestigious companies throughout the world, and they answered with a heartfelt yes.

To date, more than 20 ballet stars from France, Europe, the U.S.A, and Japan have agreed to dance at the Le Palais des Congrès on May 31st, becoming the core of a growing group of people on a mission to make this international evening of dance for Japan a success. Encouraged by their generosity, we have established a special Fund, which we have named **Les Etoiles pour le Japon**. All of the funds raised by the event will be sent to Japanese associations through '**Solidarité Japon**' **of la Fondation de France** to help the most vulnerable populations, victims of the earthquake.

We need your help. Please give in whatever way you and your company can: help us by buying the tickets, by making a donation, by creating awareness for the event, and, if possible, by offering to provide any of the direct travel or operating expenses, so that even more of the funds collected reach those who need them.

Please help us, so that together, we can send as much aid to the victims as possible, along with all of our warmest thoughts and prayers. See you May 31st.

With kindest regards,



Yasko YASHIRO ,

Presidente

the list of the participating dancers is overleaf



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Participating dancers

as of 24/April/2011

Carlos Acosta (Royal Ballet London, Principal)  
Michael Banzhaf (Berlin State Ballet, First Soloist)  
Ashley Bouder (New York City Ballet, Principal)  
Jiri Bubenicek (Semperoper Ballet Dresden, Principal)  
Otto Bubenicek (Hamburg Ballet, Principal)  
Elisa Carrillo Cabrera (Berlin State Ballet, First Soloist)  
Isabelle Ciaravola (Opéra National de Paris, Etoile) \*\*  
Marlon Dino (Munich State Ballet, Principal)  
Olga Esina (Vienna State Opera Ballet, Principal)  
Julien Favreau (Bejart Ballet Lausanne, Principal)  
Mathieu Ganio (Opéra National de Paris, Etoile) \*\*  
Dimitri Gruzdev (English National Ballet, Principal)  
Mikhail Kaninskin (Berlin State Ballet, Principal)  
Igor Kolb (Mariinsky Theatre, Principal)  
Elena Kuzmina (Eifman Ballet of St.Petersburg, Principal)  
Lucia Lacarra (Munich State Ballet, Principal)  
Roman Lazik (Vienna State Opera Ballet, Principal)  
Andrey Merkuriev (Bolshoi Theatre, Leading Solist)  
Shoko Nakamura (Berlin State Ballet, Principal)  
Femanda Oliveira (English National Ballet, Principal)  
Kateryna Shalkina (Bejart Ballet Lausanne, Principal)  
Friedemann Vogel (Stuttgart Ballet, Principal)  
Igor Zelensky (Mariinsky Theatre, Principal)

Special participation

Elisabeth Platel (Director, Ecole de danse, Opera National de Paris) and students  
Gailene Stock (Director, Royal Ballet School London) and students  
Cynthia Harvey (former Principal of American Ballet Theatre and Royal Ballet, London)

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