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Attention: Calendar Editors

Ballet Austin to Host Fête 2004

What: Ballet Austin will host Fête 2004, the company's elegant, annual, black-tie fundraiser to celebrate the upcoming season: *Light*. The evening will begin at the Paramount Theatre with a cocktail party and a one-hour performance of excerpted works by Ballet Austin's renowned artistic director, Stephen Mills and Dwight Rhoden. An elegant dinner dance and after-party at the Driskill Hotel will follow.

When: Thursday, September 30, 2004
6:00 p.m.: cocktails
6:45 p.m.: performance
8:00 p.m.: dinner
9:00 p.m.: dancing and after-party

Where: Cocktails and the performance: Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Avenue
Dinner and dancing: The Driskill Hotel, 604 Brazos Street

Tickets: Fête 2004 tables, individual tickets and sponsorships are available. Fête 2004 tables range in price from \$3,000 to \$15,000 and individual tickets start at \$350 each. Tickets for the cocktail party and performance only are also available. Please contact Angela Schnars at (512) 476-9151 ext. 124 or angela.schnars@balletaustin.org for more information or visit www.balletaustin.org/fete.

About Ballet Austin

Under the leadership of Artistic Director Stephen Mills, Ballet Austin has uniquely combined classical dance with innovative style and movement. Ballet Austin presents five productions each year in Austin, tours nationally and is a financially stable \$4 million organization. The Company employs 21 professional dancers from around the world to live in Austin for 34 weeks each season. Ballet Austin II and the Ballet Austin Academy serve as educational arms that strengthen the organization's core purpose. The Ballet Austin Academy is one of the largest in the United States, serving more than 900 students annually. Ballet Austin has

established itself as a world-class company that makes ballet accessible to all and enhances Austin's reputation as a city that thrives in the arts.

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