

**Ballet Austin Guild hosts
"Vive Le Vin"
Invites Austin to Enjoy International Food, Wine at Fundraiser**

WHO:

Ballet Austin Guild

WHAT:

"Vive Le Vin" Annual Wine and Food Event Benefiting Ballet Austin

WHEN:

Thursday, October 29, 2009 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WHERE:

AT&T Conference Center, 1900 University Avenue, Austin, TX 78705

TICKETS:

\$55 per person or \$100 for two, 512.476.9151, ext. 200

AUSTIN, TX – The Ballet Austin Guild today announces details of *Vive Le Vin*, its annual Wine & Food soirée and second major fundraiser of the year benefiting Ballet Austin.

This year's much anticipated event has taken on an international flavor and will feature food and wine from countries around the world as prepared by AT&T Executive Chef Josh Watkins (formerly of the Driskill Grill) and star of *The Food Network's* "Iron Chef America". The evening's musical entertainment will be new rising star Kat Edmonson accompanied by Kevin Lovejoy of Austin's young talent scene.

In conjunction with the exquisite wine and food pairings and live music, there will also be a silent auction with many exceptional packages (the "Romantic Get-Away Package", "Ladies Day-Out Package", etc.) and individual items, including artwork, jewelry and shopping gift certificates.

"Vive le Vin" is from the French expression "Vive le vin, vive l'amour," meaning 'enjoy the wine, enjoy the love' as in the following passage by Sir Francis Bacon from "The Essays" penned in 1627:

...they moved deliberately forward, leaving the sentinel pacing the banks of the silent pond, little suspecting an enemy of so much effrontery, and humming to himself those words which were recalled to his mind by the sight of women, and, perhaps, by recollections of his own distant and beautiful France: "Vive le vin, vive l'amour."

The 2009 Event Chair is Louise Hein and the President of the Ballet Austin Guild is Leslie Cox. Tickets are now on sale at \$55 per person or \$100 for a pair. Reservations may be made by calling 512.476.9151, ext. 200 or www.balletaustinguild.org. Sponsorship opportunities are available for \$500 each (your donation includes 6 tickets to the event, advertising featured in event materials and signage, and tax advantage.)

Ballet Austin Guild

The Ballet Austin Guild is a volunteer organization whose mission is to work together to support and promote the interests of Ballet Austin in Greater Austin and surrounding communities through educational programs, fundraising and special events. The Guild's largest fundraiser of the year is *Women On Their Toes*, which will be held this coming year on Tuesday, April 6th, 2010 at the Renaissance Hotel. www.balletaustinguild.org

Ballet Austin

As distinctive and dynamic as the city it calls home, Ballet Austin welcomes audiences near and far to participate in it's "classically innovative" vision for the democratization of dance. With a rich history spanning five decades, acclaimed productions, and one of the nation's largest classical ballet academies, the organization is poised for an even greater future. From their new home at the Butler Dance Education Center and Community School in downtown Austin, Ballet Austin and artistic director Stephen Mills actively engage the community, dancers, and audiences alike. *The New York Times* proclaims Ballet Austin "a company with big ambitions" originating work that is "absorbing."

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