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BALLET HISPANICO's
CARMEN.maquia and *Club Havana*
featured in inaugural film series
Lincoln Center at the Movies: Great American Dance
November 12, 2015 7pm

2015-16 Marks Ballet Hispanico's 45th Anniversary Season

New York, NY – **October 15, 2015** – **Ballet Hispanico**, celebrating 45 years of repertory that reflects the ever-changing diversity of Latino cultures, will be featured in *Lincoln Center at the Movies: Great American Dance*, a film series presenting performances by four of America's leading companies: Ballet Hispanico, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, New York City Ballet and San Francisco Ballet. Coming to over 600 U.S. cinemas on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 pm (local time) is Ballet Hispanico, led by **Artistic Director Eduardo Vilaro**, with two audience favorites: *CARMEN.maquia*, an electrifying contemporary take on Bizet's passionate opera choreographed by Spaniard Gustavo Ramírez Sansano, and *Club Havana*, a virtuosic re-imagining of a sizzling nightclub by Cuban-born choreographer Pedro Ruiz. The film will include special behind-the-scenes interviews with the dancers and a glimpse of the company's rehearsals.

Tickets for *Great American Dance* can be purchased online by visiting www.FathomEvents.com, or at participating theater box offices. For a complete list of theater locations visit the Fathom Events website (theaters and participating box offices are subject to change).

"It is an honor to be a part of *Lincoln Center at the Movies: Great American Dance* in such esteemed company," said **Eduardo Vilaro, Artistic Director of Ballet Hispanico**. "We're thrilled to bring audiences two works that showcase the breadth and beauty of the Latino voice in today's American cultural landscape."

Jed Bernstein, President of Lincoln Center, said, "These four companies represent the height of artistic excellence and a wide range of American dance and we are proud to have them inaugurate Lincoln Center at the Movies: Great American Dance. Their programs offer something for everyone, committed dance fans and curious first-timers, many of whom rarely if ever have the opportunity to see dance performances in the theater."

Great American Dance presentations are filmed in HD by the Emmy Award-Winning production team from *Live From Lincoln Center*, helmed by Executive Producer Andrew C. Wilk. Ballet Hispanico's presentation for *Great American Dance* was directed for the screen by Matthew Diamond. The series is presented by Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in partnership with Fathom Events.

Other dance companies featured in the series included the San Francisco Ballet on September 24, as well as Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater on October 22 and New York City Ballet on December 5 and 10.

Thursday, November 12 at 7 pm

***Lincoln Center at the Movies: Great American Dance* Presents **BALLET HISPANICO**
Artistic Director **Eduardo Vilaro****

CARMEN.maquia

Choreographer **Gustavo Ramírez Sansano**

Music **Various works by Georges Bizet and Pablo de Sarasate**

Costume Designer **David Delfin**

Costume Construction **Travis Halsey, Diana Ruettiger**

Lighting Designer **Joshua Preston**

Set Design and Construction **Luis Crespo**

Hailed as a “masterpiece” by the *Chicago Sun-Times*, this work—like Bizet’s iconic opera about a passionate gypsy—is riveting from start to finish. The physically charged and sensual choreography fuses contemporary dance with nods to the Spanish *paso doble* and flamenco. With a visual concept inspired by Picasso’s black-and-white palette, and movement that is full of elaborate partnering, *CARMEN.maquia* is a bold and electrifying reimagining of this fiery and tragic tale.

Club Havana

Choreographer **Pedro Ruiz**

Music **Israel Lopez, Rubén Gonzales, A.K. Salim, Perez Prado and Francisco Repilado**

Costume Designer **Ghabriello Fernando**

Lighting Designer **Donald Holder**

The intoxicating rhythms of the conga, rumba, mambo, and cha cha are brought to life by choreographer Pedro Ruiz, a native of Cuba, in this re-imagined nightclub populated by virtuoso dancers.

Ballet Hispanico’s production for *Lincoln Center at the Movies* was made possible by Production Sponsor The Arnhold Foundation.

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ABOUT BALLET HISPANICO

Celebrating 45 years of repertory that reflects the ever-changing diversity of Latino cultures, **Ballet Hispanico** is the new expression of American contemporary dance. Led by Artistic Director Eduardo Vilaro, the Company has produced world-class, multifaceted performances that have featured master works by Nacho Duato, cutting-edge premieres by Cayetano Soto and Annabelle Lopez Ochoa, and live music collaborations with renowned artists such as Paquito D’Rivera and Ruben Blades—to name a notable few. Ballet Hispanico has performed for **audiences totaling over 3 million**, throughout **11 countries**, and on **3 continents**. Through the work of its professional company, school of dance, and community arts education programs, Ballet Hispanico celebrates the dynamic aesthetics of the Hispanic diaspora, building new avenues of cultural dialogue and sharing the joy of dance with all communities. For more information, visit www.balleshispanico.org. Follow Ballet Hispanico on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

EDUARDO VILARO joined Ballet Hispanico as Artistic Director in August 2009, becoming only the second person to head the company since it was founded in 1970. He has been part of the Ballet Hispanico family since 1985 as a principle dancer and educator, after which he began a ten-year record of achievement as Founder and Artistic Director of Luna Negra Dance Theater in Chicago. Mr. Vilaro has infused Ballet Hispanico’s legacy with a bold and eclectic brand of contemporary dance that reflects America’s changing cultural landscape. Born in Cuba and raised in New York from the age of six, he is a frequent speaker on the merits of cultural diversity and dance education.

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