

Ballet Jörgen Canada

Contemporary Ballet that has audiences on the edge of their seats!

COQUITLAM – February 1, 2012. If Evergreen can only present one dance company this season, it may as well present one of the best! Ballet Jörgen Canada's is on tour with "Classical & Contemporary Ballet", a full evening of dance guaranteed to please all audiences. They perform **Sunday, Feb. 12, 7:30pm** in the Studio Theatre. Tickets start at \$10.

Called "Canada's Local Ballet Company", the Toronto-based company is approaching its 25th anniversary season and recently won the National Arts Centre Award for Distinguished Contribution to Touring. The award recognizes Ballet Jörgen for its leadership role in the development of touring by professional dancers and companies in Canada, and is the first time that it has been won by an Ontario organization.

Since it was founded, Ballet Jörgen has served close to 250 North American communities and is reaching more Canadian cities and towns annually than any other Canadian dance company. Its outreach programs are world-class and foster engagement with audiences and local dancers through performance and educational programs.

The company's repertoire has been described by the **Globe and Mail** as "Classical dance with an edge." The evening's program is both classical and contemporary at the same time. It combines raw athletics and satin emotion - a mixture of the best variety of dance on stage today.

The program includes new and cutting-edge works by Canadian choreographers and features *Icarus*, the extraordinary tour-de-force of physicality and dare-devilry from one of the country's most daring dance makers, **Malgorzata Nowacka**. *Life and Laughter*, brand new from **Bengt Jörgen**, Artistic Director is another highlight, as is *Rendezvous* by the mesmerizing **Robert Desrosiers**. Classical excerpts from the ballet *Anastasia* round out the evening.

The company of seven dancers will be tremendously busy on Sunday as several are leading a **Master and Repertoire Class** in the morning which is open to intermediate dancers as well as mentoring local invited participants for the *Anastasia* segment that evening. It's all very exciting!

Tickets to **Classical & Contemporary Ballet** on February 12 range from \$10 to \$35, available through the Box Office 604.927.6555 or online www.evergreenculturalcentre.ca. Show time is 7:30pm. The **Master Class** takes place in the Rehearsal Studio on February 12 from 9:30 – 11:45am. Space is still available and the fee is \$25. To register or for more info contact the Box Office at 604.927.6552 or 6555.