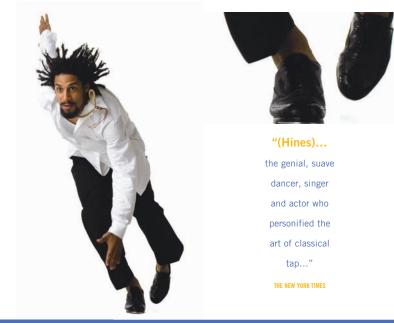


FOLLOWING THE HUGE SUCCESS OF MARIE, Houston Ballet returns for a special command performance to open NOBA's 40th Anniversary Season. The company brings an extraordinary program of work by four of the world's preeminent choreographers, including Nacho Duato's haunting Jardi Tancat, Welch's playful Falling, William Forsythe's brilliant The Vertiginous Thrill of Exactitude, and Twyla Tharp's masterwork In the Upper Room.



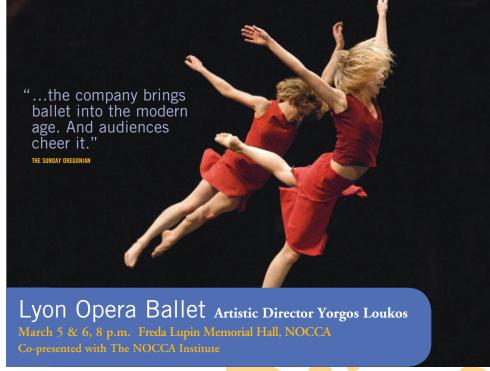
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Thank you, Gregory! A Tribute to the Legends of Tap

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