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**OREGON BALLET THEATRE'S 2015/16 SEASON UNVEILING EVENT**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Portland, OR** (March 2, 2015) – Oregon Ballet Theater will **announce its 2015/16 season** at an invitation-only event taking place on the stage of the **Keller Auditorium** – where OBT is currently performing *Cinderella* to packed houses – this Thursday, **March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm**. In this unique setting, company **Artistic Director Kevin Irving** will reveal the details of an exciting roster of productions and offer a behind-the-scenes look into the planning process of the season. Local artists, and season collaborators, **Aaron Meyer, Gregg Bielemeier, Susan Banyas, Gene Dent, and OBT Orchestra Maestro Niel DePonte** will all be on hand to discuss their involvement in the productions. Guests will be seated at the back of the stage and have a unique perspective as company members perform excerpts from the season's works with the imposing hall of the Keller Auditorium providing a dramatic backdrop.

Oregon Ballet Theatre's 26<sup>th</sup> season promises to be highly captivating as the company continues to mine its rich past, break ground with innovative works, and build on the momentum of the current incredibly successful year. Recent packed houses for its *OBT 25* and *Cinderella* productions, record-breaking ticket sales at *The Nutcracker*, and the overwhelming support at its gala event last month prove that Oregon Ballet Theatre is entering its 2015/16 season stronger than ever!

**ABOUT OREGON BALLET THEATRE**

Founded in 1989, Oregon Ballet Theatre is the state's largest full-time professional ballet company. OBT's mission is to inspire an enduring passion and appreciation for the unique art form of dance through artistic excellence, thrilling live performances, innovative choreography and exceptional educational programs. The nationally and internationally acclaimed Oregon Ballet Theatre is recognized for its dynamic approach to both classical and contemporary ballet. For more information, please visit [www.obt.org](http://www.obt.org).

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