

# Inland Pacific Ballet

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## Press Release

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### ***DRACULA* RETURNS TO THE SOUTHLAND IN INLAND PACIFIC BALLET'S BRILLIANT PRODUCTION**

Claremont, CA  
October 5, 2005

#### **Dracula**

Don't miss the most hair-raising performance of the year! **Inland Pacific Ballet's** original adaptation of Bram Stoker's ***Dracula*** is back **from October 22-30** at the magnificent **Bridges Auditorium**. For the first time, audience members of all ages are **encouraged to come to *Dracula* in costume** to enhance the **festive** Halloween atmosphere. Created by cutting-edge San Francisco based choreographer Arturo Fernandez, ***Dracula*** has been dubbed "Brilliant...with a dark and sexy edge" by the Daily Bulletin. ***Dracula*** explores the mysteries of the undead and the struggle between the forces of good and evil. **Spectacular sets** by award winning scenic designer Nancy Seruto, sumptuous costumes and a **dramatic musical score**, including composers such as Prokofiev, Saint-Saens and Mussorgsky, create the powerful gothic atmosphere for this captivating work.

IPB hosts a **superb company of dancers** for the 2005-2006 Season. Headlining the cast of ***Dracula*** are Richard Bradley, Stephanie Orza, Richard Bowman, Jennifer Friel and Michael Kruzich. **Mr. Bradley** has been a featured dancer at Oakland Ballet, Utah's Ballet West and Nevada Ballet Theatre. **Ms. Orza** danced in last seasons' production of ***Dracula*** with IPB and has performed internationally with Ballett Basel Company of Switzerland. **Mr. Bowman**, a native of New Zealand, comes to the Inland Empire with an impressive international resume. He has danced in his native New Zealand at the Royal New Zealand Ballet, in neighboring Australia with The Australian Ballet, and in three of Austria's preeminent companies, Vienna Staatsoper, Vienna Volksoper and the Leipziger Ballet, and with in the United States with the

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Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre. **Ms. Friel** performed previously with American Repertory Ballet (NJ), and toured extensively with Ballet Idaho/Eugene Ballet before joining IPB in 2001. **Mr. Kruzich's** career includes

seasons with the San Francisco Opera Ballet, Boston Ballet, Ballet West (UT), Eglevsky Ballet (NY) and Smuin Ballet/SF.

### **Inland Pacific Ballet: A Cultural Gem Serving the Inland Empire for Over a Decade**

**Inland Pacific Ballet enters its Spectacular 11<sup>th</sup> Season** with an impressive artistic profile. IPB has become a cultural icon in the Inland Empire with attendance averaging **20,000 patrons annually**, an **Educational Outreach Program** that has served over **100,000 children** in its 11 years of programming. The Company has widespread community support throughout the region and has earned **funding from leading philanthropic Foundations, including The James Irvine Foundation, The Ahmanson Foundation and The Disneyland Resort Cast Community Fund**. Growing steadily in stature and reputation in its 11-year history, IPB has now reached the status of a **major regional arts organization, adding immeasurably to the cultural life of the Inland Empire**. Inland Pacific Ballet performs the **largest classical repertory in the region** including, a full length *Giselle*, *Coppélia* and of course the annual holiday favorite, *The Nutcracker*. IPB also performs a host of original works and the best in contemporary choreography including *The Little Mermaid*, *Dracula* and the brand-new children's ballet *Cinderella* to be premiered March 2006.

### **Bridges Auditorium: A Magnificent Opera House**

**Inland Pacific Ballet's 11<sup>th</sup> Season** will be presented at the **historic Mabel Shaw Bridges Auditorium, the Claremont Colleges, where IPB is Company in Residence**. A magnificent **opera house** built on the campus of Pomona College in 1929, through a generous gift from Mr. & Mrs. Appleton Shaw Bridges as a memorial to their daughter, this grand theater has a **breathtaking marble entrance hall with vaulted columns and sweeping staircases**. The largest and most elegant theater in the Inland Empire region, **Bridges Auditorium seats 2,400** and boasts a gold-leafed hand-painted ceiling depicting a star-scape of mythological creatures. Why drive to Los Angeles or Orange County? Bridges is conveniently close to all Inland Empire communities and parking is free.

### **Expanded Website: [www.ipballet.org](http://www.ipballet.org)**

For ease in purchasing your tickets, Inland Pacific Ballet has expanded its website to include an **on-line ticket ordering system**. The website also displays beautiful photographs of Inland Pacific Ballet's dancers, as well as featuring Dancer Biographies.

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### **Inland Pacific Ballet's Mission**

Founded in 1994, the **Inland Pacific Ballet** has become one of Southern California's cultural jewels. The Company's mission is to build and sustain a **professional ballet company of national stature in the Inland Empire of Southern California**. IPB is committed to producing exquisitely

**staged productions of full-length classic story ballets as well as presenting the best in contemporary choreography.** Through creative marketing and an extensive outreach program, IPB works to **introduce new audiences to the magic of the ballet**, and to make the experience more available and accessible to all. IPB is also committed to the continued nurturing of new talent by providing an **essential training ground for serious young dancers.**

**WHAT:** **Dracula**  
**WHERE:** **Mabel Shaw Bridges Auditorium**  
The Claremont Colleges  
450 North College Way  
Claremont, CA 91711  
**WHEN:** Saturday, October 22, 8:00 PM  
Sunday, October 23, 2:00 PM  
Saturday, October 29, 8:00 PM  
Sunday, October 30, 2:00 PM

**TICKETS:** **Tickets go on sale through the Bridges Auditorium Box Office:**

- Fax/Mail Orders:

Download an order form at [www.dracula-live.com](http://www.dracula-live.com)

Fax form to: (909) 607-7774

Mail form to:

Bridges Auditorium  
The Claremont Colleges  
450 North College Way  
Claremont, CA 91711

- Phone Orders/ In Person Orders:

**Telephone Ticket Hotline: (909) 607-1139.**

Box Office Hours for Phone Orders/ In Person Orders M-F 10:00am-4:00pm

- On-line Orders: [www.dracula-live.com](http://www.dracula-live.com)

**PRICES:** Adult: \$25, \$20  
Senior: \$22.50, \$18  
Child: \$15 (not recommended for children under 8)  
Student Rush: \$10 day of show

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