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**ARTS San Antonio presents  
Champagne and Cinema  
*Joffrey: Mavericks of American Dance*  
Presented in association with Santikos Theatres  
Santikos Palladium Theatre at The Rim  
January 31, 2013, 6 p.m.**

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – ARTS San Antonio invites arts patrons to be swept away for a memorable evening of Champagne and Cinema at the beautiful Santikos Palladium Theatre at The Rim on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Joffrey Experience Co-Chair Margaret Kanyusik said, “The champagne reception will include delicious one-bite savories for patrons.”

**Schedule** - The champagne reception begins at 6:00 p.m., followed at 7:00 p.m. by brief introductions before the film by Texas Public Radio cinephile and curator of the *Cinema Tuesdays* series **Nathan Cone** and Joffrey Experience Honorary Chair **Linda Hardberger**. Hardberger’s husband, former San Antonio Mayor **Phil Hardberger**, is also a Joffrey Experience Honorary Chair. Linda Hardberger is a director and curator of the Tobin Theatre Arts Fund. The evening finishes with the San Antonio theatrical premiere of the documentary, *Joffrey: Mavericks of American Dance*.

**Before the Film** – Linda Hardberger will focus on the historical context of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Paris debut of *The Rite of Spring* which work The Joffrey Ballet will perform on March 8, 2013 at Lila Cockrell Theatre. The Joffrey Ballet has not appeared in San Antonio in more than two decades. Stravinsky’s music and Nijinsky’s choreography is famous for causing a riot at its premiere.

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National Public Radio music commentator Miles Hoffman said, "*The Rite of Spring* represents one of the greatest creative leaps in not only the history of music, but in the history of the arts."

**Film Significance** - *The New York Times* says of the documentary: ". . . an important piece of not only the company's history but also of dance history . . ." The film chronicles the history of the legendary Joffrey Ballet from its inception through its evolution into one of the world's most exciting and prominent ballet companies. The film is filled with breathtaking dance sequences, rare footage and a behind-the-scenes look at Joffrey Ballet founder Robert Joffrey and how he made his vision of revolutionizing American dance come true.

**Narration** - *Joffrey: Mavericks of American Dance* is narrated by Tony-Award and Emmy Award-winner Mandy Patinkin, star of the critically-acclaimed TV show *Homeland*.

**Event Amenities** - The elegant evening includes a menu of Lobster Doughnuts, Grilled Vegetable Bouché, Chipotle Beef Churrasco and White English Cheddar and Bacon Tartlets. The first-class treatment starts when patrons pull into the theatre with free valet parking, courtesy of exclusive valet sponsor Mercedes-Benz of Boerne.

**Tickets and Information** - \$50 per person, available exclusively through ARTS SA. This includes the reception, admission to the film and valet parking. To purchase individual tickets to the cinema event, call ARTS SA at (210) 226-2891, visit ARTS SA's office at 418 10<sup>th</sup> Street, San Antonio or visit [ArtsSA.org/Joffrey](http://ArtsSA.org/Joffrey). For information about Joffrey Experience sponsorships or à la carte tickets to one or more Joffrey events, the same contact information applies.

**The Joffrey Experience** - The Joffrey Experience is a series of six exciting and unique events from January through March 2013 spanning film, fashion, an Elegant Gala at The McNay Art Museum with artistic leadership and Principal Dancers of The Joffrey Ballet, an exclusive sponsor reception, The Joffrey Ballet performance of *The Rite of Spring* at Lila Cockrell Theatre and, after the performance, a Dance for Your Life Cast Party with members of The Joffrey Ballet.

**Benefit and about ARTS SA** - Proceeds from these Joffrey Experience events benefit ARTsTEach, ARTS SA's participatory arts workshops that serve thousands of elementary-school students and seniors in San Antonio.

ARTS SA is the leading nonprofit presenter of globally significant performing arts in South Texas working to improve the quality and quantity of globally significant cultural experiences in San Antonio. ARTS SA performances are supported by the City of San Antonio's Department for Culture and Creative Development, *San Antonio Express-News*, Capital Group Companies, Kronkosky Charitable Foundation, Texas Commission on the Arts, National Endowment for Arts and theFund.

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