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**ARTS San Antonio presents
An Elegant Gala Evening at the McNay
with The Joffrey Ballet
presented in association with the McNay Art Museum
March 7, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – ARTS San Antonio presents **An Elegant Gala Evening at the McNay with The Joffrey Ballet**. Come enjoy a night of fine food and the opportunity to meet Senior Leadership and Principal dancers from The Joffrey Ballet on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The evening celebrates the first appearance by The **Joffrey Ballet** in San Antonio in more than 20 years. ARTS San Antonio created six Joffrey Experience events to celebrate The Joffrey Ballet's return to San Antonio.

Gala guests may pose for a complimentary photo with a specially commissioned painting by San Antonio artist **Kathy Sosa** commemorating ***The Rite of Spring***. Members of Ballet San Antonio will make a special appearance during the evening. In addition, guests may view displays of original costume sketches for *Ballets Russes* from the Tobin Theatre Arts Collection.

Gala guests may visit food stations and enjoy a signature “Joffrey-tini” cocktail and passed delicacies. The event is cocktail attire. Valet parking is complimentary.

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Joffrey Experience Honorary Chairs are **Phil and Linda Hardberger**. Co-Chairs of the Joffrey Experience are **Margaret R. Kanyusik** and **Barbara L. Stevens**. Gold Presenting sponsor is **Capital Group Companies**.

Tickets and Information – Reservations to the Elegant Gala Evening at the McNay are \$200 per person. To purchase a reservation, call ARTS SA at (210) 226-2891, visit ARTS SA's office at 418 10th Street, San Antonio or visit 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.

Three More Joffrey Experience Events

To fully experience The Joffrey Ballet's visit to San Antonio, three more events are around the corner:

- ARTS San Antonio presents **The Joffrey Ballet performs *The Rite of Spring*** on Friday, March 8, 2013, 7:30 p.m. at Lila Cockrell Theatre. *The Rite of Spring* was originally performed in Paris in 1913. The music and choreography was considered so controversial that the debut performance caused a riot. Tickets start at \$29 and are available at Ticketmaster.
- **Dance for Your Life Cast Party** with members of the Joffrey Ballet immediately following the performance at the Grotto and Lonesome Dove Room at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Guests may enjoy food stations and a cash bar. Free admission with \$110 Premium level ballet tickets, while supplies last. \$50 for all other ticket levels.
- **Master Classes with the Ballet Master of The Joffrey Ballet** presented in association with San Antonio Metropolitan Ballet and the Joffrey Workshop Texas on Saturday, March 9, 2013. Intermediate and Advanced classes are \$35. Non-participant observers may attend for \$10.

Benefit and about ARTS SA – All 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.