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**ARTS San Antonio presents
Joffrey Ballet Artistic Director Ashley C. Wheater visits local school
March 8, 2013, 10 a.m.**

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – ARTS San Antonio is teaming up with The **Capital Group** to present a local school visit by Joffrey Ballet Artistic Director, **Ashley C. Wheater**.

Wheater will visit with students at **Louis D. Brandeis High School** on Friday, March 8, 2013 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Wheater will meet with the Louis D. Brandeis High School dance students and share his life experiences. Louis D. Brandeis High School is the only Northside Independent School District High School with a ballet company. Formed in 2010, it is made up of 27 members ranging from 10th-12th grade with varying years of dance training.

Wheater was trained at the Royal Ballet School in England. He began his professional career with the Royal Ballet and danced at The London Festival Ballet, The Australian Ballet, The Joffrey Festival Ballet and the San Francisco Ballet. In 2007, Wheater was appointed Artistic Director of The Joffrey Ballet.

Jackie Aguirre is the Ballet Company Director at Louis D. Brandeis High School. She teaches classical ballet, modern and jazz technique. Aguirre earned a BFA in Dance Performance and directed the magnet dance program at Thomas Jefferson High School from 2000-2006.

Ballet students from Louis D. Brandeis High School will attend The Joffrey Ballet's performance of *The Rite of Spring* on March 8, 2013 and Master Classes with The Ballet Master of The Joffrey Ballet on Saturday March 9, 201. Both are at Lila Cockrell Theatre.

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The visit is part of ARTS SA's Joffrey Experience series of events. Joffrey Experience Honorary Chairs are **Phil and Linda Hardberger**. Co-Chairs of the Joffrey Experience are **Margaret R. Kanyusik** and **Barbara L. Stevens**. The visit is made possible by the generosity of Gold Presenting Sponsor Capital Group Companies.

For more information about Joffrey Experience events, visit artssa.org/joffrey or call ARTS SA at (210) 226-2891.

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.

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