



KIROV ACADEMY OF BALLET
of Washington, DC

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**MADAME ADRIENNE DELLAS NAMED NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
OF THE KIROV ACADEMY OF BALLET**

Master teacher/ choreographer assumes helm of famed ballet academy

Washington, DC – July 22, 2013 – The *Kirov Academy of Ballet of Washington DC* announces the appointment of **Madame Adrienne Dellas** as Artistic Director, effective **July 22, 2013**. Mme. Dellas is internationally known for her expertise in teaching, coaching and choreography. She replaces Martin Fredmann, who recently resigned.

Mme. Dellas brings to the Kirov more than 40 years of international experience in teaching and choreography for ballet companies, television and cultural events, directing and teaching ballet intensives, judging competitions, creating and conducting teacher seminars and coaching professional dancers.

Her first association with the Kirov began in the 1990s, where for nearly ten years she was the first, and only, American instructor among an all-Russian faculty that taught classical ballet. Many of the dancers she trained are now principals with major international ballet companies.

Other career highlights include teaching and choreographing at the *Vaganova Academy of Classical Ballet* (St. Petersburg, Russia), Academy Director of the *Debbie Allen Dance Academy* (Los Angeles), founding Artistic Director of the *Universal Ballet Company* (Seoul, Korea) and teaching at *Pennsylvania Regional Ballet* (Harrisburg, PA) and master classes throughout the US for ballet companies and schools. She was awarded the Gold Medal for Artistic Achievement in Teaching and Choreography by the President of Korea in 1988.

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