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The Seventy-Third Season of  
The William Nelson Cromwell and F. Lammot Belin  
**Concerts**

National Gallery of Art  
3,023rd Concert

**Kirov Academy of Ballet, Washington DC**  
**Adrienne Dellas Thornton, Artistic Director**  
**Stanislav Issaev, Ballet Master and Choreographer**  
**Regina Shestakova-Martin, Music Technician**

featuring  
**Irina Wunder, narrator**  
**Tatiana Milovanova, pianist**  
**Regino Madrid, pocket violinist**

November 23, 2014  
Sunday, 3:30 pm  
West Building, West Garden Court

*Admission free*

## Program

The Kirov Academy takes you on a journey back in time. The period is the 1800s when dancers in white romantic tutus begin their exercises before a rehearsal of ballets destined for the great stages of France. As light filters through the dance studio, a ballet master enters and sees the *Little Dancer* deep in thought about the approaching rehearsal. Here is a lovely opportunity for our audience to take a moment to breathe in the beauty of classical ballet and art. Enjoy this interlude that begins with the lilting pocket violin's notes spreading through the beautiful West Garden Court, where time stands still for the dance.

## The Performers

### **KIROV ACADEMY OF BALLET**

Founded in 1989, and opening its doors in 1990, the Kirov Academy of Ballet (KAB) trains serious students from around the world in preparation for professional careers in classical ballet. The school's internationally recognized faculty teaches aspiring young dancers using the methodology of the St. Petersburg-based Vaganova Ballet Academy, the most prestigious classical ballet school in the world, with a legacy that dates to the mid-eighteenth century. The Vaganova Ballet Academy has produced the world's most talented dancers, including Rudolf Nureyev, Natalia Makarova, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Diana Vishneva, Natalia Osipova, Daniil Simkin, Ulyana Lopatkina, Yevgenia Obraztova, Alina Somova, Svetlana Zakharova, and Alexei Timofeyev.

The Kirov Academy of Ballet exists to continue that legacy in the United States and make it relevant to today's dancers. Each year the KAB places more than 75 percent of its graduates with professional dance companies throughout the world, while other KAB graduates continue their education at universities with recognized dance programs.

Dancers performing in today's program:

Elaine Blank  
Julie Davies  
Oscar Frame  
Kathryn Garrett  
Tillie Glatz  
Lindsey Hsi  
Sydney Jackson  
Magali Johnston-Viens

Caroline Linehan  
Emerson Moose  
Mao Naka  
Ayaka Nakagome  
Jiwon Park  
Kaitlin Seidenberg