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**HOUSTON REPERTOIRE BALLET PROUDLY PRESENTS  
ITS SPRING 2022 CELEBRATION OF DANCE APRIL 23 & 24**

***TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR LES SYLPHIDES, FLOWER FESTIVAL, PRESSED, AND RIVIERA HOLIDAY***

**WHO:** Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB), Houston's premier pre-professional ballet company, is proud to present its spring 2022 performance *Celebration of Dance*, a collection of classical and modern works for all to enjoy!

**WHAT:** *Celebration of Dance 2022* features the well-known *Les Sylphides*, a non-narrative reverie ballet, set to the music of Frederic Chopin; *Flower Festival* by August Bournonville, a springtime classical ballet in the Danish style; *Pressed*, a modern piece choreographed by JoDee Engle, which poses the question "Which the unceasing pressures that continuously surround us, is it possible to stay true to our authentic selves?"; *Riviera Holiday*, an original ballet by Kristy Nilsson, about a Jazz Age vacation, filled with fun, sun and romance. Inspired by Bronislava Nijinska's *Le Train Bleu*.

**WHEN/WHERE:** Saturday, April 23 at 2 pm  
Sunday, April 24 at 2 pm

***Tomball High School Theatre***  
30330 Quinn Road  
Tomball, Texas 77375

**TICKETS:** Cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for youth & seniors. For ticket & performance information, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721) or visit [www.hrbdance.org](http://www.hrbdance.org). Special discount group pricing available.

**OUTREACH:** HRB dancers are committed to sharing the arts with the community. Community engagement events include costumed appearances at various nursing homes, group events, and at Arts & Education performances. HRB brings three matinee performances to Tomball ISD third grade students, fulfilling the arts component of their curriculum. To request an outreach event for your organization, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721).

**ABOUT HRB:** The Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB) is a non-profit 501(c)(3), founded by Victoria Vittum and Gilbert Rome, both nationally acclaimed teachers and choreographers who served as its co-artistic directors. Today, Ms. Vittum oversees training and programming with an equal eye

to serving the needs of the community. Since 1995, HRB has contributed to the cultural fabric of Harris and Montgomery Counties by providing excellent dance training to the area's young ballet stars and dance educators of tomorrow, while also presenting high-quality productions at affordable prices. *The Nutcracker* in December, and the *Celebration of Dance* in April introduce area children and their families to the world of classical and contemporary ballet. HRB closes its season in May with the *Choreography Project*, a free-admission program initiated to discover, mentor, and give artistic voice to our choreographers of tomorrow. Today, HRB is considered to be the premier pre-professional ballet company in the Houston region and is recognized for sharing its gifts with the community and beyond. Many of HRB's dancers advance to professional ballet companies throughout the country. HRB graduates have danced with New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Miami City Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Atlanta Ballet, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Houston Ballet, and other prestigious companies. In 2019, Houston Repertoire Ballet dancers auditioned and have been accepted to several prestigious and challenging pre-professional summer ballet training programs such as Alvin Ailey, The Rock School of Ballet, Bolshoi Ballet Academy, The Washington School of Ballet, Ballet West, The Royal Ballet, Houston Ballet Academy, Ballet Magnificat!, Ballet Austin, and the Paris Opera Ballet.

**MISSION:** HRB's mission is dedicated to providing the finest classical ballet instruction, education, and performance experience to local gifted students, and to preparing them for a professional career in the world of dance. HRB is committed to serving the suburban Houston region with high-quality theatre productions that educate, engage, and entertain residents of all ages and perpetuate their appreciation of dance as an art form.

**UPCOMING**

**EVENTS: Choreography Project**

Saturday, May 21  
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Tomball, Texas 77375  
*Free Admission*

\*\* Features original choreography by HRB students, and was initiated to discover, mentor, and give artistic voice to the choreographers of tomorrow.

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