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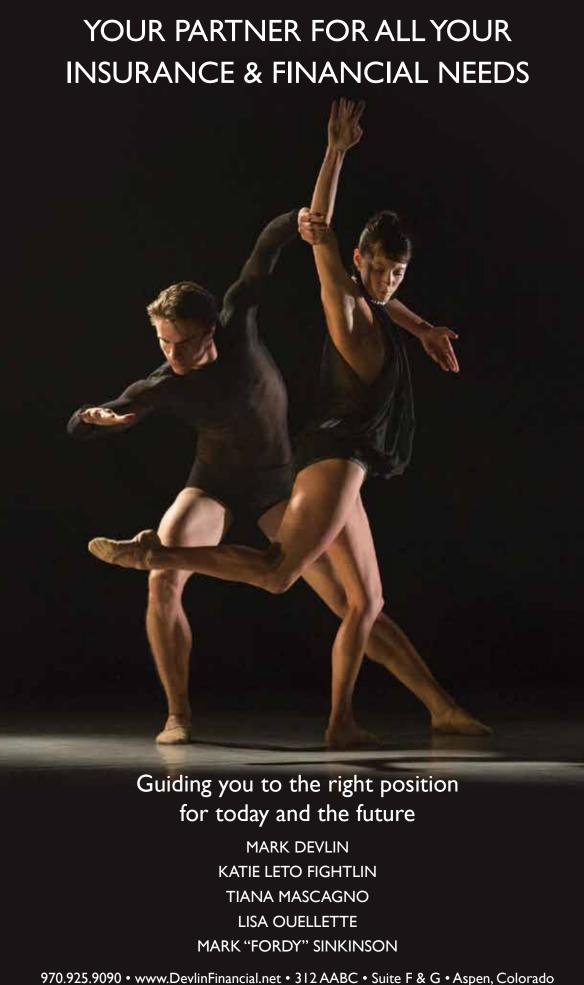






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Our 2017-18 dance card is packed with innovation and creativity, with the crowning achievement being a milestone collaboration with acclaimed pianist Joyce Yang. In partnership with the Aspen Music Festival and School, the Philharmonic Society of Orange County, and the City of Aspen, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet will present an entire evening of live piano and dance, as Ms. Yang brings to life the music of Robert Schumann, Leoš Janáček, and Philip Glass, performing alongside the ASFB dancers. Central to this partnership is the world premiere of a new ballet created by noted Finnish choreographer Jorma Elo. This exciting project has already sparked national attention from both dance and music aficionados.

This summer, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet proudly adds one of the world's most sought-after choreographers to its roster with the company premiere of Swedish choreographer Alexander Ekman's *Tuplet*. Mr. Ekman seeks to unravel the question "what is rhythm" through an exploration of American jazz, using an original score that incorporates the musical cadence of the spoken word. ASFB will also present the world premiere of a brand new ballet by Puerto Rican born choreographer Bryan Arias—his first commission from an American ballet company. *The Boston Globe* wrote that Arias' work is "graced by sincerity and poignancy that glows with humanity."

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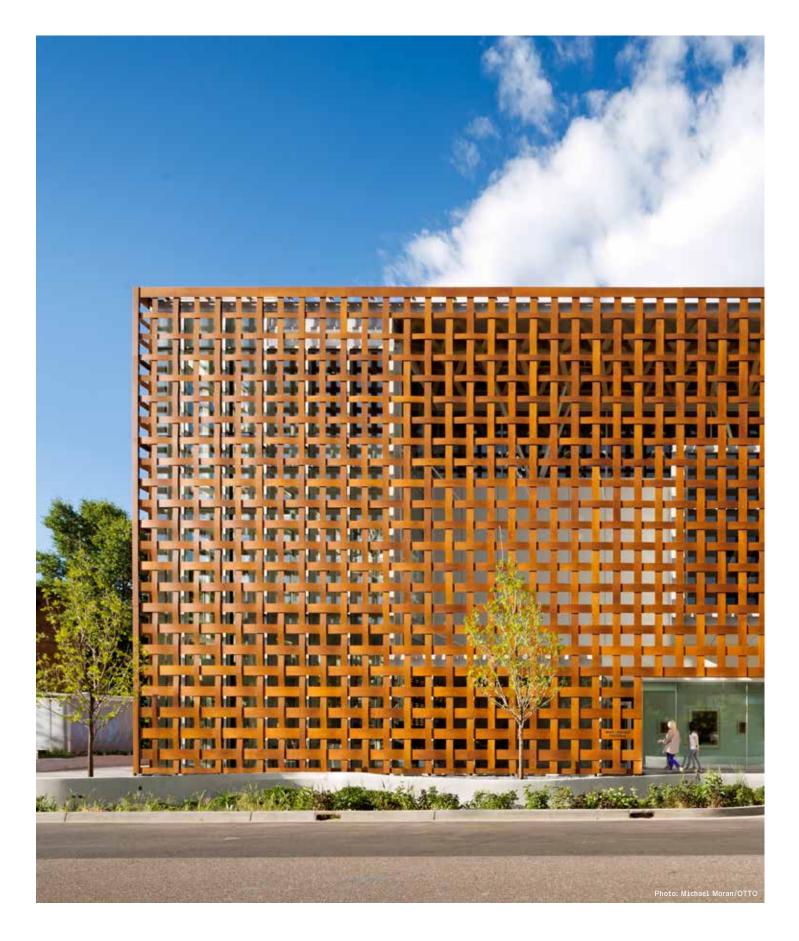
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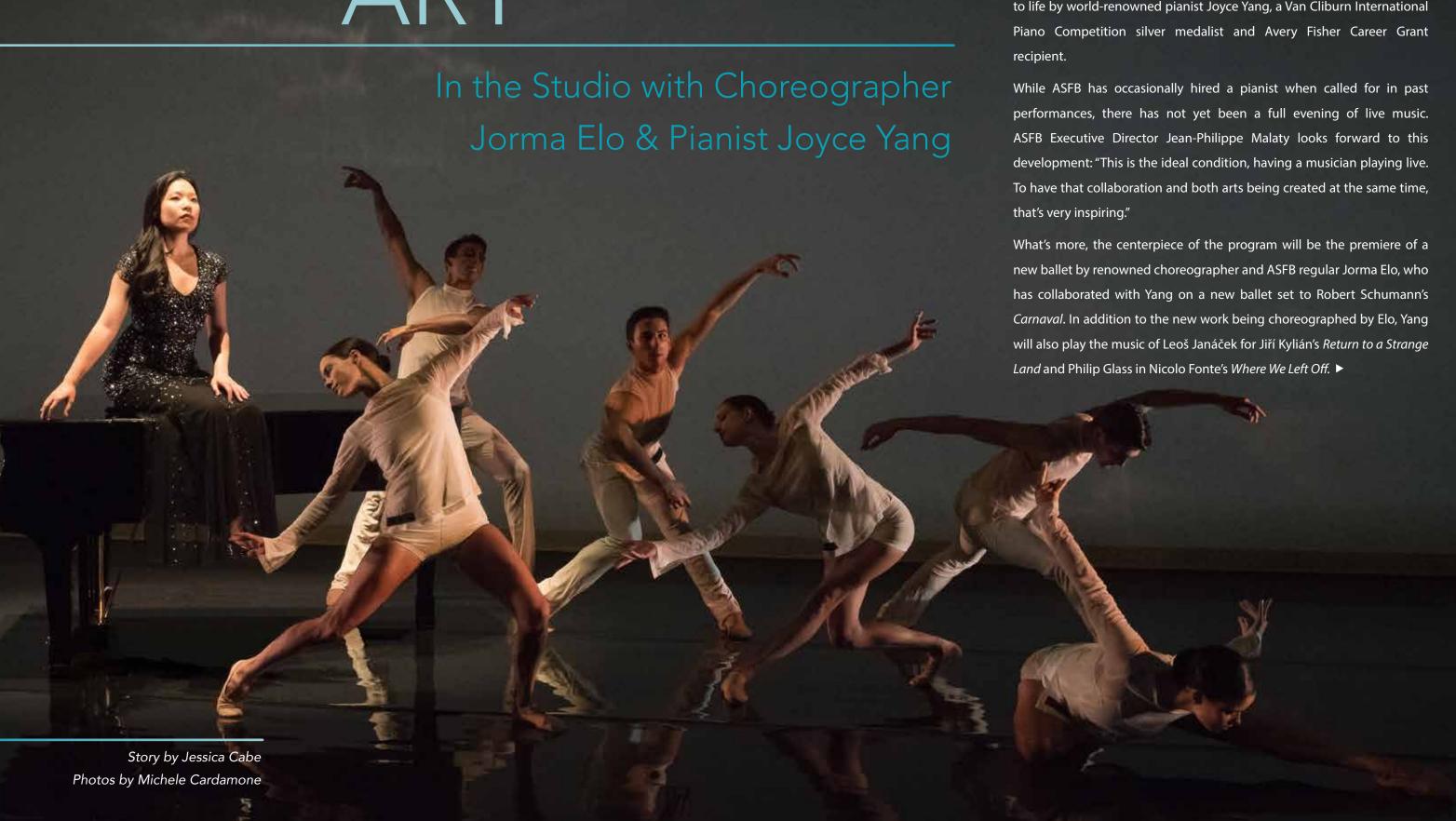


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The seeds of the Elo/Yang project were first planted four years properly has been invaluable." ago, when Yang saw ASFB perform at the Joyce Theater in New York City. The performance inspired her to think about what a collaboration with dance might look like for her. "I've always imagined things when I practice and perform," says Yang. "It's all about colors and shapes, and when I realized that I can actually have that, not just in my imagination but happening before my eyes, it was like being able to see for the first time."

Yang approached Asadour Santourian, the Aspen Music Festival and School's (AMFS) vice president for artistic administration, about her idea of a dance collaboration. A former student of the AMFS and now a fixture of the summer festival, Santourian says Yang often uses him as a springboard for her ideas: "Joyce has a very active and curious imagination about involving art forms and music. She came to me and said, 'I have this idea, but you're going to think I'm crazy."

Luckily, Santourian did not think she was crazy, instead encouraging Yang to pursue the idea. Yang reached out to John Mangum, president and artistic director of the Philharmonic Society of Orange County—the co-commissioning organization for the Yang/Elo project alongside the AMFS and the City of Aspen—where she is a frequent guest artist. Santourian also suggested that Mangum and Yang connect with ASFB, a company well-known for its risk-taking abilities. "It's been a really terrific partnership," Mangum says. "To have such generous, open, thoughtful partners who understand the dance world, the choreography, and the time that it takes to prepare the piece

After solidifying the partnership with ASFB, it was now the responsibility of ASFB Artistic Director Tom Mossbrucker to match Yang with the right choreographer. "We wanted somebody who knows the company because, with the added element of live music, it could get complicated," Mossbrucker says. "We also wanted to find a choreographer who really gets inspired by music, so Jorma Elo came to the top of our list."

Currently in residence at Boston Ballet, Elo is a much sought-after choreographer, creating works for major companies all over the world, from New York City Ballet to the Bolshoi Ballet. Elo has a long history with ASFB, which boasts four of his ballets in its

Elo (himself a pianist) and Yang met each other for the first time at Steinway Hall in New York City and the two immediately clicked. Yang was intent on selecting a Schumann piece for the new ballet, so she came to the meeting prepared to play a variety of the composer's works and the two eventually agreed on Carnaval.

"Carnaval was the most challenging because it is the most segmented and most temperamental," Yang says. "And somehow [Elo] said, 'Okay, let's go for the challenging one."

Elo credits Yang's energy and attitude with making him feel comfortable selecting a difficult piece of music: "There's madness in it and there's freedom for me as a choreographer to feel the music in the moment when I'm creating."



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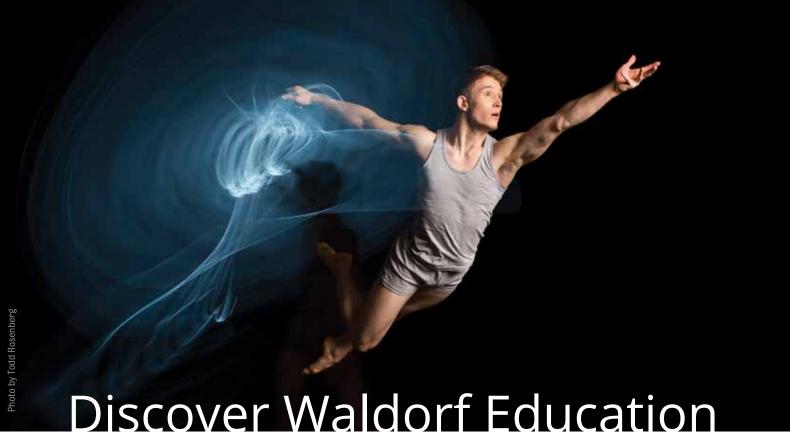
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often "get" Schumann because of how his music tends to pull in so many conflicting directions. Yang believed that having dancers and adjustments have shed new light on the music for Yang, who perform to such a complex score would help translate the piece more clearly and let audiences in on Schumann's genius.

"Musicians are obsessed with Schumann because of his quirky It's not only Yang having a breakthrough in the studio: the nature and how he manages to link his multi-personality syndrome into a series of character pieces that actually end up working out musically," Yang explains. "So I thought, if this can a live musician that aren't there with a CD and a speaker. It also be choreographed in a way that can reveal to people what we actually feel as musicians, I think audiences would really get a kick noticeably into your movement." out of it."

Elo has taken this temperamental music and run with it. Some varies slightly every time she plays. As a dancer, you really have of the choreography is inspired literally by a carnival, but for the most part Elo has latched onto the idea of multiple personalities and conflicting emotions. "Split personalities and things that the composer was dealing with must cause tension and unpleasant feelings," says Elo. "What comes out of the contradiction of these moods? It becomes interesting for me to create; it's layering in a rich way."

being created—and a world-class virtuoso at that—brings a whole new energy to the process. Elo is able to ask Yang to hold

It's commonly thought amongst musicians that audiences don't chords a bit longer, create "hiccups" in the music, and make other slight alterations to accommodate the dancers. These little tweaks says in many ways she feels she's only truly understanding the piece for the first time because of this experience.

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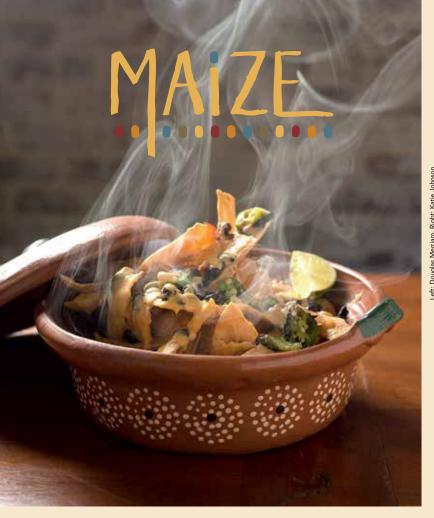
dancers are loving it too. "The energy of the room is completely different," says dancer Evan Supple. "There are vibrations with informs your musicality in a more visceral way, which translates

Dancer Seia Rassenti-Watson notes that "Joyce's interpretation to be hyper-aware of how she is playing in each moment because it's never going to be the exact same—just like dance. It's exciting and nerve-racking, but I think the results will be magical. It's living

Elo can see the difference translated in the dancers' bodies when rehearsing to live versus recorded music. "Dancers are like animals; they don't react, really, to words," says Elo. "They react much more Having the luxury of a pianist in the studio while the dance is strongly to the musical vibrations that the instrument gives out than to me explaining complex vocabulary verbally. They feel it."



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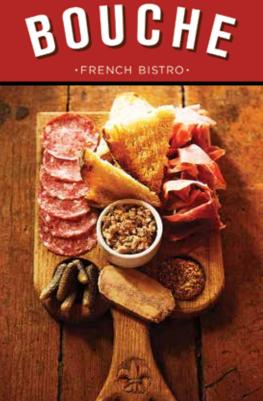
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Ballet's dynamic story in the American West

In 1996, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Founder Bebe Schweppe invited Tom Mossbrucker and Jean-Philippe Malaty to create a ballet company in Aspen. A unique, multidimensional arts organization developed rapidly from the ballet school Schweppe had established in the Rocky Mountains. "Bebe's vision for Aspen to have its own ballet company was the project of a lifetime," says Malaty, ASFB's Executive Director. "We embarked together on a serendipitous adventure. More than twenty years later, the connection between the dancers and our two communities is deep and inextricable."

Forging a new frontier

The company began modestly with seven dancers. Growth was organic. Friends in the field—Gerald Arpino, Trey McIntyre, Septime Webre, Dwight Rhoden—offered start-up repertoire. Moses Pendleton's popular *Noir Blanc* was a seminal event for the young ASFB. It launched a tradition of

commissioning new works. An open, exploratory style emerged as Mossbrucker and Malaty

tapped the creative scene in Europe where classical

ballet was breaking from its boundaries. The athletic and adventurous American dancers found themselves at a crossroads of dance history. The divide between ballet and modern dance was dissolving.

Innovative business model

In 2000, the Aspen, Colorado-based ballet company forged a dual-city relationship with Santa Fe, New Mexico, broadening its scope and lending crucial revenue diversification. Under this hybrid business model, a roster of arts activities flourishes year-round in both cities. Performance, education, presentation, and community outreach all join in the mix. In 2014, ASFB shared resources with a local troupe, Juan Siddi Flamenco Santa Fe (JSFSF). This entrepreneurial project led to artistic heights at Jacob's Pillow and New York's Joyce Theater. Fortified with new experience and relationships, JSFSF continues to thrive in its own right.

New commissions

ASFB's mission places highest priority on developing new dance works and nurturing relationships with emerging choreographers. The company fostered the early careers of now in-demand global dance makers like Nicolo Fonte (nine commissioned Fonte works in the ASFB repertoire), Jorma Elo (three commissioned Elo works), Edwaard Liang, Jacopo Godani, Helen Pickett, Cayetano Soto, Alejandro Cerrudo, and others. Works by late 20th century masters—William Forsythe, Jiří Kylián, Twyla Tharp—round out the repertoire.

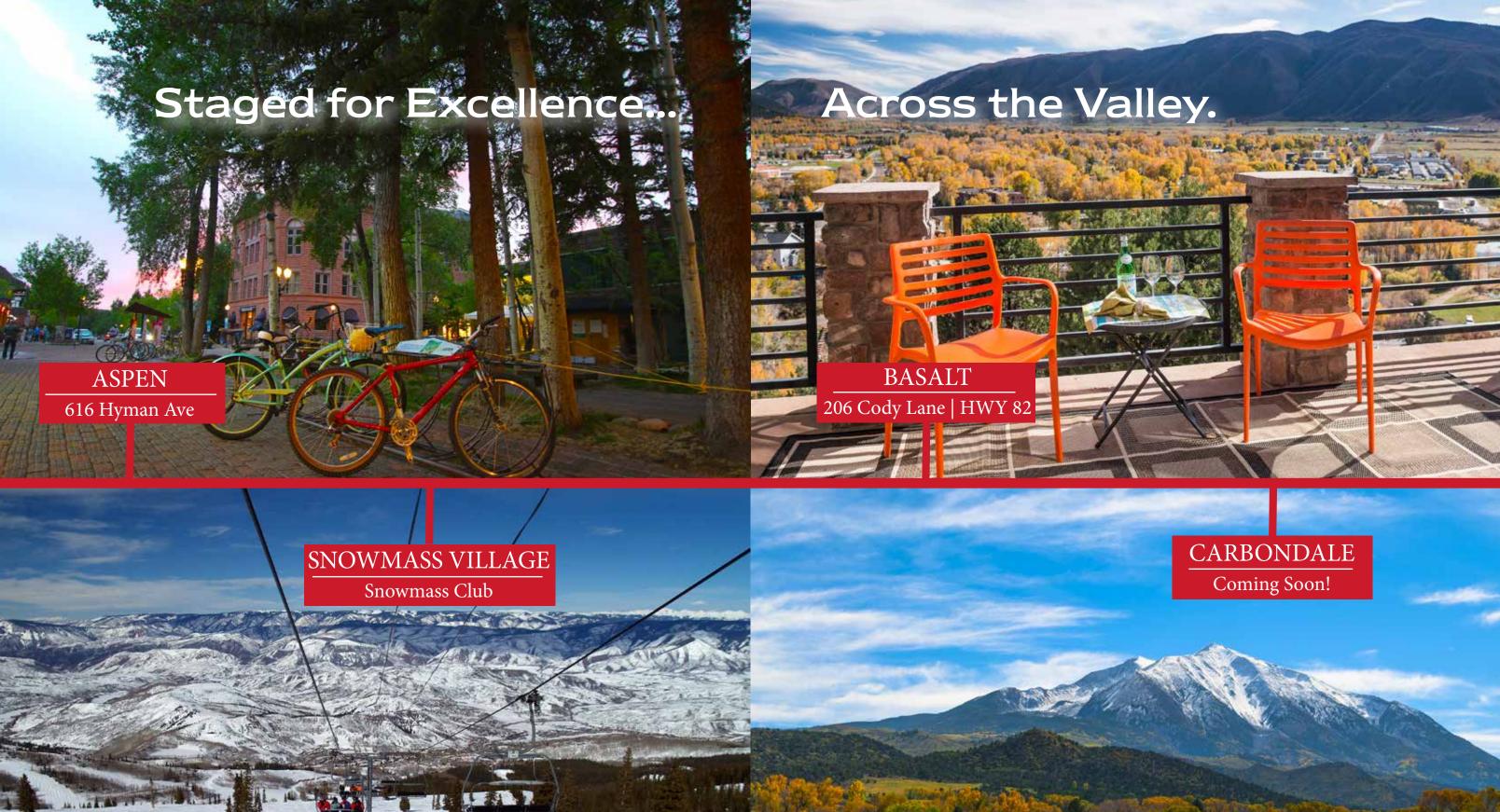
"We value building relationships with choreographers who become integral to the company. The natural beauty of our surroundings has a profound impact on creativity. Our choreographers find it inspiring to create here," says Mossbrucker, ASFB's Artistic Director.

Renowned in the U.S. & abroad

Based in the American West, ASFB occupies the vanguard of its field, brandishing a strong national reputation. Repeat engagements at the American Dance Festival, Harris Theater for Music and Dance, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Joyce Theater, The Kennedy Center, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, and Wolf Trap testify to the company's popularity and ability to please audiences. The company has toured overseas as well, with prestigious invitations and bookings in Brazil, Canada, France, Greece, Guatemala, Israel, Italy, and Russia. Premier funders—National Endowment for the Arts, New England Foundation for the Arts / National Dance Project, Joyce Foundation, Shubert Foundation, Wolf Trap Foundation, Jerome Robbins Foundation, and Princess Grace Foundation—have supported ASFB's growth.

Into a bright future

Since its founding in 1996, ASFB has carved a reputation as a dance-lover's dance company. It has genuinely reshaped the field, introducing new choreographic talent to national stages, fostering a new breed of exceptional dancer, and stimulating audiences with high-caliber performances. Fueled by an annual budget of over \$4 million and an endowment nearly twice that size, the company's strong artistic vision is supported by solid financial footing.



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JEAN-PHILIPPE MALATY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jean-Philippe was born in the Basque region of France; after receiving his baccalaureate in dance, he accepted scholarships to study at Mudra, Maurice Béjart's school in Brussels, and at John Cranko's ballet academy in Stuttgart. Invited by acclaimed instructor David Howard to study in New York, Jean-Philippe traveled to America under Howard's tutelage. Jean-Philippe's performance career began with Joffrey II. He also danced as a guest artist with Los Angeles Classical Ballet, Ballet Hispanico, and the Lyric Opera of Chicago. Jean-Philippe segued from the stage to an administrative role while still in his twenties. A key member of Aspen Santa Fe Ballet's start-up team, Jean-Philippe has been central to developing the company's unique dual-city-based hybrid business model. He directs operations in two locations, overseeing a \$4 million budget that he allocates to the company, two schools, an esteemed presenting series, and an award-winning folkloric outreach program. Jean-Philippe's first love is teaching and, when his schedule permits, he conducts master classes at schools and universities. He has served on panels for the Colorado Council for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. In 2013, Jean-Philippe shared an honor with Artistic Director Tom Mossbrucker when the Santa Fe Community Foundation bestowed its Piñon Award on the company. In 2012, the Denver-based Bonfils-Stanton Foundation granted Jean-Philippe a Livingston Fellowship in recognition of his significant leadership role in Colorado's non-profit sector. In 2010, in recognition of ASFB's contribution to the field of dance, Jean-Philippe and Tom were honored with the Joyce Theater Foundation Award. A naturalized U.S. citizen, Jean-Philippe is proud to have forged a company alive with American energy, invention, and eclecticism.

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– Jean-Philippe Malaty



TOM MOSSBRUCKER ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Tom has been artistic director of Aspen Santa Fe Ballet since 1996. For the past 20 years, he has built a prestigious arts organization sharing two homes in Aspen and Santa Fe. In his role as artistic director, Tom cultivates highly sophisticated and challenging works of contemporary ballet. His shining achievement is ASFB's roster of over 30 ballets created on commission by leading global choreographers. Tom began to dance at age four, studying tap in his hometown of Tacoma, Washington. He pursued classical ballet training at the School of American Ballet and Joffrey Ballet School. His 20 years as a principal dancer with the Joffrey Ballet, performing in over 70 ballets under the direct coaching of founders Robert Joffrey and Gerald Arpino, coincided with a period of high artistic achievement for the company. Tom danced in ballets by great twentieth century choreographers: Fredrick Ashton, George Balanchine, Laura Dean, William Forsythe, Jiří Kylián, Mark Morris, Paul Taylor, and Twyla Tharp. Signature roles included lago in Jose Limon's *The Moor's Pavane*; Champion Roper in Agnes DeMille's *Rodeo*; Billy in Eugene Loring's Billy the Kid; and Romeo in John Cranko's Romeo and Juliet. It is this rich dance background that Tom brings to coaching dancers today. In 2013, Tom shared an honor with Executive Director Jean-Philippe Malaty when the Santa Fe Community Foundation bestowed its Piñon Award on the company. In 2010, in recognition of ASFB's contribution to the field of dance, Tom and Jean-Philippe were honored with the Joyce Theater Foundation Award. A former board member of Dance USA, Tom currently serves on the board of The Gerald Arpino and Robert Joffrey Foundation.

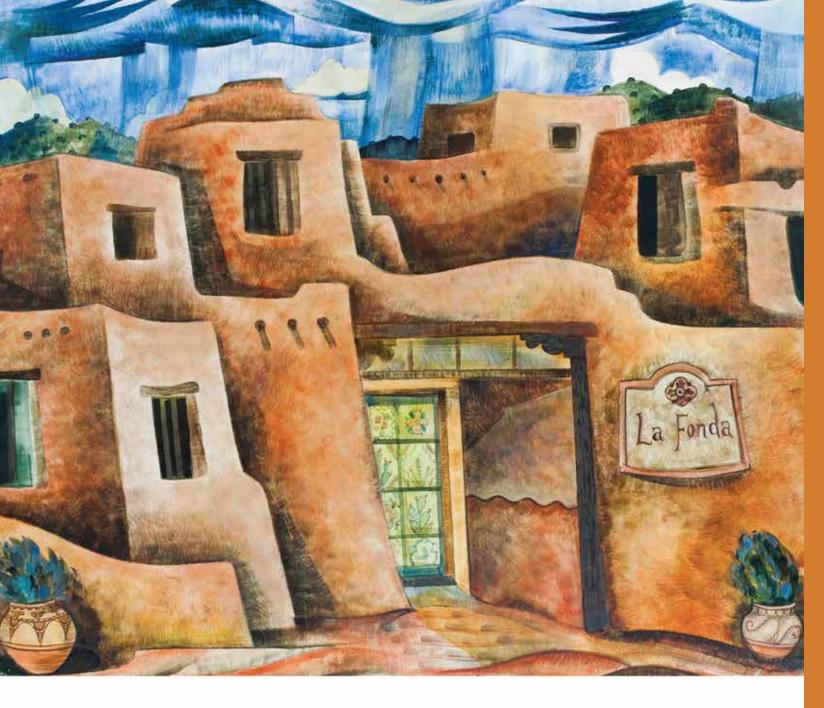
"We strive for continuity and enjoy bringing choreographers back to create second and third works...to us that is success."

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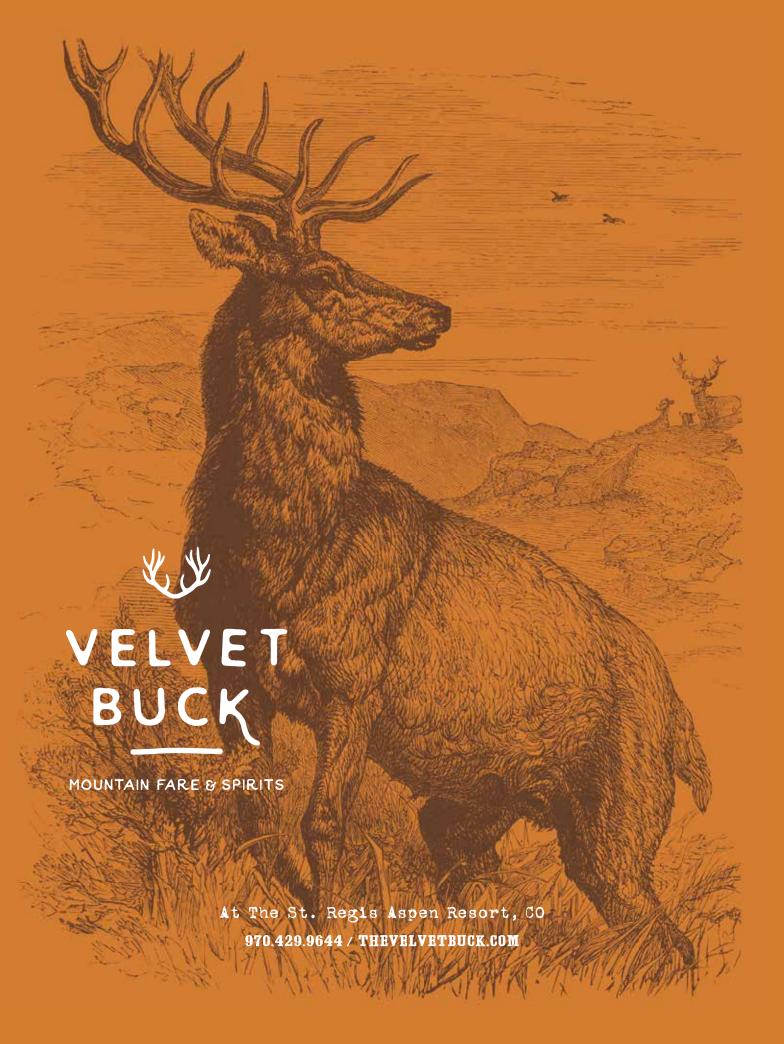
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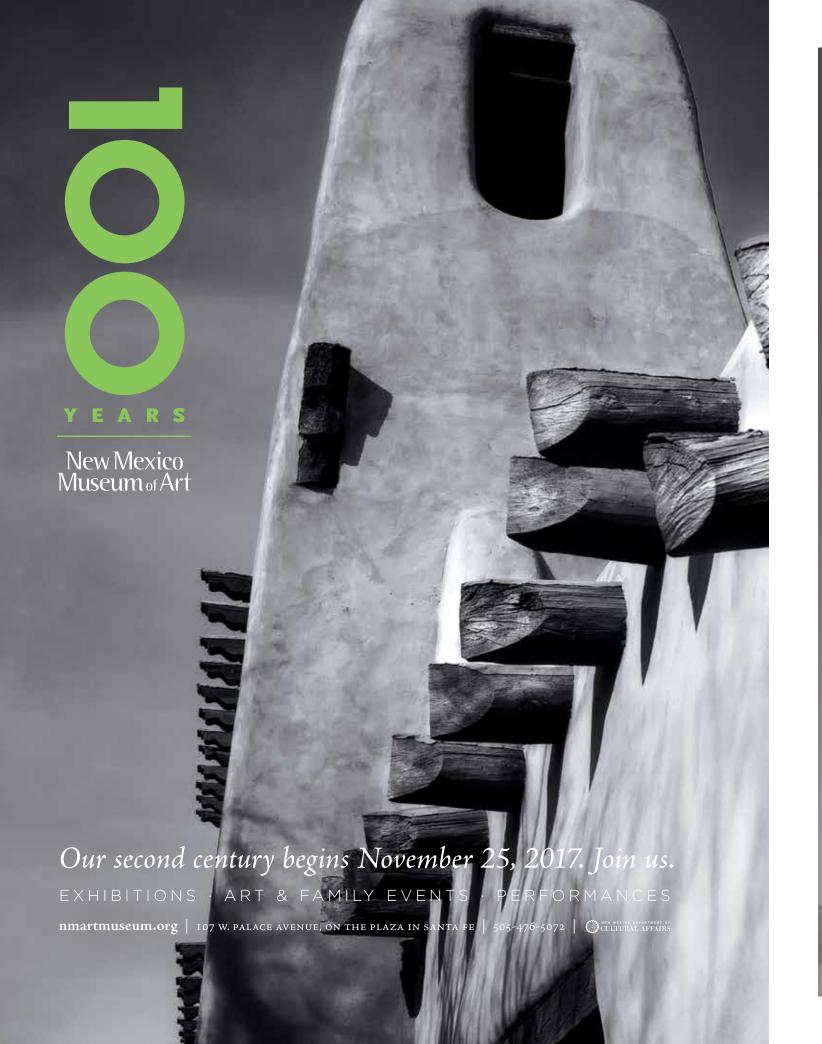
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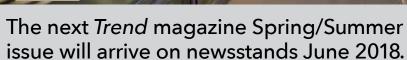






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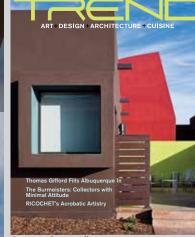




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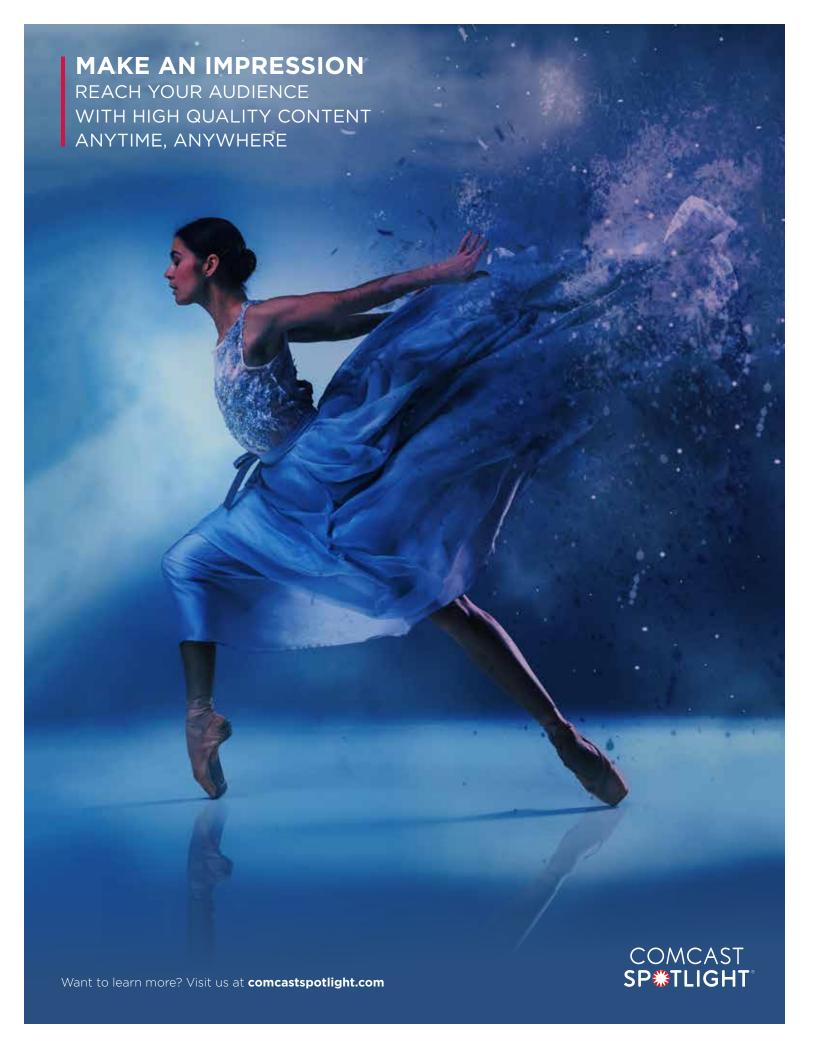
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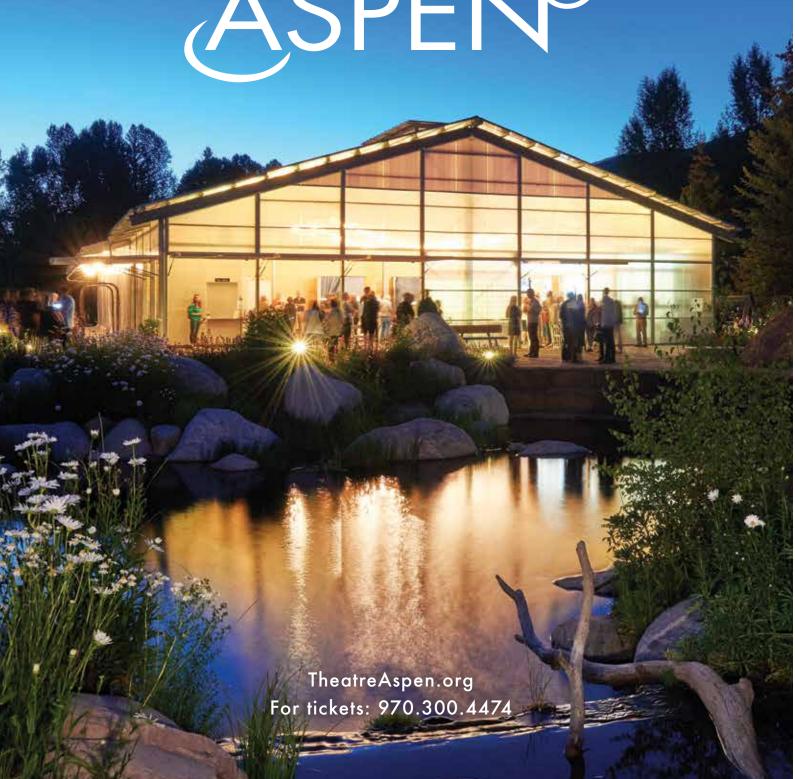
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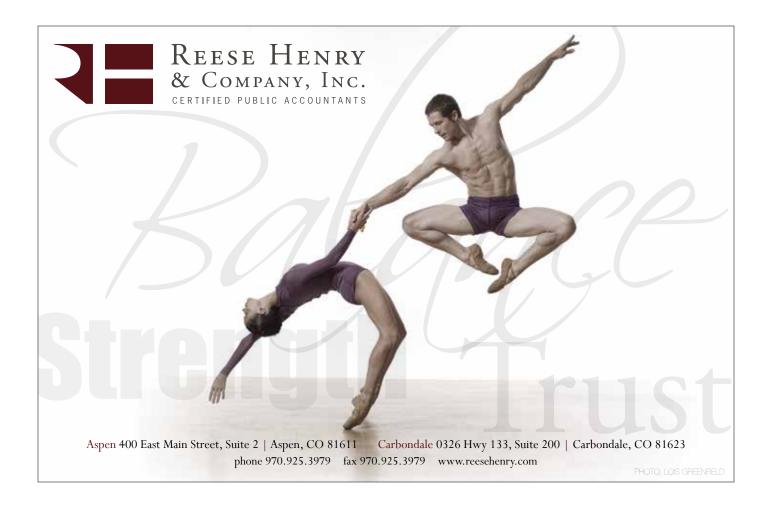


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Melanie directs The School of Aspen Santa Fe Ballet in Aspen and teaches the advanced division ballet

classes. She brings over 20 years of professional dance and teaching experience to the students of Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, Melanie danced professionally with ballet companies such as Aspen Santa Fe Ballet. the Oakland Ballet Company, Ballet Arizona, and Nevada Ballet Theatre. She continued her career transitioning into contemporary and modern dance with Odyssey in Utah, A. Ludwig Dance Theatre in Arizona, and the internationally acclaimed Mia Michael's R.A.W. Melanie began teaching in 1995 for the City Ballet of San Diego under the direction of Steven and Elizabeth Wistrich. She continued her professional dance career while teaching at the nationally recognized Center Stage Performing Arts Studios in Utah, where she created and directed a pre-professional ballet program. Melanie is thrilled to call Aspen her home and cherishes every moment she spends teaching.



GISELA GENSCHOW

Gisela is the director and principal teacher of The School of Aspen Santa Fe Ballet in Santa Fe. A

native of Hamburg, Germany, she trained with the Hamburg State Opera under Peter van Dyk and Victor Gsovsky. She danced professionally with the Hamburg State Opera, Ballet de Wallonie, Opera de Lyon, Ballet Theatre Contemporain, Ballet du Rhin, and Tanzforum Koln. Throughout her career she toured Europe performing both classical ballets and contemporary works. She had the opportunity to work directly with George Balanchine as well as other renowned choreographers such as Pierre Lacotte and Lois Falco. After moving to the United States, Gisela was a faculty member of Fort Worth Ballet, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre under company director Patricia Wilde, and the New World School of the Arts in Miami. In 1992, she moved to Santa Fe and took over the directorship of Santa Fe Dance Foundation, now The School of Aspen Santa Fe Ballet.



FRANCISCO NEVÁREZ-BURGUEÑO FOLKLÓRICO DIRECTOR

Francisco (Paco) Nevárez-Burgueño became part of Compania de Danza

Folklórica in Chihuahua, Mexico at the age of 14, dancing from 1978 to 1990 under the direction of Leonor Avalos Zaragoza. During this time, he learned a large repertoire of traditional and popular Mexican dances, costume design, choreography, lighting and set design. After immigrating to the US in 1990, Nevarez-Burgueño founded his own Folklórico dance company for adults and children in the New York City metro area, Mexico: Images and Traditions Folkloric Group. He was also the Princeton University Ballet Folklórico Artistic Director from 2000 to 2002. ASFB recruited Nevárez-Burgueño in 2002 to direct the Folklórico after-school program; the program has won numerous awards and accolades under his leadership. In 2016 Colorado Creative Industries recognized Nevárez-Burgueño with its Governor's Creative Leadership Award.



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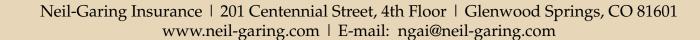
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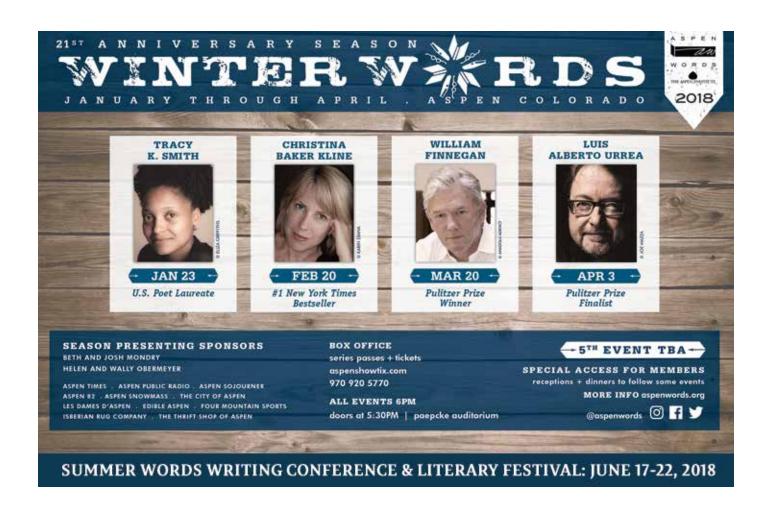
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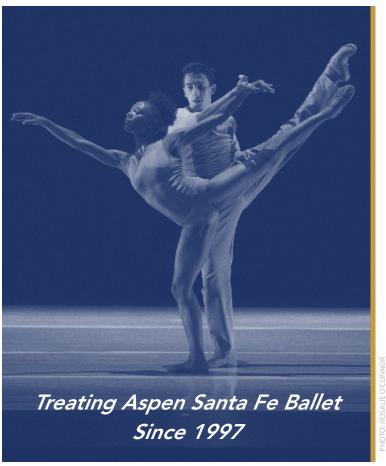
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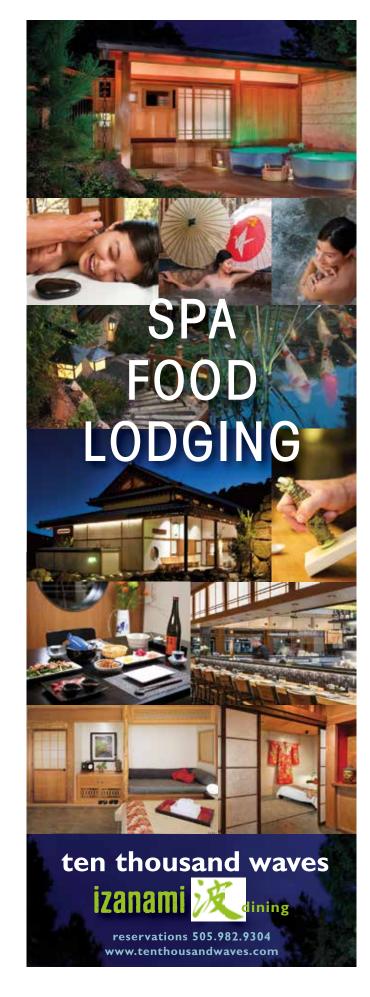
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Katherine Bolaños, a native of Oklahoma City, is in her fourteenth season with ASFB. Katherine began her professional career with Ballet Oklahoma where she remained for seven years performing mostly classical roles. As a guest artist with the Los Angeles Ballet Ensemble, she toured extensively in Taiwan and China. "I love the partnering in contemporary work and moving in a way that's very slow, expressive, and creature-like. I enjoy rehearsing in the studio as much as performing on stage. The studio gives the freedom to grow artistically. On stage I feel like I'm in a different world."



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Sadie Brown, now in her fifth season with Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, began to dance in her hometown of Evansville, Indiana. She also studied at the Boston Ballet School, The Harid Conservatory, and the Walton School for Girls in Grantham, England. Sadie performed for three seasons with the Grand Rapids Ballet and as a guest artist with Evansville Dance Theater, Evansville Ballet, and Michigan Classic Ballet. Her guesting with Ballet Bratislava took her to Slovakia and Austria. "Dance allows me to explore emotions on such deep levels. When it's time to perform, all those emotions come out. There is no better feeling than to have such free expression."



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Jenelle Figgins, a Washington D.C. native, began training at the historic Jones-Haywood School of Ballet and Duke Ellington School of the Arts. She then won a full scholarship to Dance Theatre of Harlem's Kennedy Center residency. After earning a B.F.A. with honors from SUNY Purchase, she attended Springboard Danse Montreal. Jenelle is a 2014 recipient of the Princess Grace Award. Previously with Dance Theatre of Harlem, Jenelle is now in her third season with Aspen Santa Fe Ballet. "I want to continue to learn by pairing movement with aspects of humanity. There is so much selfdiscovery in collaboration - and being part of a creation process makes me happy."

Anna Gerberich began her training at Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet with Marcia Dale Weary. In 2004, she was invited by Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux and Patricia McBride to apprentice with the Charlotte Ballet. In 2005 she was hired into the company and was promoted to Principal within four years. After 11 years with Charlotte Ballet, Anna accepted a position with the Joffrey Ballet. Anna received the Pointe Magazine NERDA Award of Promise in 2001, In 2014 Anna had the pleasure to appear in the Kennedy Center Honors, performing Balanchine's Who Cares in acknowledgment of Patricia McBride. This is Anna's second season with Aspen Santa Fe Ballet.

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Seia Rassenti Watson danced with Flamenco Y Mas as a youngster in Arizona, then trained in classical ballet with Linda Walker at the Tucson Regional Ballet. After graduating from the Kirov Academy of Ballet in Washington, DC, she danced with North Carolina Dance Theater where she worked with Dwight Rhoden. Seia is in her ninth season with ASFB. "I feel most comfortable in the contemporary mode. I trained classically because I knew it would help me become a better dancer. But I really love the freedom and personal expression of the work we do here. I found my niche."



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Austin Reynolds, from Detroit, Michigan, enters his first full season with Aspen Santa Fe Ballet after studying at Interlochen Arts Academy, Springboard Danse Montreal, and The Juilliard School. He has had the pleasure of performing the repertoire of Jiří Kylián, Alexander Ekman, and Ohad Naharin, as well as in new creations by Jennifer McQuiston Lott, Stephan Laks, Matthew Neenan, and Zvi Gotheiner. "I am grateful to join a company that commissions new work and. with that, I am excited to make new discoveries alongside this inspiring group of individuals."



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Evan Supple, a native of Toronto, Ontario, trained at Elite Danceworx before moving on to earn a B.F.A. from Marymount Manhattan College, Class of 2016. While at Marymount, he danced in works by Dwight Rhoden, Paul Taylor, Aszure Barton, Desmond Richardson, and Alexandra Damiani. He also toured internationally as a member of the Nikolais-Louis Dance Theatre in 2013. Additionally, Evan was a featured soloist in the closing ceremony of the 2015 Pan-Am Games. He spent summers with Complexions, Canada's National Ballet School, and Springboard Danse Montreal. This is Evan's second season with Aspen Santa Fe Ballet.



ANTHONY TIEDEMAN sponsored by Maja and Nic DuBrul

Anthony Tiedeman, a graduate of The Juilliard School, brings to Aspen Santa Fe Ballet his exposure to works by master choreographers Merce Cunningham, Paul Taylor, and José Limón. Training in Lar Lubovitch's choreography led Anthony to join Lar Lubovitch Dance Company for its Fall 2014 Joyce Theater season. A New Jersey native, Anthony has traveled abroad for summer intensives at Springboard Danse Montreal and Nederlands Dans Theater. This is Anthony's third season with ASFB. "When I first saw Aspen Santa Fe Ballet at the Joyce, I was blown away by the intense physicality and strong, yet beautiful, technique. It's a balance I try to bring to my own dancing."

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Pete Leo Walker, is in his third season with Aspen Santa Fe Ballet following five seasons with Charlotte Ballet, where he performed a diverse repertoire of neoclassical and contemporary works. A native of Jacksonville, FL, Pete began training at Dansations Performing Arts Center and continued at the Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts. Pete is a 2011 recipient of the Princess Grace Award. In 2013 he was featured as one of Dance Magazine's "Top 25 to Watch." "My mom was a part of the Rock Steady Crew in Brooklyn. She taught me to pop and lock, so contemporary classical ballet is the closest to my heart—with a technical element."



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Joseph Watson, now in his ninth season with Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, began formal dance training at TWIGS (To Work In Gaining Skills), a respected after-school program in his home town of Baltimore. After graduating from the Baltimore School for the Arts, Joseph attended The Juilliard School, earning his BFA in dance. He was a member of North Carolina Dance Theatre prior to joining ASFB. "I try not to overthink a performance. I just tell myself that I'm about to go on stage to do what I love. I love the zen feeling I get when I'm out there."

Jenny Winton, a newcomer to Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, began ballet at the San Francisco Ballet School and trained there on full scholarship, performing featured children's roles throughout the years. In 2008 she was invited to join the second company of the Pennsylvania Ballet and, in 2009, she joined The Joffrey Ballet in Chicago, where she danced for five years. After competing as a Senior Soloist in the 2014 International Ballet Competition at Jackson, MS, Jenny then shifted gears to tour the country for two years performing the iconic role of Penny in the musical, Dirty Dancing. Jenny's work ranges from dance to theatre to television, including a co-starring role in the first season of CBS''BULL.'"Aspen Santa Fe Ballet's repertoire has so much integrity and range that I knew it would allow me to use all of my tools, from theater to ballet."

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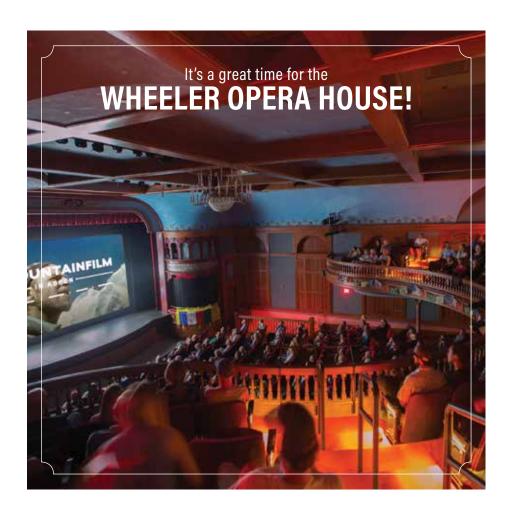
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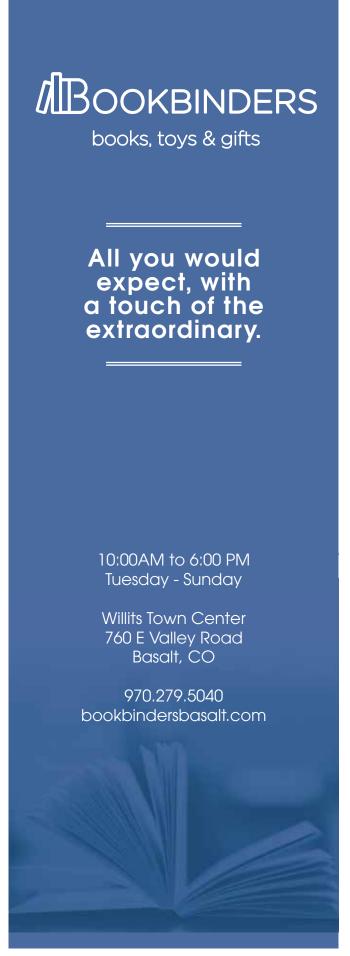


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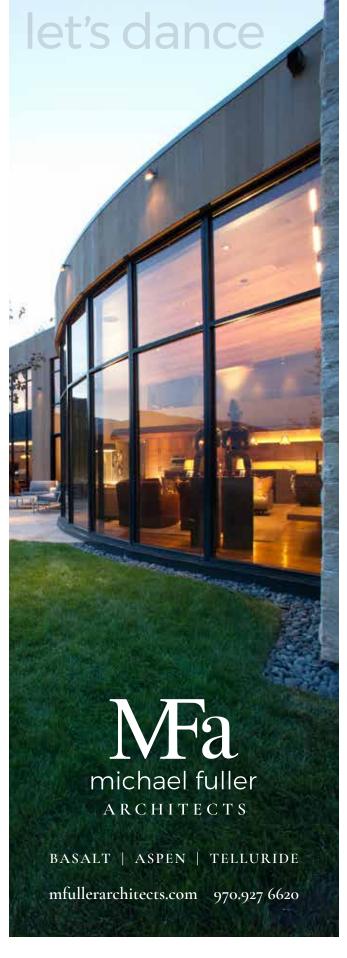
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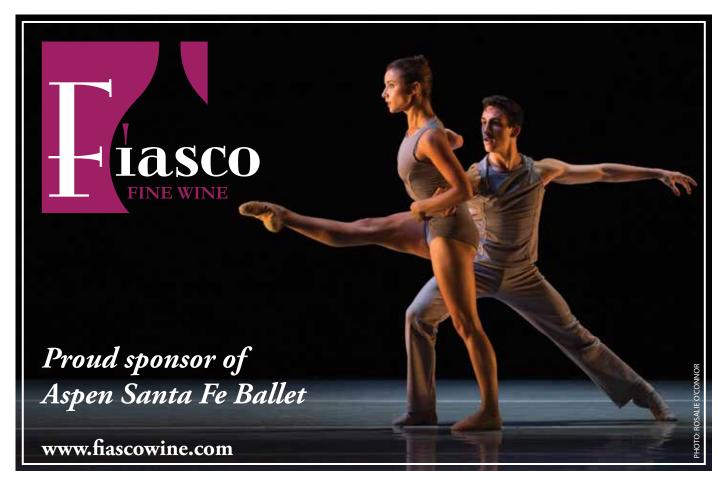




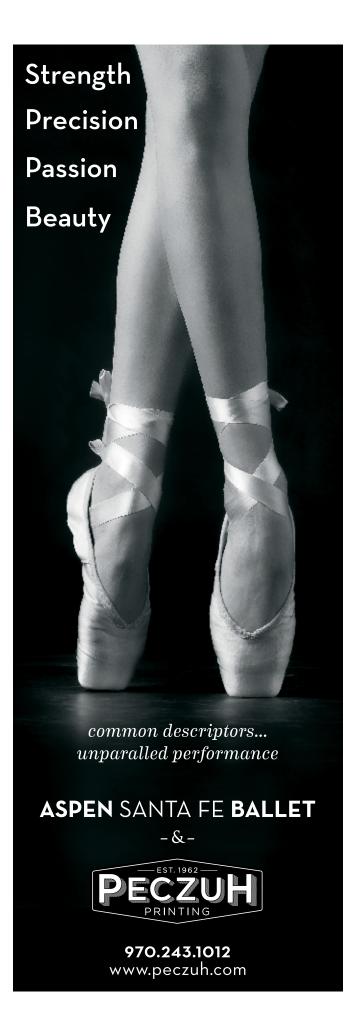


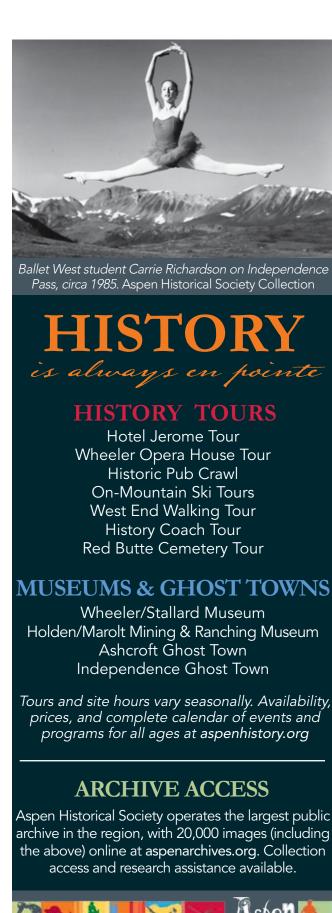












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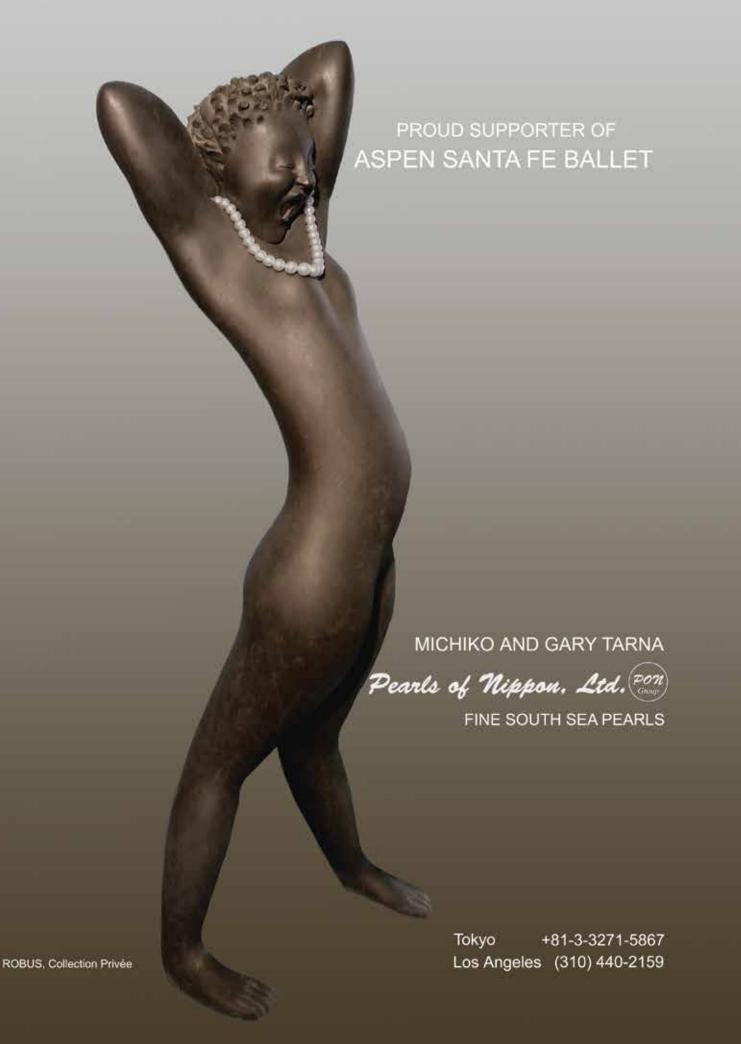
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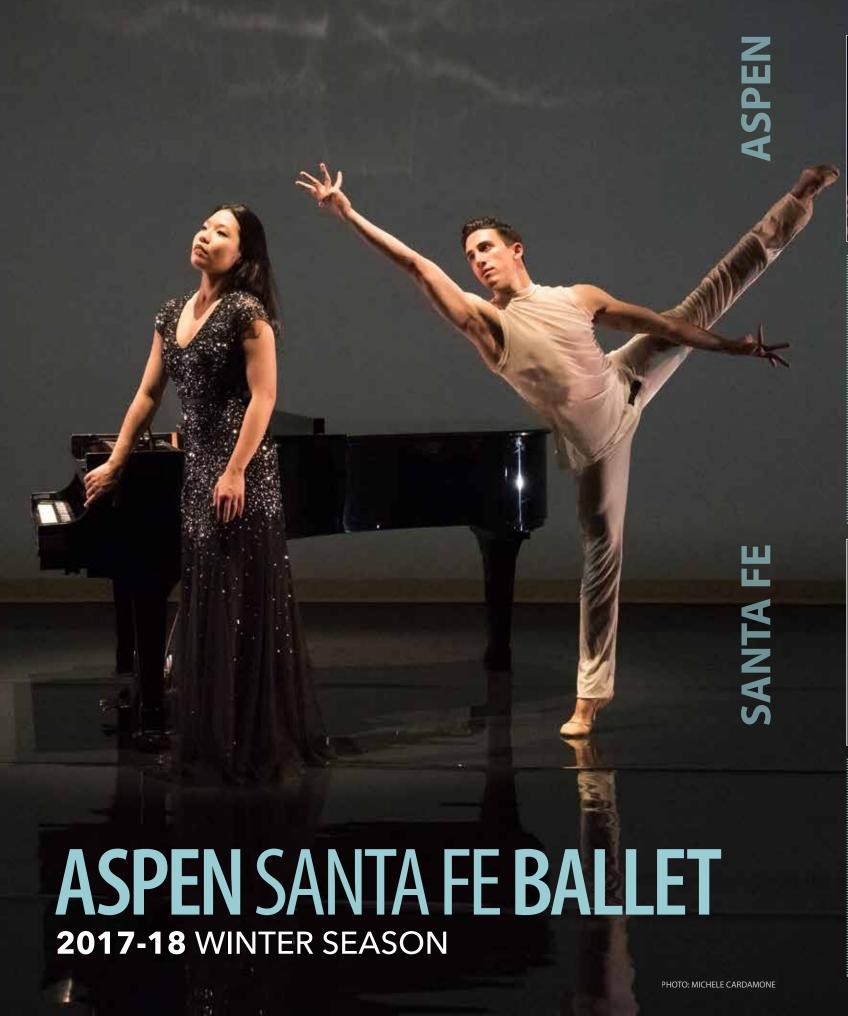
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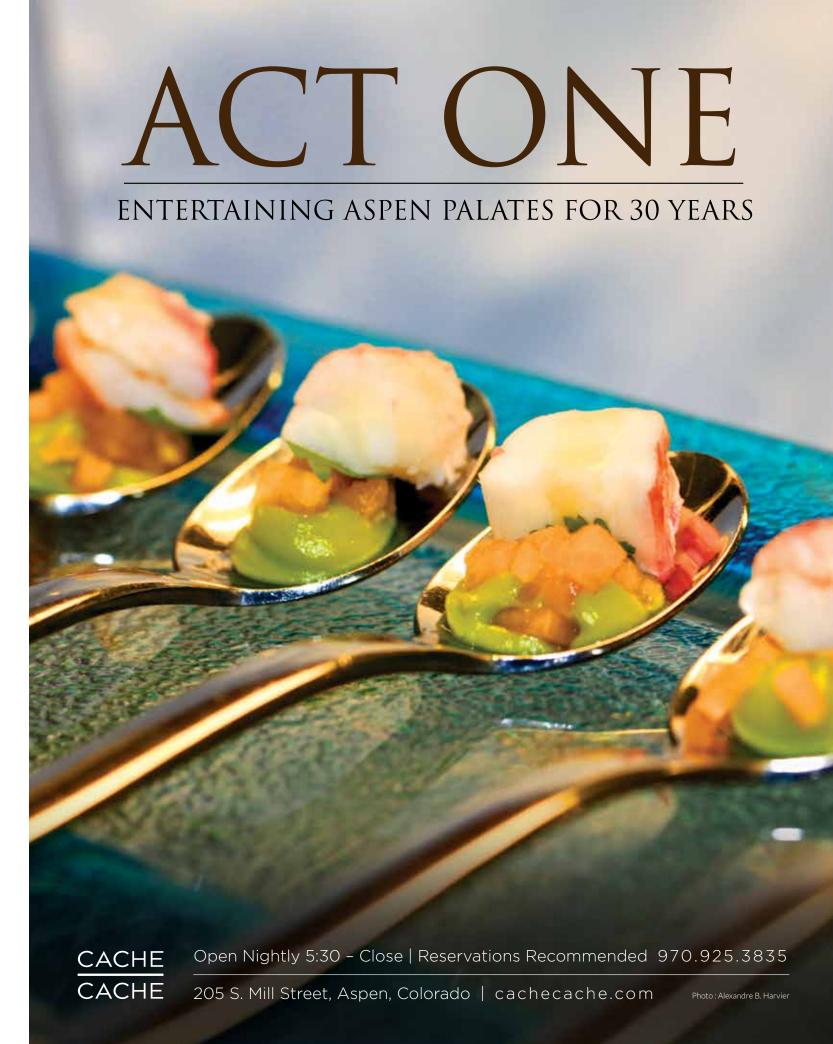
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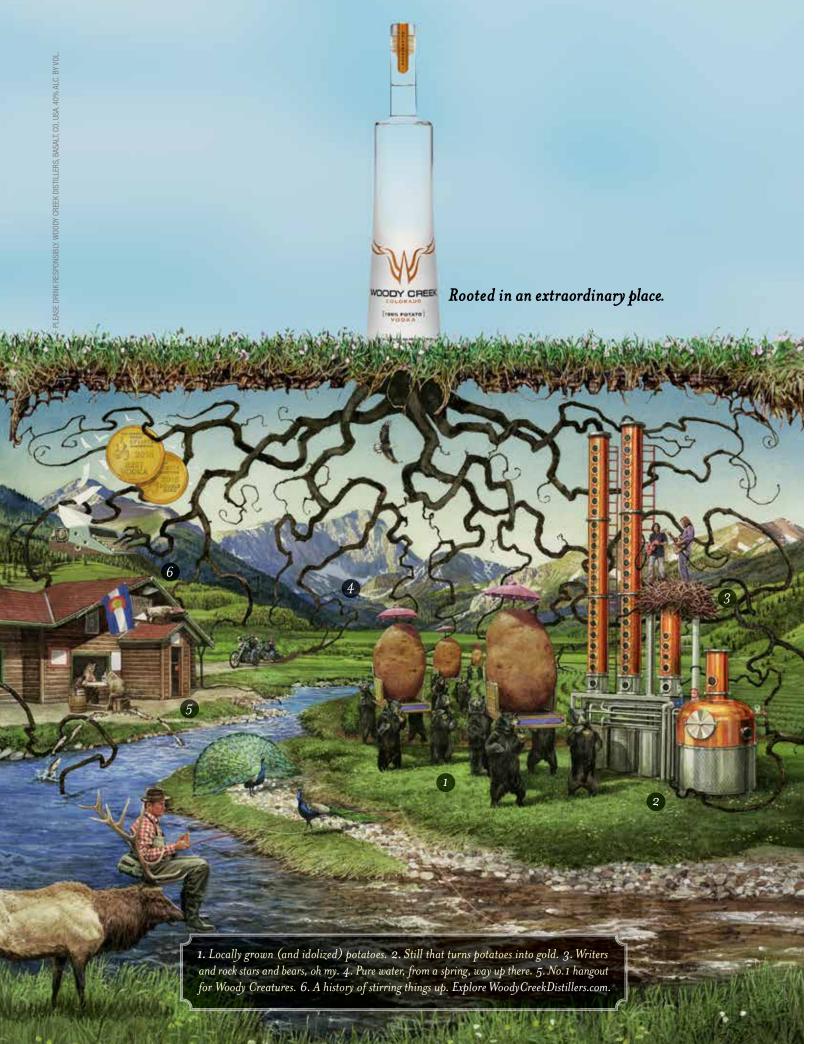
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