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Saint Paul City Ballet presents "Dancers and Canvas"

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA – August 25, 2007 – Saint Paul City Ballet and Icon Art Studios, Inc. will host an exhibit featuring the works of Russian artist, Vasily Bratanyuk, on September 5, 2007 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Saint Paul City Ballet studios (1680 Grand Avenue in St. Paul). Vasily Bratanyuk, leading artist for the Mariinsky Ballet Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia, will showcase a collection of his paintings featuring ballet dancers.

The exhibit will also include the works of Yuri Kozlyuk, Natalya Maltseva, and Nikolai Repin. These artists reside in St. Petersburg and are all leading contemporaries in their style and subject of art – ballet. Minnesotan artist, Debra Korluka, first American to exhibit in the former Soviet Union, will also be displaying a number of pieces. Ms. Korluka is the artist responsible for coordinating this exhibit for Saint Paul City Ballet.

A percentage of the sales generated from this exhibit will benefit the students of Saint Paul City Ballet, assisting in financing their tour of St. Petersburg, Russia, planned for June 2008. This tour will give students a unique opportunity to attend master classes with Gabriella Komleva, ballet mistress and leading coach of the Mariinsky Ballet Theatre and professor at St. Petersburg Conservatory.

Saint Paul City Ballet has been training students at their historic Grand Avenue location for over 55 years. Classes are offered in classical ballet, jazz, sacred arts for young children, adults, and pre-professional through professional dancers. SPCB is known for creating original ballets and collaborative performances, recently showcasing two full-length ballets and a commissioned jazz work.

Over 7,600 people are served by SPCB through programming annually. Saint Paul City Ballet strives to make dance accessible to all and is committed to fostering an appreciation for the performing arts through education and outreach, offering dance and performances for families and audiences who are economically disadvantaged.

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