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American Ballet Theatre and American Guild of Musical Artists
Reach Tentative Agreement

New York, NY (January 30, 2018) – American Ballet Theatre (ABT), the internationally acclaimed ballet company based in New York City, concluded an overall tentative agreement with the American Guild of Musicians (AGMA), the national union representing about 90 dancers and stage managers at the Company.

The new three-year agreement, subject to approval by the AGMA Board of Governors, includes annual wage increases and an increase in retirement contributions for the artists, among other modifications. The chief negotiator for AGMA was its New York Area Dance Executive, Griff Braun.

“We are very pleased to successfully conclude these negotiations and I know that these dedicated Artists are now looking forward to embarking on a successful U.S. tour. I want to thank management for beginning to address their concerns and I also wish to express our appreciation to the AGMA negotiating committee for its diligence and advocacy during bargaining” stated Leonard Egert, National Executive Director of AGMA.

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The American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA) is a labor organization that represents the Artists who create and engage in America’s operatic, choral and dance performances across the world. AGMA represents most major ballet and modern dance companies in the United States from New York City Ballet to San Francisco Ballet. The Union provides forceful advocacy and defense of its members’ employment and artistic rights and is affiliated with the AFL-CIO; Branch of Associated Actors and Artists of America. For more information please go to www.musicalartists.org.