



FRANCO NIETO will receive his Princess Grace Award at a Gala event (with the late Princess's children in attendance) in New York City on October 22. Sarah Slipper, Artistic Director at Northwest Dance Theatre, will be with him. Slipper notes that, "any one of my dancers is worthy of this award. But I nominated Franco because this truly felt like his year to me."

This award, the second for NWDP (ensemble member Andrea Parsons won in 2010), is a coup for a small company. The award has often been distributed among large, established companies on the East Coast. The recognition is terrific but the cash award, one-half a year's salary for the dancer, is a boon to the organization as well. Photo by Chris Peddecord