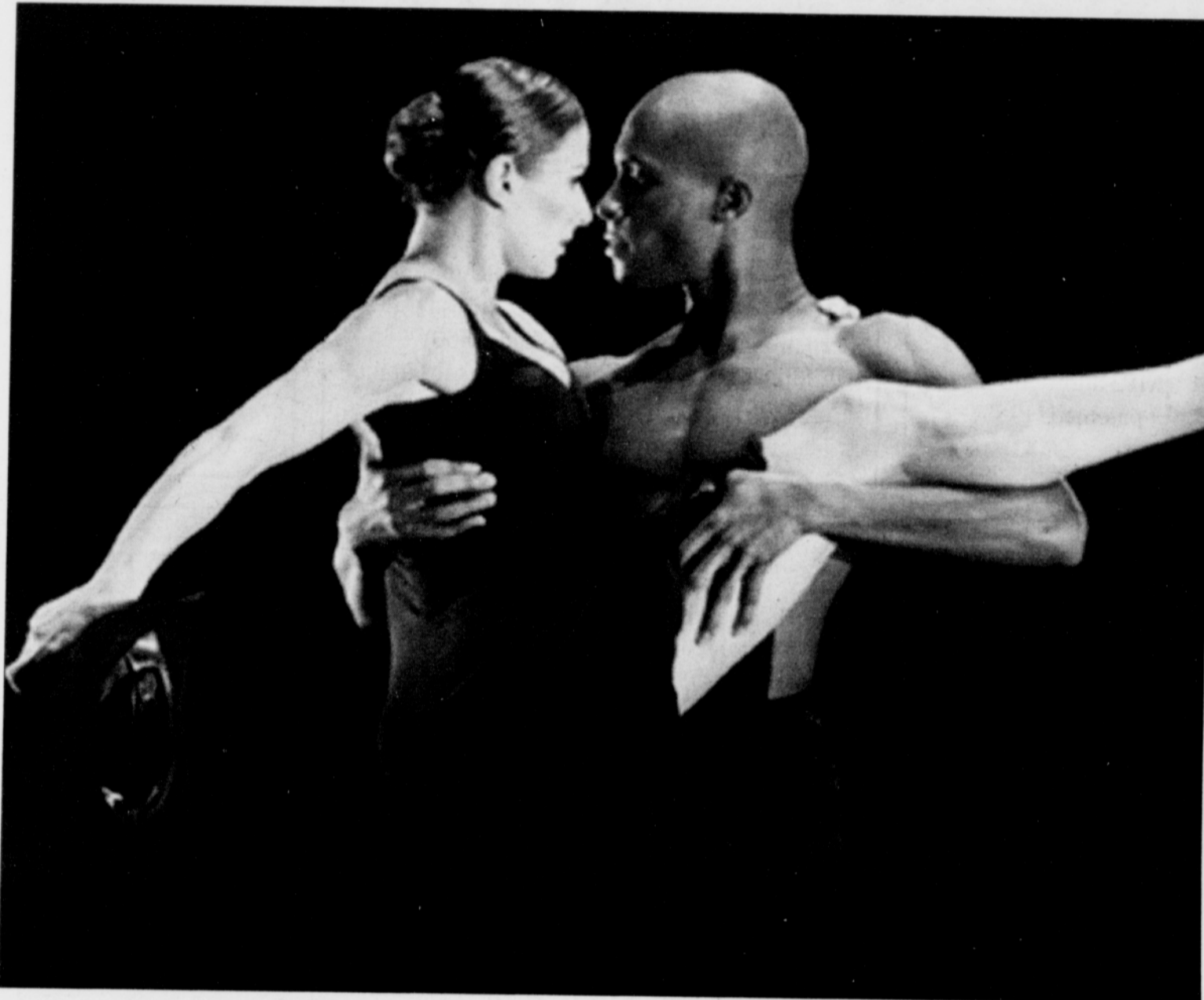


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Celebrating Latino Cultures

Portland native comes home for Ballet Hispanico

Portland's White Bird dance series concludes its 16th season with Ballet Hispanico, Wednesday, April 30, at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

Particularly noteworthy is that of the 14 gifted company dancers, Portland native Jessica Alejandra Wyatt will perform with the company for the first time in her hometown.

Alejandra began her training at The School of Oregon Ballet Theatre. She studied with her mother Elena Carter, former Dance Theatre of Harlem principal and a beloved dance instructor

in Portland who passed away in 2006. Celebrating 43 years of dance and culture, Ballet Hispanico is recognized as the nation's premiere Latino dance organization. Based in New York City, the group explores, preserves, and celebrates Latino cultures through contemporary dance.

Last appearing with White Bird in 2003, Ballet Hispanico has become bold, innovative, and impassioned under the inspiring new artistic leadership of Eduardo Vilaro. He has injected thrilling energy into Ballet Hispanico by commissioning work from some of the most talked-about choreographers in Spain, Latin America, and the U.S.

Tickets start at \$26 and are available at whitebird.org and the Portland's Box Office, 1111 S.W. Broadway, or by calling 1-800-380-3516.

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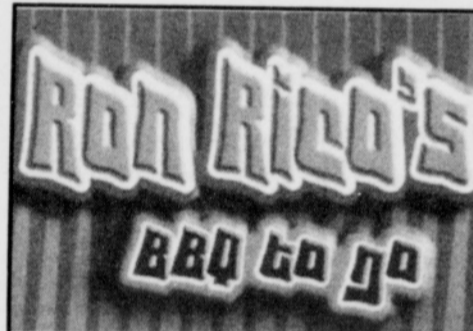
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