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**BOCA BALLET THEATRE PRESENTS *SHARE THE JOY*
FEATURING THE BBT4PD PARTICIPANTS**

Boca Raton FL – On May 12, 2018 Boca Ballet Theatre's Community Outreach Program BBT4PD presented their 4th annual performance and fundraising event ***Share The Joy***. Held at the Countess de Hoernle Center for Dance, the evening included a dessert reception after.

With more than 200 in attendance the performers living with Parkinson's disease took the stage accompanied by the Boca Ballet Theatre level 5 jazz class, BBT4PD Instructors and Share the Joy Volunteers, this is when the magic happened! With Pianist Dr. Martha Brown the program started with *Sun Salutation* staged by Cindy Surman, as soon as the music started you could feel the respect and love in the air. The program continued with *On Broadway* staged by Dennis Lue, *Hey Good Lookin'* staged by Cindy Surman, *Playing Ball!* (based on the ballet *Play Ball!* By Christopher Fleming) and Staged by Cindy Surman and Dennis Lue. When the last number *Reverance* staged by Dennis Lue started the tissues definitely came out and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

All of the participants were so graceful and loving to each other, they were proud of their performance and were already talking about being involved again next year....this was truly a moment that we all shared the joy!

The BBT4PD dance classes for those living with Parkinson's disease is in its 5th amazing season of movement based classes and the participants are loving it! Each class flows with constant energy, led by Boca Ballet Theatre instructors, Cindy Surman and Dennis Lue, who trained with Dance for PD®, a collaboration between the Mark Morris Dance Group and the Brooklyn Parkinson Group.

The benefits of this special program for those living with Parkinson's are immeasurable, both physically and mentally. The support the students bring to each other is a social and emotional bonus that is priceless. Classes are open to anyone with Parkinson's, no matter their age, ability, or the advancement of their condition and are FREE of charge due to the support of **American Parkinson Disease Association, Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation, Beck Family Foundation, Firstlantic Healthcare, Marleen Forkas, Stuart Subotnick, also Robin and Phyllis Donelson, Cindy Surman, Susan Skillman, Marilyn and Jay Weinberg, and Jr. League of Boca Raton Community Support Fund.**

Photo: BBT4PD participants, Boca Ballet Theatre dancers, staff and volunteers. Photo Credit: Boca Ballet Theatre

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About Boca Ballet Theatre: Established in 1990, BBT is a nonprofit, award-winning civic ballet company that trains dance students, entertains audiences, and inspires the community through successful outreach programs. Under the guidance of Co-Artistic Directors Dan Guin and Jane Tyree, the mission is to enrich the cultural landscape of our community and educate its youth in classical ballet and concert dance through focused training, interaction with professional dancers and participation in full-length ballets and contemporary choreography. For more information please visit www.bocaballet.org or call 561-995-0709.