

LES BALLETS DE MONTE-CARLO TO DEBUT *ALTRO CANTO* IN THE UNITED STATES IN APRIL

- Performances to mark and celebrate San Francisco Ballet's 75th Anniversary -

New York (March, 2007) – Widely considered one of the world's most prestigious ballet companies, Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo will make its first visit to San Francisco during April 1 – 6, as part of **An International Salute to the San Francisco Ballet** alongside the New York City Ballet and the National Ballet of Canada. To mark celebrations of the San Francisco Ballet's 75th anniversary season, the two-hour performance will feature critically acclaimed works by the trio of premier companies.

Under the direction of choreographer-director Jean-Christophe Maillot, Les Ballets will present, for the first time in the United States, *Altro Canto*, a work which the influential French newspaper, *Le Monde*, called "... a penetrating mystery with breathtaking choreography, arms which fly and *pas de deux* which reinvent the embrace."

"Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo is delighted to be a part of this international diamond jubilee tribute to the San Francisco Ballet," said Hon. Maguy Maccario Doyle, Consul General of Monaco in New York. "The venerable company regularly tours the world, delighting audiences with its passion and excellence. This season, Les Ballets is honored to take to stage at San Francisco's War Memorial Opera House to celebrate their ballet company's inspiring imprint on the world of dance." For tickets and more information, visit www.sfballet.org/performancetickets.

Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo was established in 1985 by Her Royal Highness the Princess of Hanover in accordance with the wishes of her mother, Princess Grace of Monaco. Since then, it has become one of the premier ballet companies in the world, establishing its own dance center, L'Atelier, and further elevating Monaco's international reputation as an important world center for culture and the arts.

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