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## Boston Ballet promotes three dancers



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Paul Craig (left) and Irlan Silva.

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In an unusual move, Boston Ballet is promoting three dancers mid-season. **Paul Craig** and **Irlan Silva** are stepping up to the rank of soloist, and **Alexander Maryianowski** is joining Boston Ballet's corps de ballet, rising from Boston Ballet II. Craig was hailed as "a dapper, rather whimsical" Drosselmeier in "The Nutcracker" last month, while Silva was noted for a sinuous performance in Helen Pickett's "Eventide" last May. In announcing the promotions of Craig and Silva, Boston Ballet artistic director **Mikko Nissinen** also praised their dancing in John Neumeier's "Third Symphony of Gustav Mahler" last fall. A native of Rio de Janeiro, Silva is a subject of the acclaimed 2009 documentary "Only When I Dance," which will have a free screening at the Strand Theatre in Dorchester on Feb. 5. For information, visit [www.bostonballet.org/community-events](http://www.bostonballet.org/community-events).