

News of Note

COMINGS & GOINGS

New company members at The Washington Ballet include **Nicole Graniero**, from American Ballet Theatre; **Javier Morera** and **Jorge Oscar Sanchez**, from National Ballet of Cuba; **Ashley Murphy** and **Samuel Wilson**, from Dance Theatre of Harlem; **Venus Villa**, from English National Ballet; and **Esmiana Jani**, a former TWB apprentice. ■ Joffrey Ballet has 10 new dancers: **Valeriia Chaykina**; **Nicole Clapponi**, from San Francisco Ballet; **Camila Ferrera**; **Anna Gerberich**, from Charlotte Ballet; **Stefan Goncalvez**; **Luis Eduardo Gonzalez**, from Orlando Ballet; **Hansol Jeong**; **Gayeon Jung**; **Paulo Rodrigues**; and **Joan Sebastian Zamora**, from ENB. ■ Boston Ballet's Ji

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Julie Kent



Young Chae and **Patrick Yocum** are now soloists. New soloists include **Maria Baranova**, from Finnish National Ballet; **Rachele Buriassi**, from Stuttgart Ballet; and **Federico Fresi**, from Teatro alla Scala. ■ Former ABT principal **Julie Kent** has been appointed

artistic director of ABT summer programs, and coach and teacher for the company, Studio Company and school. ■ Former Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company dancer **Leah Cox** has been named dean of American Dance Festival's school. ■ Atlanta Ballet artistic director **John McFall** is stepping down after the 2015-16 season. A successor has not yet been announced.