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ARTS: Tulsa Ballet promotes two, adds three dancers



Tulsa Ballet dancer Cavan Conley, seen here with Madalina Stoica in the title roles of Edward Liang's "Romeo and Juliet," is one of two Tulsa Ballet dancers promoted to new positions for the coming season. COURTESY/ Tulsa Ballet

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Tulsa Ballet has promoted two of its current dancers and will add three new dancers to its roster for the 2016-17 season.

Cavan Conley, who excelled in classical and contemporary ballets throughout last season, was promoted to soloist. Jessica Payne joins the main company as an apprentice after dancing with Tulsa Ballet II.

Of the new dancers, Joshua A. Stayton has performed with Tulsa Ballet in the past, and he choreographed a ballet for Tulsa Ballet II's first "Emerging Choreographers" program. He will return to the company as a demi-soloist.

The other new dancers are soloist Sena Hidaka, whose previous position was as principal dancer at National Opera of Bucharest, and corps de ballet member Shuhei Yoshida, previously a first soloist at National Opera of Bucharest.