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Brandywine Ballet to Perform in Chester County's 2010 Samuel Barber Festival

West Chester, PA – Brandywine Ballet will perform a new, original work by choreographer Nancy Page set to the music of Samuel Barber as part of Chester County's 2010 Samuel Barber Festival. The festival is a tribute to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Samuel Barber, an internationally celebrated composer and West Chester native. Festival planners have scheduled a number of area recitals, concerts, and exhibits throughout 2010 (see attached schedule of events). Brandywine Ballet's participation in the Samuel Barber Festival takes place Friday, June 4, 2010, 7:30 pm at Longwood Gardens. Admission to the performance is included in the price of admission to Longwood Gardens the day of the event. For more information regarding ticketing, patrons may contact <http://www.longwoodgardens.org/> or 610-388-1000. Longwood Gardens is located at 1001 Longwood Road, Kennett Square, PA, 19348.

Donna Muzio founded Brandywine Ballet in 1979, and has continuously served as the company's Artistic Director. Brandywine Ballet includes pre-professional and professional dancers, as well as guest artists. The *Certificate in Ballet*, a joint program with West Chester University, enables dancers to pursue the academic degree of their choice while participating in Brandywine Ballet's classes, rehearsals, and performances. In recent years, the company has premiered works by guest choreographer's Matthew Neenan (Ballet X), Ronen Koresh (Koresh Dance Company), and Meredith Rainey (formerly Pennsylvania Ballet), as well as earned George Balanchine Trust approval to perform four Balanchine pieces *Concerto Barocco*, *Tchaikovsky's Pas De Deux*, *Serenade*, and the just confirmed *Valse Fantasie* in the spring of 2010. National publication *Dance Magazine* recently recognized Brandywine Ballet for its thought-provoking mix of classical and contemporary ballet programming. Brandywine Ballet receives support from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau.

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