

# Dancing with the Orchestra

The curtain fell on the 'Dancing with the Orchestra' production which took place at Strovolos Municipal Theatre with great success.

The outstanding ballet performance with live orchestra, under the artistic direction of Yiorgos Kountouris, was co-organised by the Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra and Dancecyprus.

Tickets completely sold out for both performances, to the great disappointment of those who were hoping to get tickets on the night of the event from the theatre's box office.

Those who attended the Decem-

organisations is for the benefit of our society," they added.

With youthful energy, passion and artistic maturity, the dancers and the young members of the Youth Symphony Orchestra demonstrated a high level of artistic talent making for the impressive performance. The audience reciprocated the performers with a standing ovation.

In the first part of the performance, spectators enjoyed a beautiful classical gala from the ballets of "Giselle" and "Don Quixote" by choreographer Marius Petipa, with charismatic dancers Natalia Krekou (Chemnitz Opera House), Rainer Krenstetter (Staatsballett Berlin) and Rania Charalambidou (Ballet San Antonio, USA).

Also duets of neoclassical dance by choreographer Reiner Feistel and Cypriot choreographers / dancers Fouli Stylianidou, Tarsia Economidou, Demetra Demetriou, Vicky Kalla with music by Elgar and Mascagni.

The first part also included the choreography "Once Upon a Dance" by Cypriot choreographers Iliaria Kalispera and Valeria Makri with music from the ballet "Coppelia", performed by the young dancers from the Dancecyprus Junior Company.

The choreography by Reiner Feistel "Angel" was particularly impressive with music by Sarah McLachlan, tenor Marios Andreou and 10-year-old Yiotalina Sophocleous on piano.

In the second part a group of 20 Cypriots and three Italian dancers performed the world premiere of the choreography "Schumann No 2",



which was created especially for this production by world-renowned choreographer Davide Bombana to the music of the 2nd Symphony of Robert Schumann. Davide Bombana has

been invited to choreograph for ballet companies such as Paris Opera, National Ballet of Canada, Vienna Opera and he also choreographed for Vienna's New Year Concert in 2012.

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ber 27/28 shows enjoyed top quality local talent in this first co-production between the two organisations.

Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra said that "the result of this collaboration is a landmark for culture in Cyprus, since it demonstrates the enormous potential that the many talented artists from the island can achieve when they are given the right opportunities".

"The Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra has set high standards showing rapid progress, while the Cypriot dance company Dancecyprus is leading in the development of the art of dance, having presented seven productions since 2005. The message is that the cooperation between various art forms and cultural

