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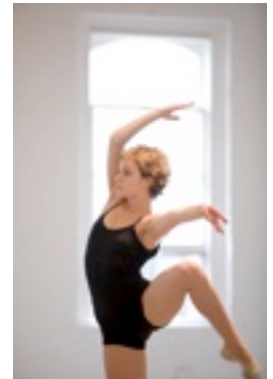
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Northwest Dance Project's Andrea Parson wins 2010 Princess Grace Award!

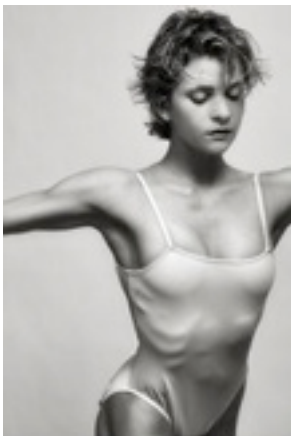
The Northwest Dance Project is proud to announce that one of our company members, Andrea Parson, has won the most prestigious and coveted award in dance, the 2010 Princess Grace Award. The award is given to only up to six outstanding dancers a year who are training and dancing with the country's best dance companies and institutions.

"I just can't believe I am receiving this tremendous honor," Parson says, "I don't think it's really hit me how special and important this is."

"THIS IS HUGE," notes Northwest Dance Project Artistic Director, Sarah Slipper, "there really isn't a more selective, competitive or prestigious award for a dancer out there. Not only does it honor Andrea's amazing talents, dedication and drive as a dancer, it also speaks to the high level of training and artistic creation we have established at Northwest Dance Project." Previous winners have come from such renowned companies such as American Ballet Theatre, Juilliard, Alonzo King's LINES Ballet, Merce Cunningham Dance, Pacific Northwest Ballet, New York City Ballet, etc.



Andrea and Sarah will travel to New York City for the elegant Princess Grace Awards Gala, held November 10, 2010 in the presence of The Princess of Hanover, where Andrea will receive her award and a special medal marking her accomplishment. She will also receive a generous fellowship from the Princess Grace Foundation to support her salary for the coming season with the Northwest Dance Project.



Andrea Parson - 2010 Princess Grace Award Winner

Andrea Parson began her early dance training in Hillsboro, Oregon, at Northwest Conservatory of Dance under the direction of Anita Mitchell. She received her B.A. in Dance from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles in 2008. Andrea has taught dance throughout Oregon and Washington and has participated in workshops with the Joffrey Ballet, San Francisco Conservatory of Dance and the Northwest Dance Project. She has worked with Chad Hall and danced original roles in Northwest Dance Project works by Azure Barton, Sarah Slipper, James Canfield,

Luca Veggetti, Andrea Miller, Benoit-Swan

Pouffer, Maurice Causey, Wen Wei Wang, Alejandro Cerrudo, Cayetano Soto and Edgar Zendejas. In June 2010, *Dance Magazine* named Andrea their dancer "On the Rise." The following month, Andrea received her biggest career honor to date, winning a 2010 Princess Grace Award for Dance. This is Andrea's second year as a Project Company member.

