

COLORADO BALLET DANCER MARIA MOSINA PERFORMS LAST CURTAIN CALL, WINS BONFILS-STANTON FOUNDATION'S 'ARTIST AWARD'



Denver, Colorado (May 3, 2017) – After 26 years as a professional dancer and 21 seasons at Colorado Ballet, Maria Mosina just performed her final curtain call in Denver. Now she's being honored with Bonfils-Stanton Foundation's highly regarded 'Artist Award' on May 19, 2017 at the organization's 32nd Annual Awards Luncheon at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Denver.

"This is just such an incredible honor," says Mosina. "I've loved performing for the Denver community with Colorado Ballet, and this is a wonderful way to officially close out my final season."

Bonfils-Stanton Foundation believes extraordinary arts and leadership are essential to building a vibrant Colorado. The Annual Awards Program recognizes significant contributions by remarkable Coloradans as Artists, through their Community Service in the Arts, and who impact Science and Medicine using the Arts. This year's honorees will receive a \$35,000 award for their exceptional work, inspiration to others and dedication to driving Colorado's arts and culture to new heights.

"We are honored to present Maria Mosina with the 'Artist Award' for her phenomenal career in Colorado. She is truly an icon for the state's arts and cultural scene," says Gary Steuer, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation President and CEO. "It was an easy decision when artistic director for Colorado Ballet, Gil Boggs and others nominated Maria for the award. Her career speaks volumes for what the Annual Awards Program is all about."

Gil Boggs has been with the Colorado Ballet since 2006 and was thrilled to work with Mosina. "Maria is an artist who could have been a member of any major company in the world," says Boggs. "Because she chose Colorado Ballet, she helped make the company truly exceptional."

FOR THE MEDIA: If you're interested in interviewing Maria Mosina and/or Gary Steuer with Bonfils-Stanton Foundation with an in-studio interview or over the phone, e-mail Erica Boniface at Erica@ColoradoMediaNetwork.com or call **303-717-8246**.

Additional Information: Learn more about Bonfils-Stanton Foundation and its Annual Awards Program at Bonfils-StantonFoundation.org.

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