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ROMANTIC BALLET RETURNS TO EASTMAN STAGE

Giselle tickets available from February 8, 2008

FREE admission to students for school performance – 3/14/08 – 10am

Kingsport Ballet is proud to present *Giselle* – a well-loved Romantic Era ballet. Artistic director **Valeria Sinyavskaya** brings her unique international directing and teaching experience to this production. Artist in residence, **Rostislav Dzabraev** will be featured as soloist in the well-known peasant dance. Mr. Dzabraev is a teacher and performer from St. Petersburg, Russia, currently with Kingsport Ballet. Professional guest artists **Tatiana Liabina, and Miroslav Pejic** from Sarasota Ballet will dance the roles of Albrecht and Giselle. Several other professional guest artists will also perform with the company and area children.

Act One opens in a small village on the Rhine and depicts a simple country girl who falls in love with a nobleman in disguise. Lively scenes of grape-pickers and villagers display colorful dances and heart-warming scenes. It is not long before a romantic triangle unfolds, and the drama begins.

Unlike other fairy tale ballets, *Giselle* tells a story of tragic love. Like Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, it is considered a classic in its genre. And like *Romeo and Juliet*, it is a poignant tragedy. *Giselle* is known as deeply moving and rich in romantic drama, particularly seen in Act Two as Giselle protects Prince Albrecht from the *Wilis* – beautiful maidens in long, white, flowing tutus. This ballet has great appeal to music, theatre, art, and dance lovers.

School performance: **Thursday, March 14th at 10am is FREE** for students and \$10 for accompanying adults and features comprehensive educational workbooks and sample musical score for teachers, with links providing additional learning opportunities. Visit www.kingsportballet.org for more information.

Giselle tickets are available at Kingsport Ballet studios: **423/378-3967**, and at the Eastman Recreation Center Gift Shop, beginning February 8th, 2008.

***Giselle* – Saturday, March 15th – 7pm – tickets: \$20, \$18, \$16, \$15, \$10**
Sunday, March 16th – 3pm – Eastman Auditorium

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