We are thrilled to announce, that Liudmila Polonskaya will be our Resident Guest Artist for this year’s Summer Dance Intensive!

Ms. Polonskaya will be teaching daily classes for the duration of the three-week program.

Please read her biography below:

“Liudmila Polonskaya was born in Russia in the region of Crimeia. In 1967, at the age of ten, she joined the Vaganova Ballet Academy in St. Petersburg, graduating in 1974.

In 1977, Ms. Polonskaya was promoted to first ballerina of the Maly Opera Theater in St. Petersburg, where she interpreted the leading roles of classic repertoires such as Swan Lake, Le Corsaire, Giselle, Paquita, Raymonda, La Bayadere, Don Quixote, Romeo and Juliet, Sleeping Beauty and the Nutcracker. During this period she had the opportunity to travel with the company to France, England, Italy, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Japan, Italy and Holland.

In 1995, Ms. Polonskaya graduated in Ballet Pedagogy at the Vaganova Ballet Academy in Russia with a diploma of Choreographer and Teacher of Classical Ballet, Character and Historical Dance. Ms. Polonskaya was hired by the Vaganova Ballet Academy where she taught classical ballet from 1995 – 2000. During this time she was invited to teach at ballet schools in Australia, Japan, Korea and Brazil.

Over the years, her students have been awarded important prizes in national and international competitions such as the Grand Prix de Lausanne and Youth America Grand Prix, and scholarships to Canada’s National Ballet School and The Harid Conservatory. They
can also be found dancing professionally for Royal Ballet, ABT, Monique Ballet Theater, and Canada’s Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

In 2006, Ms. Polonskaya was invited to teach at Tulsa Ballet. She was promoted in 2009 to the position of School Principal and Director of the Second Company.

In 2011 in Houston and 2012 in Dallas in the regional semi-final Youth American Grand Prix Competition, students of the Tulsa Ballet coached by Ms. Polonskaya won numerous prestigious awards including Grand Prix. Tulsa Ballet School was named Best Ensemble, Best Group and Outstanding School in 2011 and 2012 in the Semi-finals of the YAGP.

Ms. Polonskaya acted as a judge at the American Dance Competition in Orlando. She regularly participates as Artistic Director of Summer Intensive Program of Tulsa Ballet Center of Dance Education and she has taught master classes and workshops within the United States and in outer countries as a guest teacher.

Ms. Polonskaya was a member of the faculty at the Gelsey Kirkland Academy in New York City from 2014 to 2017. She also teaches Master Classes at Joffrey Ballet and Brighton Ballet in New York City.

Ms. Polonskaya now works for several nationally known schools as a guest teacher. She also conducts Master Classes for teachers.”