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Presents

Inbal Pinto & Avshalom Pollak Dance Company

Oyster

February 3 & 4

at The Paramount Theatre

Boston Debut!

(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present Israeli dance company, **Inbal Pinto & Avshalom Pollak Dance Company** in ***Oyster*** on February 3 and 4, 2012 at the Paramount Theatre, 560 Washington Street, Boston. Celebrity Series of Boston Dance Series is sponsored by The Little Family Foundation and The John S. and Cynthia Reed Foundation. Media partner is WGBH.

This is a Boston debut for the Inbal Pinto and Avshalom Pollak Dance Company.

Tickets for the Inbal Pinto and Avshalom Pollak Dance Company performance are \$60 and \$50, and are available online at www.celebrityseries.org, by calling CelebrityCharge at (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or at The Paramount Theatre box office, 560 Washington Street, Boston.

Inbal Pinto and Avshalom Pollak founded the Inbal Pinto & Avshalom Pollak Dance Company in 1992. They have collaborated on the creation, direction, choreography and design dance performances for their company of 12 dancer-actors based in Tel Aviv, Israel. Their work has been presented in Israel and many other countries around the world. *Oyster* is Pinto and Pollak's dazzling signature work that *The Village Voice* has described as, "Part surreal vaudeville, part circus, and part toy store after midnight. Whimsical...a delight for the eye."

Inbal Pinto was born in Israel in 1969 and began her formal dance training at age 13. She studied graphic arts at The Bezalel Academy in Jerusalem, and worked as a graphic designer for her army service. As a dancer, she first joined The BatSheva Ensemble and was promoted to the senior BatSheva Company. In 1990 she began her career as a choreographer. She was invited to The American Dance Festival to take part in its International Choreographers Program in both 1997 and 1998. In 200, she won a Bessie - the New York Dance and Performance Award for her creation

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“Wrapped.” Pinto also choreographed theatrical works such as *The Chairs* and *Romeo and Juliet*. In 2000 she was given Israel’s Ministry of Culture Award for Dance and the Tel Aviv Municipal Award for Artistic achievements.

Avshalom Pollak was born in Israel in 1970. He is the son of Israeli actor Yossi Pollak and was trained as a classical actor, graduating from The Nissan Nativ Drama School in Tel-Aviv. He has acted in numerous films and television programs, as well as many theatrical plays at The Habimah National Theater, The Cameri Theater, Gesher Theater and The Haifa Municipal Theater. Roles have included Romeo in *Romeo and Juliet*; Cassio in *Othello*; Valere in *The Miser*; Tuzenbach in *Three Sisters*, Phillip in *Orphans* and many others.

About Celebrity Series of Boston

The Celebrity Series of Boston is New England’s leading presenter of music, dance and the performing arts from around the world. Now in its 73rd season, the Celebrity Series brings performances by instrumental and vocal soloists, orchestras and chamber ensembles, dance companies, jazz, folk and ethnic artists and ensembles to Boston’s major concert halls. Through the Arts, Education and Community Program, the Celebrity Series reaches thousands of youngsters annually with opportunities to experience and participate in the performing arts through concerts, workshops, and the award-winning AileyCamp Boston, an intensive six-week summer dance program for Boston middle school students. For more information on Celebrity Series of Boston, call (617) 482-2595 or visit us online at www.celebrityseries.org.

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