

## Honors and awards

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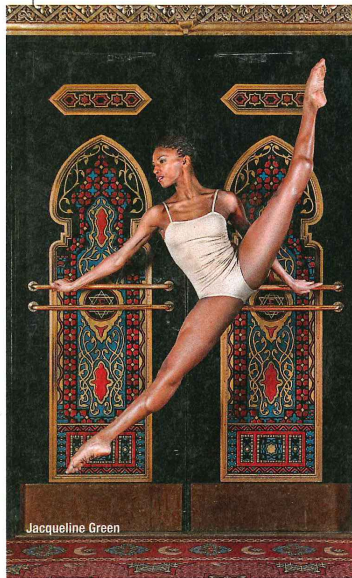
■ In August, former Colorado Ballet principal **Meelis Pakri** joined the faculty of **HARID Conservatory** in Florida. Pakri, who is from Estonia and graduated from the Vaganova Ballet Academy in Russia, has been ballet master of Colorado Ballet and Houston Ballet and a faculty member at The Royal Ballet Upper School in London.



■ **Joffrey Ballet's Gerard Charles** has been promoted from ballet master to director of artistic operations. In this newly created position, he will serve as a liaison between artists and designers and crew, planning and implementing all production needs. Before joining the Joffrey, Charles performed with Milwaukee Ballet and BalletMet, eventually serving as artistic director of BalletMet.

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The **Princess Grace Foundation** has announced its grant awardees for 2014. Dance honorees include **Jenelle Figgins** of Dance Theatre of Harlem; **Jamie Scott** of the Trisha Brown Dance Company; **Elise Drew León** of the Limón Dance Company; **Jacqueline Green** of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater; **Viktor Usov** of Northwest Dance Project; **Elena Heiss** of the National Institute of Flamenco; and **Gemma Freitas** of The Julliard School. **Marjani A. Forte** and **Gabrielle Lamb** received awards for their choreography, and **Robyn Mineko Williams**, **Zoe Scofield** and



Jacqueline Green

**Nejla Y. Yarkin** were all awarded works-in-progress residency grants. Former Princess Grace awardee **David Hallberg** (*DT*, November 2013), of American Ballet Theatre and the Bolshoi Ballet, received a statue award, which honors past grant recipients who have gone on to even greater levels of achievement.

These highly selective awards were created to offer scholarships, apprenticeships and fellowships to emerging talents in the field. Individuals must be nominated by either the dean of their academic program or the artistic director of their company. Grants generally range from \$7,500 to \$30,000 (choreographic fellowship winners receive a set amount of \$10,000). Applications for next year will be available starting in January 2015. See [pgfusa.com](http://pgfusa.com).



Elise Drew León



Jamie Scott, left