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**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB of BURBANK AND GEV PRESENT AMERICAN BALLET
THEATRE'S
PROJECT Plié MASTER CLASS**

Burbank, CA July, 2016-On Tuesday, July 26, 2016 American Ballet Theatre (ABT) Curriculum Certified faculty member, Jose Carayol, from the RC Dance Center will guide Burbank area children through a fun activity-based movement class designed to introduce them to the art form of classical ballet. The class will be held at the Boys and Girls Club of Burbank and GEV from 10:00-11:00am for 8-10 year olds and 11:00-noon for ages 11-12. The class will include:

- A Video Introduction: "A Day In the Life of Misty Copeland"
- Introduction to Ballet: warm-ups, stretches, and movement
- Wrap-Up with Q & A and gift bags for the students

American Ballet Theatre and Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) started a partnership in 2014 to introduce children to classical ballet through a master class series at BGCA locations across the country. In 2014, over 600 students participated, and in 2015 over 800 children participated nationwide. From these master classes talented children with the natural ability and desire to dance were awarded with scholarships for ballet training. Fifteen children were identified for scholarships in 2014 and 37 in 2015. We are very excited to continue exposing children to ballet through this medium again this year.

Project Plié is an initiative founded by ABT in 2013 to increase diversity in the art form of classical ballet. Jose Carayol is an ABT Certified Teacher in Pre-Primary through Level 3 and is a *Project Plié* Partner Teacher. As a *Project Plié* Partner Teacher, Carayol is bringing the initiative to Burbank, CA and the RC Dance Center. Carayol will be teaching in the ABT *Project Plié* Master Class Series at the Boys and Girls Club of Burbank and GEV.

For questions or more information about the Master Class, please call Jose Carayol at 310-477-2300

About the Boys & Girls Club of Burbank and Greater East Valley

Serving our community for 20 years, the Boys & Girls Club of Burbank and Greater East Valley supports and nurtures potential in 2300 young people ages 6-18 every day. Through professional, dedicated and trained staff, the boys and girls at our Main Club and at 17 local school sites, are encouraged to fully participate in a variety of enrichment programs all designed to help kids experience a positive sense of self and build strong character. No child is ever turned away for an inability to pay. The Boys & Girls Club

of Burbank and Greater East Valley is a 501(c)3 organization. For more information visit us at www.BGCBurbank.org or call 818 842-9333.