MURIEL MAFFRE

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Muriel Maffre is from Enghien-les Bains, France, and received her ballet training from the Paris Opéra Ballet School, and Paris National Conservatory where she graduated with a Premier Prix with honors. Muriel danced with the Hamburg Ballet and Monte-Carlo Ballet. She joined the San Francisco Ballet as a Principal Dancer in 1990.

She retired from San Francisco Ballet with a Farewell Gala on May 6, 2007 in her honor. Since then, Muriel has been working in dance education and public humanities with institutions such as the Richmond Art Center, LINES Ballet, Stanford University, the Oakland Museum of California and the Cantor Art Center.

He honors and awards include Chevalier in the Order of Arts and Letters (France, 2008), Visiting Fellow (Cornell University, 2008), Arts Honoree (French American School Soirée des Arts, 2008), Gold Medalist (Paris First International Ballet Competition, 2004), Isadora Duncan Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Individual Performance (1990, 2002). Muriel holds a B.A. in Performing Arts from St. Mary's College of Moraga, California and an M.A. in Museum Studies from John F. Kennedy University, California. She is currently the Executive Director at the Museum of Performance + Design in San Francisco.