

THE AJKUN BALLET THEATRE ARTISTS

LUIGI MARTELLETTA - *Ballet Master*



Mr. Martelletta is the Artistic Director of the National Ballet Company of Rome, a leadership he shares with Raffaele Paganini, where he first met Dr. Chiara Ajkun in the capacity of guest ballet mistress and choreographer in residence.

Luigi's leadership is extended to the role of producer for Almatanz, a production and presenting company that tours ballet and modern dance performances throughout Europe, with main distribution in the major theaters of Italy, Germany, France, Spain and Russia since 1992, e.g. Spoleto Festival dei due mondi, Versiliana Festival, Terme di Caracalla.

Almatanz has often engaged the Artists of the Ajkun Ballet Theatre, to include Dr. Chiara Ajkun, for his performing tours.

As a choreographer, Luigi has created original ballets for the Teatro dell' Opera di Roma, Opera House del Cairo, Macedonia National Balletto, among others.

Luigi Martelletta's performing career was entirely dedicated to the company of the Teatro dell'Opera di Roma where, as principal dancer, he shared the stage with dancers of the likes of Roberto Bolle, Alessandra Ferri, Ethan Stiefel, Rudolf Nureyev, Carla Fracci, Vladimir Vassiliev, Ekaterina Maximova, Fernando Bujones, Maja Plisseskaja, Eva Edmokitova. Luigi performed repertory ballets and creations by Rolan Petit, Leonide Massine, and Ben Stevenson and was formally educated at the Ballet School of the Teatro dell'Opera di Roma.

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