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**\* EVENT CANCELLATION \***

**LYON OPERA BALLET FRIDAY & SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 26 & 27, 2010 AT ZELLERBACH HALL  
**CANCELLED****

**BERKELEY, November 20, 2009**—Cal Performances regrets to announce the cancellation of **Lyon Opera Ballet's** performances **Friday & Saturday, February 26 & 27, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.** at Zellerbach Hall. "It is with deep regret that Lyon Opera Ballet has had to cancel its 2010 North American Tour," stated IMG Artists which represents the company in North America. "As is the case with many dance companies, it has become increasingly difficult to make touring financially viable, given the challenging global economic climate, and without the kind of funding subsidies once available." This is the first tour cancelled in Lyon Opera Ballet's history. "We hope this will not compromise the interest that the United States audiences have in our company," said Yorgos Loukos, Artistic Director of the ballet company, who further expressed optimism about touring in the future.

No replacement date is announced at this time.

Patrons may apply the value of the tickets towards another Cal Performances event, including the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (March 9-13, 2010) and Merce Cunningham Dance Company (March 26 & 27, 2010), among many others, or request a refund. A full listing of events can be found at [www.calperformances.org](http://www.calperformances.org). Patrons are asked to call the Ticket Office at 510-642-9988 by **December 15, 2009**, to make the arrangements. If no exchange is requested by that date, Cal Performances will automatically issue refunds to credit card purchases or by check mailed to the home address.

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**CANCELLED EVENT**

**Fri. & Sat., Feb. 26 & 27, 2010, at 8:00 p.m.**

**Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley Campus  
Bancroft Way at Telegraph Ave., Berkeley**

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**Lyon Opera Ballet**

**Tickets:** Tickets for this event will be refunded; patrons will be notified as such in a communication from the Cal Performances Ticket Office. Questions regarding these procedures can be directed to the Ticket Office in person at Zellerbach Hall; by telephone at (510) 642-9988; by e-mail at [tickets@calperfs.berkeley.edu](mailto:tickets@calperfs.berkeley.edu); or by fax at (510) 643-2359.

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