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### MEET NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR JAMES SOFRANKO

James, who danced for San Francisco Ballet for 18 years, is a Cincinnati native who received dance training at The Harid Conservatory in Boca Rotan, FL, and The Juilliard School in New York City.

In 2011, he received an

Isadora Duncan Award for Best Performance in Yuri Possokhov's *Classical Symphony*. He was featured in the principal role of 'Eddie' in the Broadway touring company of *Movin' Out*, a musical choreographed by Twyla Tharp to the songs of Billy Joel.

In 2012, Sofranko co-founded DanceFAR (Dance For A Reason), an annual benefit performance and after-party bringing the Bay Area dance community together to support the work of the Cancer Prevention Institute of California. In 2014, he formed a new contemporary repertory company in San Francisco, SFDanceworks.

James and his wife, Cindy, have two young sons, Jack and Aiden.

About the Event

### Don't miss your chance to shine as we welcome new Artistic Director, James Sofranko, to Grand Rapids Ballet!

First, enjoy an elegant seated dinner with James, local dignitaries, VIPs, and fellow ballet lovers at L3VEL. Next, you'll be the first to see an exclusive advance performance of *Wild Sweet Love*—the first show of our exciting 2018-19 season followed by a glamorous, glitter-filled champagne after-party with our beautiful and talented dancers at Peter Martin Wege Theatre. Bling it up and be a part of the art!

## WILD SWEET LOVE WELCOME GALA FOR JAMES SOFRANKO

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OCTOBER 18, 2018 | 5:30-10PM

# GRAND RAPIDS BALLET

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# of tickets x \$150 =

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