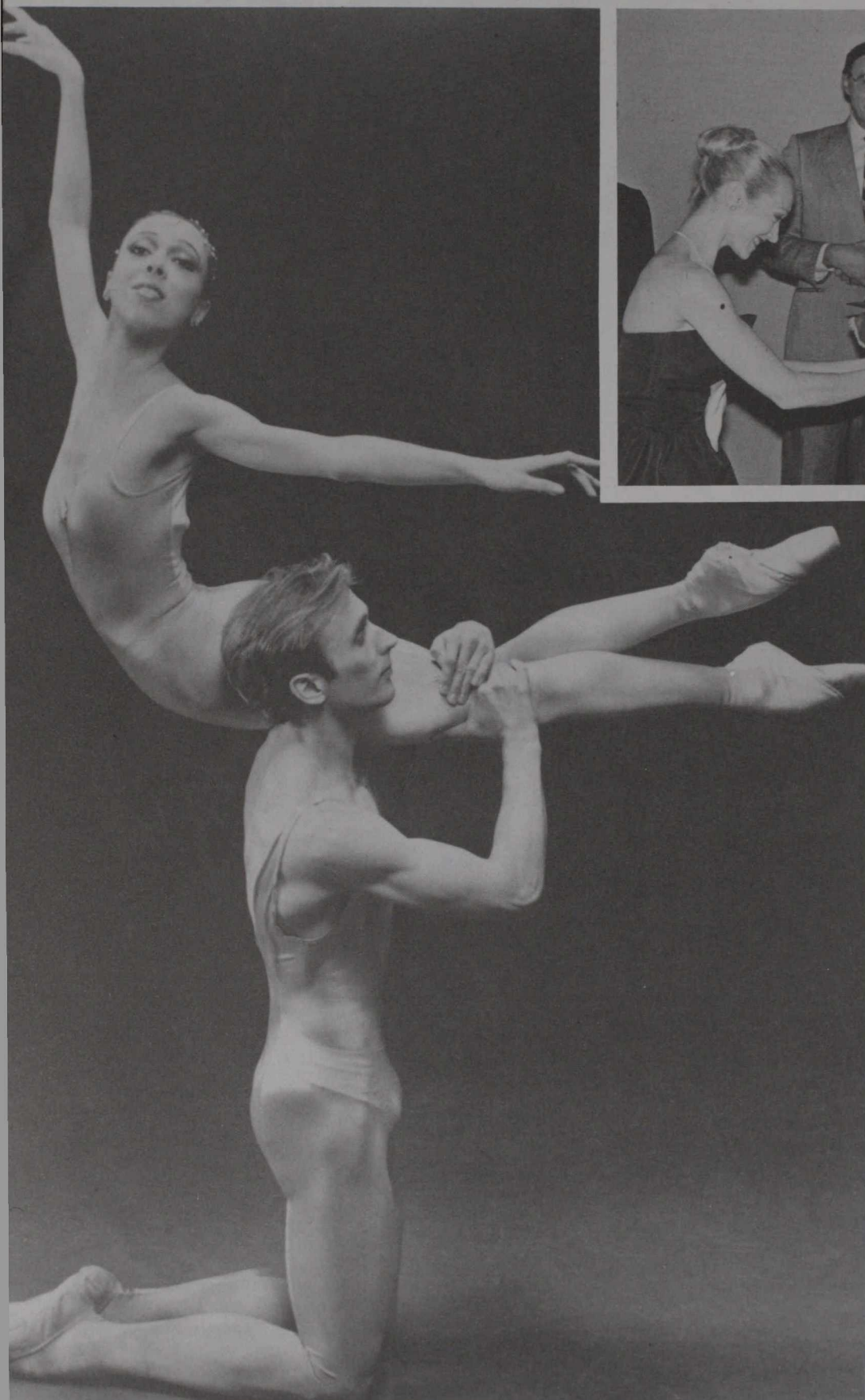


Royal Winnipeg Ballet Tours Asia



Canada's most prestigious ballet company, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, visited the region recently as part of its Asia-Pacific tour.

Founded in 1939, the Royal Winnipeg is Canada's oldest existing ballet company. It was granted its "Royal" charter in 1953 by Queen Elizabeth II.

The Royal Winnipeg, a renowned company, has performed in more than 450 cities in 30 countries around the world. The current Asia-Pacific tour included performances in Japan, China, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

The repertoire of the Company embraces a wide array of dance styles and an intriguing collection of ensemble ballets. The Asian performances comprised a varied program that appealed to all, including: Allergo Brillante, Giselle Pas de Deux, Belong Pas de Deux, Four Last Songs and Rodeo.

Royal Winnipeg Ballet (RWB) Principal Dancer Srea Eklof presents a gift to HRH Princess Galyani Vadhana following the Gala Opening Performance at the Thailand Cultural Centre. Also shown are RWB Artistic Director Arnold Spohr (left) and Canadian Minister for Transport John Crosbie.