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### **"BURN THE FLOOR" IGNITES GALVESTON'S GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE OCTOBER 29-30**

The international dance sensation *Burn the Floor* visits Galveston's Grand 1894 Opera House direct from its record-breaking run on Broadway! Years before "Dancing with the Stars" and "So You Think You Can Dance" turned ballroom dancing into must-see TV, this sizzling show was setting stages ablaze around the globe. *Burn the Floor*, the electrifying Latin and Ballroom dance spectacular that has thrilled audiences in more than 30 countries, brings the fire and passion of their live performance to The Grand for three performances only on Friday, October 29th at 8 p.m., and Saturday, October 30th at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sponsored in part by Service Steel Warehouse, Galveston Hilton, Holiday Inn Resort, Landry's Restaurants, and the San Luis Resort, *Burn the Floor* allows its audience to experience a show *The Independent (London)* calls "So hot it contributes to global warming."

From Harlem's hot nights at The Savoy, where dances such as the Lindy, Foxtrot and Charleston were born, to the Latin Quarter where the Cha-Cha, Rumba and Salsa steamed up the stage, *Burn the Floor* takes audiences through a journey of dance. The elegance of the Viennese Waltz, the exuberance of the Jive, the intensity of the Paso Doble - audiences will experience them all, as well as the Tango, Samba, Mambo, Quickstep and Swing.

The New York critics have raved: *Entertainment Weekly* declared it, "DOWNRIGHT SEXY! A polished production, with classy costumes and stunning vocals." *The New York Daily News* gave *Burn the Floor* four stars and said it was "Athletic, sensual and rocket-fueled!" *New York 1 TV* called it "HOT HOT HOT! Pulse-

pounding choreography! A two-hour adrenaline rush featuring some of the best and best-looking ballroom dancers in the world. Awesome dancing by an extraordinarily gifted company.”

*Burn the Floor* was first conceived as a special performance at Sir Elton John's 50th birthday celebration in 1997. Two years later, the show made its world premiere in the U.K. and quickly took the globe by storm. It brings the talents of 20 award-winning international dancers from around the globe—Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Russia, Australia, Sweden, The Philippines and the U.S.—and includes Australian Ballroom and World Latin American champions. The dancers, who collectively hold more than 100 dance titles, move to the vision of artistic director and choreographer Jason Gilkison, former World Champion Latin and Ballroom dancer, and guest choreographer on the fourth season of *So You Think You Can Dance*.

Don't miss *Burn the Floor-it's Ballroom. Reinvented*. For a sneak peek, visit [www.burnthefloor.com](http://www.burnthefloor.com)

Ticket prices range from \$19.00-\$88.00. Call for pricing on Box Seats. Special discounts for group and senior tickets may be available. For information about this and other performances scheduled, contact The Grand's box office at 409.765.1894, 800.821.1894, or visit The Grand's website at [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com). The theatre is located at 2020 Postoffice Street, in historic downtown Galveston. The Grand 1894 Opera House is recognized as “The Official Opera House of the State of Texas.” All major credit cards accepted.