

# The Making of *WHIPPED CREAM*



**Kevin McKenzie**

ABT Artistic Director

Mr. McKenzie was appointed Artistic Director of American Ballet Theatre in October 1992. His many responsibilities include hiring dancers, selecting ballets for ABT's repertoire and spearheading the Artistic vision of the Company.



**Alexei Ratmansky**

Choreographer

Alexei Ratmansky is inspired by the music of Richard Strauss, a German composer of the late romantic and early modern eras.



**Mark Ryden**

Set and Costume Designer

Mark Ryden is an American pop-surrealist painter known for his brightly colored paintings. *Whipped Cream* marked Mr. Ryden's first venture into designing for ballet.

## Remember

Creating a ballet is a team effort in which all the people involved need to collaborate and communicate continuously.

**Surrealism** An art movement that uses images to experiment with imagination. Surrealist artists like to combine things that are not normally seen together.