

PAULA DE CASTRO



PH.D. and MEMBER OF THE C.I.D. - UNESCO

Born in Ferrol (Spain), Paula De Castro has got her degree in Classical Ballet at the « Real Conservatorio de Danza » of Madrid. She has been also granted with special scholarships to continue her studies in Madrid with Azari Plissetski, Carmen Roche, Carl Paris, Virginia Valero and Lola de Avila among others, and to complete them at the « Martha Graham School » in New York and « Rudra-Béjart School Lausanne », Switzerland, under the direction of Maurice Béjart.



From 1992 to 2000 she was dancing in Germany at the Staatstheater Wiesbaden (directed by Ben van Cauwenberg), at the Aalto Theater Essen (directed by Heidrun Schwaarz), and the Staatstheater Hannover (directed by Löthar Höfgen and Mehmet Balkan) as Principal Dancer. Later she was dancing at the National Ballet of Portugal (CNB) and from 2004 till 2011 she was Principal Dancer at the Ballet de l' Opera de Nice, directed by Eric Vu An.



Paula De Castro has been a Guest Dancer for Gala Performances in France, Japan, Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Germany, etc. and she has performed the Main Roles in « Don Quixotte », « Giselle », « Sleeping Beauty », « The Nutcracker », « Romeo and Juliet », « La fille mal gardée », « Cinderella », « Carmen », « Les Sylphides », « Serenade », « Who cares ? » (G. Balanchine), « Le Dame aux Camélias », « Relationships », « The Five Seasons » (M. Balkan), « Symphonie Fantastique » (U. Scholz), « Before Nightfall », « D.C. », « Symphonie en trois mouvements » (Nils Christe), « La Sylphide » (P. Schaufuss), « Pedro e Inés » (Olga Roriz), « El Mesias », « Le sacre du printemps » (M. Weinrot), « Five Tangos », « Kammerballett », « Lieder Ohne Worte » (H. van Manen), « Siebte Symphonie » (T. van Schayk), « Daemonen », « Auf der Schöne Blaue Erde » (R. Jaroschinski), « Citizane Kane » (J. Ulrich), « L'après midi d'un faune » (E. Gori), « Mr. C » (M. Béjart), « The vertiginous Thrill of the Exactitude » (W. Forsythe), « Without Words » (Nacho Duato), etc.



*Paula De Castro got in 2007 the “Dispense du DE pour Renommée Particulière” (honorific degree as **Ballet Teacher**) from the Culture Ministry of the French Gouvernement.*

*She has a **Ph. D.** by the URJC. She also has a **University Degree in Dance Arts** and a **University Degree in Spanish Linguistics and Literature**, as well as **Psychology** studies, a **Master** in Pedagogy and a **Master** in Arts. She is often invited as teacher for Masterclasses and as Jury in Ballet Competitions and Exams.*

*Paula De Castro got the “**Insignia de Oro**” (Golden Insignia) for her International Artistic Carrier.*

