
Viengsay in Russia: Standing Ovation

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Moscow, Sep 26 (Prensa Latina) Viengsay Valdes' memorable performance in Don Quixote was received with enthusiastic applause by a Moscow audience at the 5th International Ballet Festival in the Kremlin.

Dancing with the State Kremlin Palace Ballet company, Valdes gave a Cuban interpretation to the Kitry character captivating more than 6,000 spectators within the Kremlin walls, who prevented her from leaving the stage for a long time.

Amid all the costumes of the performance, Valdes told Prensa Latina that the Kremlin Ballet version of Kitry in Don Quixote is totally different from everything she has done until now.

She added that in international events she had already interpreted Kitry in the Russian version of Don Quixote with Ivan Vasiliev, a famous Bolshoi dancer.

'This is the second time I am dancing in the Kremlin. The first time was in 2005, during the 80th anniversary of Maya Plizetskaya,' said Valdes, who is recognized as one of the best in the world in the interpretation of Kitry.

'On that occasion there was a Don Quixote performance combined with all the guest stars in the world, I came with Joel Carreno, and danced only a fragment of the first act,' she pointed out.

'Despite having done some very important things, this role was one of the most anticipated for me this year, as I have been psychologically preparing for it for a long time,' revealed the Cuban star.

The international ballet festival includes several classics like Giselle, Sleeping Beauty, Bayaderas and is attended by important worldwide figures of ballet.

