

# Spring fling

Be it black-tie, cocktail party or weekend wedding, fabulous frocks abound in a stunning array of options for spring. From mini, to tea length, to dramatic floor-sweeping gowns, Pittsburgh retailers offer dramatic looks resplendent in character and grace. We love these delicious selections modeled by five inspiring beauties from the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre. You too can conjure the romance of spring by arriving in the perfect dress, a handsome date on your arm and a fresh bouquet in hand.

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**Soloist Julia Erickson** debuts a supremely sweet 50s-inspired citroen cocktail dress by Kevan Hall, \$2,090 and green stone chain necklace \$248 both at Linda Bucci. Her partner, **Soloist Nurlan Abougaliyev**.

**Corps de Ballet  
Dancer Alexandra Kochis**  
makes a grand entrance in an  
exquisite Monique Lhuillier strap-  
less floral, a perfect spring party  
look. Dress \$2,000 and 14K gold  
hoops with south sea pearl by Mizuki  
\$1,390 both at Choices. Her partner is  
**Soloist Kwang-Suk Choi.**



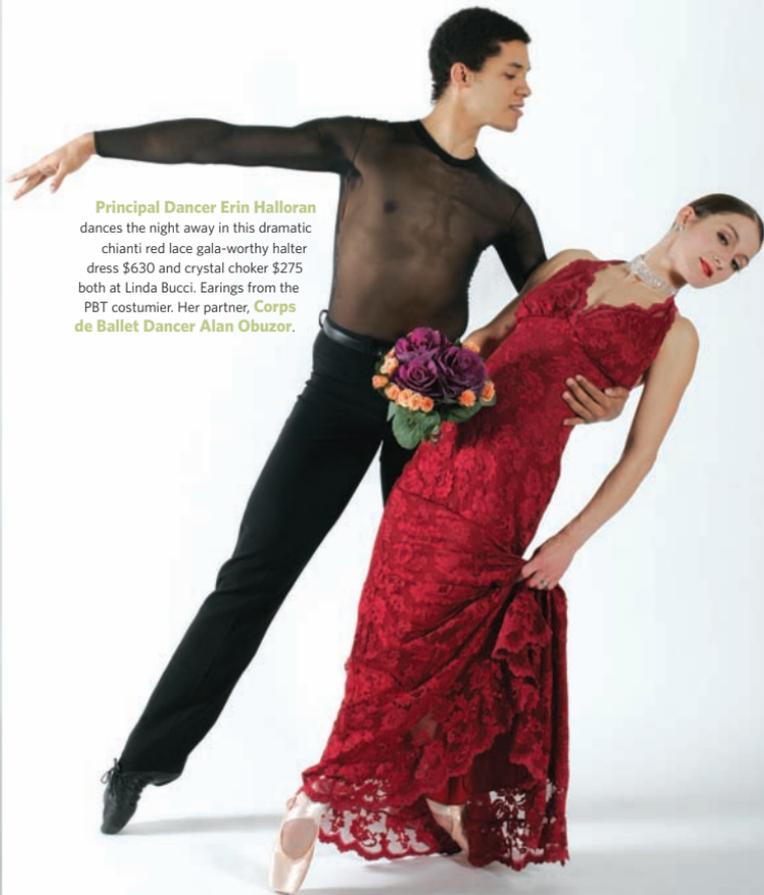
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**Principal Dancer Maribel  
Modrono** captivates her audience  
in a sizzling Roberto Cavali soiree-  
ready dress \$995 and sexy multi  
charm drop earrings by Erickson  
Beamon \$340 both at Maxalto.  
Her partner, **Principal  
Dancer Christopher  
Rendall-Jackson.**



**Soloist Kumiko Tsuji** steals the show in an enchanting Melinda Eng strapless number perfect for a dinner dance. Dress \$1,860 and pearls \$90 both from Linda Bucci. 14K white gold and diamond earrings \$2,300 from Choices. Her partner, **Principal Dancer Daisuke Takeuchi**.



**Principal Dancer Erin Halloran** dances the night away in this dramatic chianti red lace gala-worthy halter dress \$630 and crystal choker \$275 both at Linda Bucci. Earrings from the PBT costumier. Her partner, **Corps de Ballet Dancer Alan Obuzor**.