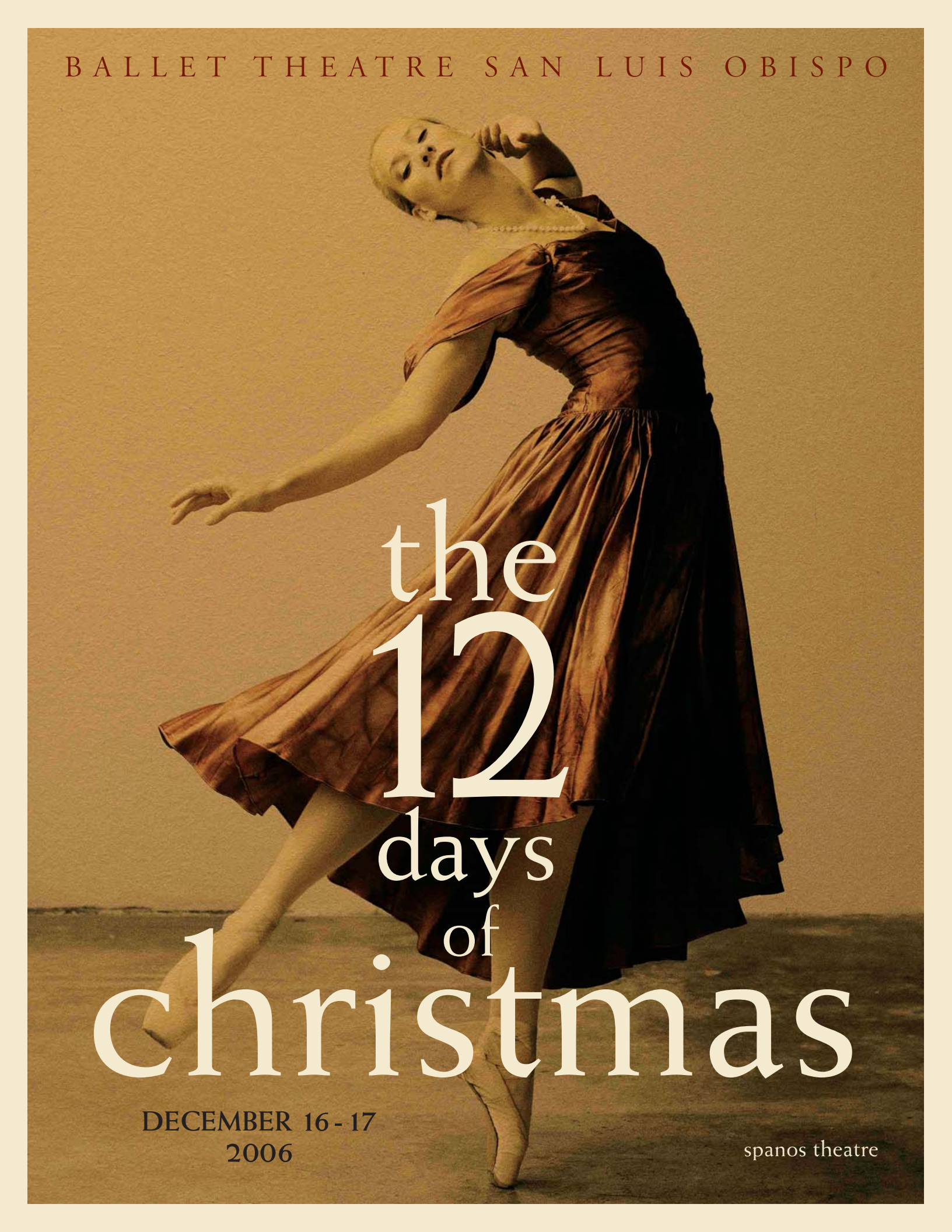


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Artistic Director/Choreographer - Theresa Slobodnik
Assistant Director - Blair London

Theresa Slobodnik recently founded Ballet Theatre SLO in the spring of 2006, presenting its first full program featuring the works of Gilbert Reed. Following Ms. Slobodnik's retirement from professional dancing and the closing of the Gilbert Reed Ballet, the company was formed to give serious ballet dancers ages 12 through adult opportunity to dance meaningful work in real theatres. The company's youth division also performs at community events and benefits throughout the year. Ballet Theatre SLO has its studio home at American Dance of SLO.

Ballet Theatre San Luis Obispo

Welcome to *The Twelve Days of Christmas!* Ballet Theatre San Luis Obispo is thrilled to bring this performance to you. It has been eight action packed months of incredible growth since we brought our first program to the stage. I am so pleased with the dancers, the creative and financial support of our dance family at American Dance of SLO and our business community, but especially the work of my Assistant Director Blair London. He has "stepped up to the plate" as they say, and hit some strategic home runs since he began his duties this fall. Tonight's performance and our spring presentation of the full length *Coppélia* have wings because of his vision and expertise; I am blessed. Our nonprofit umbrella Friendship Through Dance and our studio home American Dance of SLO have my continual thanks for providing the framework, dance space, and support in which to create. Of course, none of this would be possible without the endless work and inspiration of the dancers: their talent, commitment and individual radiance brings me so much joy. The company and I sincerely thank you for coming. Now, enjoy your journey with us to a Christmas long ago...

– Theresa Slobodnik, Artistic Director



American Dance of SLO

American Dance of SLO offers a professional atmosphere for the beginner to the advanced dancer. Our well-qualified staff offers age-appropriate training for children, teens, and adults from the recreational to the professional dancer stressing confidence and positive attitudes in a professional setting. We offer classes in classical ballet, pointe, partnering, lyrical, jazz, tap, hip hop, and ballroom. I am extremely happy to have Ballet Theatre at our studio. The level of professionalism and commitment to outstanding performance serve as great motivators for our students. I have watched *The Twelve Days of Christmas* show develop and grow over the past three years into a grand spectacle. It gives me great joy to help bring this story to the stage.

– Lissa Beck, Owner



ACT I

Winter

Music - Antonio Vivaldi's *Winter Concerto*, Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik, Costumes - Kimberly Eaton

A winter's evening storm. The calm of dawn. The flurry of a new day.

Sheridan Torgerson & Wes Krukow

Diandra Bachelor, Christina Gairan, Scott Thompson, Michelle McLaughlin, Brianna Thompson

Rebecca Kensrue, Riva London, Bianca Mettler, Mikayla Patti, Alexandra Wilson

Carrie Cook, Kate deKock, Emily MacDonald, Daniela O'Donoghue, Roehlyn Quisao, Rachel Warden

The Twelve Days of Christmas Introduction

Overture - Steve Barta, Concept - Lissa Beck, Script - Theresa Slobodnik, Costume Designs - Lissa Beck & Theresa Slobodnik

A grandmother lovingly reminisces with her grandchildren about a very special Christmas long ago when Grandpa was stationed overseas. They were young and very much in love...

Grandmother: Lissa Beck; Grandchildren: Aaliyah Beck, Audrey MacDonald, Dominic Roide, Ernesto Roide

Blue Christmas

Music - Jewel, Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik

True Love Couple: Evelyn Kroeker & Blair London



A Welcome Home Party

Music - Seal, Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik

True Love Couple: Evelyn Kroeker & Blair London; Friends: Christopher Ellwood, Sarah Freeman, Lauren Reeves, Danielle Sanzari, Chris Shireman, James Van Lommel; His Mother: Carole Hess;

His Brother: Matthew Espinoza; Her Parents: Sheri Thompson & Robert Lee Norton

Christmas in New Orleans

Music - Louis Armstrong, Choreography - Christopher Ellwood

Party Cast

A Partridge in a Pear Tree

Music - Beethoven, Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik, Costumes - Kimberly Eaton

Sheridan Torgerson & Wes Krukow

Two Turtle Doves

Music - George Winston, Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik, Costumes - Kimberly Eaton

Alice Gray & Scott Thompson

Three French Hens

Music - Maurice Chevalier, Choreography - Daniella Eckert & Theresa Slobodnik

Sarah Chavez, Kellie Fryer, Jennifer Olivares

Four Calling Birds

Music - Ella Fitzgerald, Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik, Costumes - Jolene Chang

Diandra Bachelor, Malie Chang, Christina Gairan, Michelle McLaughlin

Boogie Woogie Santa Claus

Music - Lionel Hampton, Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik

Party Cast

Five Golden Rings

Music - J.S. Bach/George Winston, Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik, Costumes - Kimberly Eaton

Rebecca Kensrue, Riva London, Kate de Kock, Daniela O'Donoghue, Roehlyn Quisao

Six Geese-a-Laying

Music - Scheidt, Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik, Costumes - Cindy London & Gabrielle Mettler

Gaggle Gatherer: Bianca Mettler; Geese: Raquel Estrella, Shae London, Jennifer Morris, McKenna Nelson, Michelle Roide, Emily Threlkel

Seven Swans-a-Swimming

Music - George Winston; Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik

Malie Chang, Sarah Chavez, Kellie Fryer, Michelle McLaughlin, Jennifer Olivares, Rebecca Thomas, Brianna Thompson

Eight Maids-a-Milking

Music - Joemy Wilson; Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik; Costumes - Kimberly Eaton

Eliorah Becker, Holly Bloomfield, Celina Crane, Olivia Handeland, Emily MacDonald, Lindsey MacDonald, Natalie Smith, Rachel Warden; Understudy Maddy Perello

INTERMISSION (20 MINUTES)



ACT II

Les Patineurs (The Skaters)

Music - Giacomo Meyerbeer; Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik; Costumes - Kimberly Eaton

It's Christmas Eve at the town's outdoor skating pond. Young couples, friends, and a skating class take the ice, warming up in anticipation of the evening's events when a boy in green arrives with a display of virtuosity. A skating teacher clears the ice to rehearse her students. As they finish, couples filter back onto the ice enjoying the romance of the setting. Young ladies take over the ice and enjoy a frolic, interrupted by some young men and the arrival of the evening's main event: Mr. & Mrs. Claus and their entourage of elves and reindeer. As they pass out gifts to the crowd two mischievous youths have un-harnessed the reindeer for some fun. With the situation seemingly resolved, a grand procession follows. The elves have escaped, multiplied in number and are wreaking havoc with the skating class. Mr. & Mrs. Claus and the skating teacher intervene, corralling the elves, the Boy in Green with his friends then takes advantage of the open ice. The skating teacher brings out her youngest students for their holiday performance, followed by a couples' skate. Now the young people, led by the Boy in Green, take over the ice with their finest skating, traditionally the last festive displays of Christmas Eve.

<i>Young Couples</i>	Alice Gray & Scott Thompson; Brianna Thompson & Matthew Espinoza; Sheridan Torgerson & Wes Krukow
<i>Young Women</i>	Diandra Bachelor, Michelle McLaughlin
<i>Young Ladies</i>	Christina Gairan, Rebecca Kensrue, Bianca Mettler
<i>Skating Class</i>	Carrie Cook, Kate deKock, Emily MacDonald, Daniela O'Donoghue, Roehlyn Quisao, Rachel Warden
<i>Troublemaker</i>	Riva London
<i>Boy in Green</i>	Sarah Chavez
<i>Skating Instructor</i>	Carole Hess
<i>Men</i>	Christopher Ellwood, James Van Lommel
<i>True Love Couple</i>	Blair London & Evelyn Kroeker
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Claus</i>	Robert Lee Norton & Sheri Thompson
<i>Reindeer</i>	Eliorah Becker, Olivia Handeland, Maddy Perello, Natalie Smith
<i>Elves Leads</i>	Holly Bloomfield, Celina Crane, Lindsey MacDonald
<i>Elves Corps</i>	Cheyenne Hardiman, Alyse Meinhold, McKenna Nelson, Mia Patty, Izzy Perello, Shelby Thomas, Raquel Estrella, Shae London, Jennifer Morris, Michelle Roide
<i>Snowmen</i>	Sydney Anselmo, Karlyn Kromhout, Paloma Mettler, Malia Patti, Jessica Perje, Emily Ramirez, Lauren Ramirez

Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland

Music - Jewel, Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik

Couples: Michelle McLaughlin & Christopher Ellwood, Diandra Bachelor & James Van Lommel,
Evelyn Kroeker & Blair London

Skating Instructor: Carole Hess

Mr. & Mrs. Claus: Robert Lee Norton & Sheri Thompson

Reindeer: Elijah Becker, Olivia Handeland, Maddy Perello, Natalie Smith

Snowman: Emily Ramirez

Carolers: Audrey MacDonald, Alison McGuire, Kelly McGuire, Paloma Mettler, Jessica Perje, Emily Threlkel,
Emma Walter

Elves: Cheyenne Hardiman, Alyse Meinhold, McKenna Nelson, Mia Patti, Izzy Perello, Shelby Thomas



Christmas Time is Here

Music - Steve Barta, Staging - Theresa Slobodnik

True Love Couple: Evelyn Kroeker & Blair London

Nine Ladies Dancing

Music - The Beatles, Choreography & Costume Concept - Suzy Miller

Holly Bloomfield, Celina Crane, Cheyenne Hardiman, Emily MacDonald, Lindsey MacDonald,
McKenna Nelson, Mia Patti, Shelby Thomas, Rachel Warden

Ten Lords-a-Leaping

Music - Dinicu, Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik

Malie Chang, Sarah Chavez, Kellie Fryer, Wes Krukow, Jennifer Olivares, Mikayla Patti, Rebecca Thomas,
Scott Thompson, Sheridan Torgerson, Colette Willard

Eleven Pipers Piping

Music - Antonio Vivaldi, Choreography - Theresa Slobodnik, Costumes - Kimberly Eaton

Michelle McLaughlin

Diandra Bachelor, Christina Gairan, Brianna Thompson

Rebecca Kensrue, Riva London, Bianca Mettler, Alexandra Wilson

Kate deKock, Daniela O'Donoghue, Roehlyn Quisao

Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire

Music - Nat King Cole, Choreography - Frank Sanchez & Theresa Slobodnik

True Love Couple: Evelyn Kroeker & Blair London

Twelve Drummers Drumming

Music - Mannheim Steamroller's Little Drummer Boy, Choreography - Heather Massoni

Holly Bloomfield, Celina Crane, Kate deKock, Carole Hess, Wes Krukow, Emily MacDonald,

Lindsey MacDonald, Heather Massoni, Mia Patti, Roehlyn Quisao, Lauren Reeves, Scott Thompson

The Twelve Days of Christmas Countdown

White Christmas

Music - Bing Crosby

Finale: Entire Cast



PRODUCTION CREW

COSTUMES

Wardrobe Mistress – Sheri Thompson

Wardrobe Assistants – Lissa Beck, Cindy London, Denise MacDonald, Pam McGlaughlin,
Terri Smith, Jackie Warden

Contributions – Lissa Beck, Jolene Chang, Lisa Deyo, Judy Freeman, Cindy London,
Michelle McLaughlin, Theresa Slobodnik, Wanda Shroder

LIGHTING

David Beals

PROPS

Maricela Bachelor, Connie & Ken Willard, John Slobodnik, Theresa Slobodnik, Tom Meadows

SETS

Maricela Bachelor, Joe Bachelor, Lissa Beck, David Bloomfield, John Slobodnik, Tom Meadows

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Ballet Theatre San Luis Obispo Company Dancers

Melissa Arseneau, Diandra Bachelor, Sarah Chavez, Carrie Cook, Jessica Cozzetto, Kate deKock,
Christina Gaoiran, Alice Gray, Rebecca Kensrue, Evelyn Kroeker, Wes Krukow, Blair London, Riva London,
Emily MacDonald, Michelle McLaughlin, Bianca Mettler, Daniela O'Donoghue, Roehlyn Quisao, Brianna
Thompson, Scott Thompson, Sheridan Torgerson, Rachel Warden, Alexandra Wilson

Guest Dancers

Heather Massoni; GRADS - Carole Hess, Robert Lee Norton; American Dancers - Malie Chang,
Kellie Fryer, Jennifer Olivares, Mikayla Patti, Rebecca Thomas, Colette Willard; Cal Poly Sport
Competition Ballroom Dance Club - Christopher Ellwood, Chris Shireman, Danielle Sanzari;
Matthew Espinoza, Sarah Freeman, James Van Lommel, Lauren Reeves, Sheri Thompson

Supporting Cast

Sydney Anselmo, Aaliyah Beck, Lissa Beck, Eliorah Becker, Holly Bloomfield, Celina Crane, Raquel Estrella,
Olivia Handeland, Cheyenne Hardiman, Shae London, Karlyn Kromhout, Audrey MacDonald,
Lindsey MacDonald, Allison McGuire, Kelly McGuire, Alyse Meinhold, Paloma Mettler, Jennifer Morris,
McKenna Nelson, Malia Patti, Mia Patti, Izzy Perello, Maddy Perello, Jessica Perje, Emily Ramirez,
Lauren Ramirez, Dominic Roide, Ernesto Roide, Michelle Roide, Natalie Smith, Shelby Thomas,
Emily Threlkel, Emma Walter

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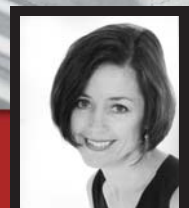
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