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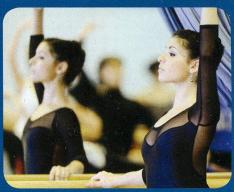
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# Editorial



fter our celebration of the 100th anniversary of *The Rite of Spring* last month, we get back to business with another packed issue of *Dancing*times. I was lucky enough to travel to Norfolk, Virginia, with Birmingham Royal Ballet in order to see the company participate in the Virginia Arts Festival at the end of April, and you can read my report of the proceedings on page 23. Iris Fanger introduces us to Boston Ballet on page 14 in advance of its first London season in over 30 years, and on page 19 Patricia Linton draws some conclusions from the Focus on Style series of lectures held at The Royal Ballet School over the past few

months. Gerald Dowler interviews Reid Anderson, director of Stuttgart Ballet, on page 27, and Paul Arrowsmith examines composer Benjamin Britten's relationship with ballet in time to mark the 100th anniversary celebrations of his birth. Finally, on page 36, Sarah Woodcock pays tribute to a very special lady, dance photographer Frederika Davis, who, amazingly, celebrated her 90th birthday on May 28. The interview includes some of Frederika's early photographs, but you can also see examples of her more recent pictures amongst the many reviews included in Dance Scene.

JONATHAN GRAY

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