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Alicia Alonso Willing to Strengthen Ballet in Latin America

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Havana, Apr 6 (Prensa Latina) Cuban prima ballerina assoluta Alicia Alonso said that today it is a priority to increase the presence of the National Ballet of Cuba (BNC) in Latin American countries and show the skills of the region in ballet.

Alonso just returned from a tour across Costa Rica and El Salvador, where the BNC performed under her direction and was given the Doctor Honoris Causa degrees at the universities named after the two countries.

Presidents Luis Guillermo Solís, from Costa Rica, and Salvador Sánchez Cerén, from El Salvador, attended the BNC performances starred by Viengsay Valdés, Grettel Morejón, Sadaise Arencibia, Anette Delgado, Dani Hernández, Rafael Quenedit, Patricio Reve and Raúl Abreu, among others.

During a press conference at the BNC headquarters in Havana, Alonso appreciated all the expressions of gratitude given to her and the BNC, which in her view moved the audience in the two countries with works like the second act of *Giselle* and a piece of the classic *Don Quixote*.

The BNC will perform at Mella Theater in Havana city next Saturday and Sunday, during La Huella de España Festival, an event chaired by Alonso.