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EDWARD VILLELLA JOINS MIAMI BEACH'S WALK OF THE STARS

Edward Villella, one of America's most respected ballet stars, joined the Miami Beach Walk of the Stars Monday, August 11th. Villella was memorialized when he placed his footprints in a block of concrete which was placed along with those of other notables in a special area located adjacent to the Lichenstein Mermaid sculpture on the south side of TOPA.

Villella's induction corresponded with the official opening of the Miami City Ballet's offices on Lincoln Road, a part of the South Florida Arts Center, the same day. Villella, who serves as artistic director of that group is recognized as one of America's leading spokesmen for the arts and for dance in particular.

The Miami City Ballet was founded in 1985 as Florida's first fully-professional resident ballet company. Under the direction of Villella, the company of 18 to 22 dancers will develop and perform a repertoire of both classical and contemporary works.

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