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Grand Kyiv Ballet principal dancers Oleksandr Stoianov and Kateryna Kukhar with their son Tymur.

Renowned dancers' fight for Ukraine

by BRIAN BENNION

WHILE performing to huge audiences in elegant theatres across Europe, Oleksandr Stoianov's young family was desperately fleeing Ukraine.

It took three days to reach the border of Po-

land and he and his wife were reunited with their son and daughter in the US where they now live in their adopted temporary home of Seattle.

Aleksandr and his wife Kateryna Kukhar perform together as the principal dancers in the Grand Kyiv

Ballet, which will perform at the Ipswich Civic Centre on May 14.

Many of their friends and family remain in Ukraine as their company has been touring the world in exile since the outbreak of war last year.

The acclaimed dancers

have turned to staging something of a peaceful protest as they perform to audiences across the globe and raise funds for Ukrainian refugees and medical care through the Red Cross and showcase the country's culture.

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DEEBING PROTEST ARRESTS

by BRIAN BENNION

POLICE moved on to the former Deebing Creek Aboriginal Mission site in the early hours of yesterday morning to forcibly evict protesters camped at the development site.

Dozens of police arrived at the Grampian Drive site in pitch black conditions before 5am with representatives for developers AV Jennings

and Moremac, arrested protesters and moved their belongings from the site.

Construction crews immediately moved in with heavy machinery, smashed the makeshift timber camp structures to the ground and erected construction fencing around the AV Jennings development site.

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