LARISSA LEZHNINA

Larissa Lezhnina (Russian: Larisa Lezhnina) is a principal dancer with Dutch National Ballet, Amsterdam. She was born on March 17, 1969 in Leningrad (now St. Petersburg), Russia. She graduated from the Vaganova Ballet Academy in Leningrad in 1987 and joined the Kirov Ballet (now the Mariinsky Ballet). In 1990, she became a First Soloist. She left the Mariinsky in 1994 and joined the Dutch National Ballet as a principal.

In 2006, she was awarded the prestigious award named after the Dutch ballerina Alexandra Radius.