

CHAUTAUQUA REGIONAL YOUTH BALLET



Monika Alch, Artistic Director

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THE MISSION OF THE CHAUTAUQUA REGIONAL YOUTH BALLET IS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING EXCELLENT DANCE INSTRUCTION AS WELL AS PRESENTING QUALITY PERFORMANCES TO ITS REGION.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, CRYB IS DEDICATED TO INVOLVING AREA YOUTH IN THESE PROJECTS.



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OFFERING CLASSES FOR ALL AGES AND LEVELS
PRE-PROFESSIONAL BALLET,
POINTE, CREATIVE DANCE,
PILATES, ADULT BALLET,
BOYS BALLET

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CRYB CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF **THE NUTCRACKER**

Join us in celebrating the season with this year's exciting presentation of The Nutcracker! A beloved family favorite, the ballet tells the story of young Clara (danced this year by Cate Walter of Bemus Point), who is given the gift of a magical Nutcracker from her mysterious Uncle Drosselmeyer at a family Christmas party. As the living room clock strikes midnight, Clara begins her exciting adventure that includes an epic battle between the Nutcracker Prince and the Rat King and travel through an enchanted snowstorm to reach the Land of Sweets. This year's

Land of Sweets will be ruled over by our youngest ever Sugar Plum Fairy - Grace McMillan of Jamestown - who is a student in the CRYB Pre-Professional Division along with Ms. Walter. The cast includes over 60 talented area youth and adults who have been rehearsing and preparing their roles since early September. This year's performances are made possible by the generous



sponsorship of M&T Bank and Whirley Drinkworks of Warren, PA. There are two performances this year - Friday, December 11th at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 12th at 2:00pm. Additionally, a special performance for area students will be held at 10am on Friday, December 11th at a discounted rate - Call the Reg to reserve tickets for your class. Reserved seating tickets for all performances are on sale now and available through the Reg Lenna box office (716-484-7070) or online at www.reglenna.com. (Photography by Rob Sigler)

Help Us Keep Our Dancers on Their Toes!

CRYB is kicking off their Annual Fund Campaign and has set a goal of \$15,000 in patron donations. "Like all non-profits affected by budget cuts in arts funding, individual giving is crucial to meeting our financial goals," notes CRYB Executive Director Elizabeth Bush. CRYB hopes to raise \$15,000 by June 1, 2016.

Giving is easy! Watch for your Annual Fund mailing or donate online at: www.cryb.net

Contributions to our *Annual Fund* allow us to provide much needed support and enrichment for our students, from full scholarships for boys to pointe shoes to guest teachers and choreographers. Need-based and merit scholarships help families offset the cost of training. We believe every child who has the desire to dance should have the opportunity - your support helps these children to pursue their talents. Please consider CRYB when making your charitable contributions so we can keep our students dancing!

A Message From Monika Alch...



We have lots to look forward to in CRYB's 2015-2016 season. This year I have re-instated the Pre-Professional Division to give the most talented students the opportunity to work more rigorously on their training. The students involved take extra technique classes, pilates, and Vaganova basics in addition to the regularly scheduled Advanced classes. Focus is on greater technical precision and artistry. I am also pleased to have a wonderful group of boys taking advantage of our boys' scholarships. I would encourage any young man interested in ballet to join our boys classes. Another Nutcracker is fast approaching, and so I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved - dancers, parents, volunteers - for giving their time and talents to help get the show on the stage. We have a great group of dancers this year and I look forward to seeing everyone at the performances!

New Classes For Teens and Adults



Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet is constantly striving to provide the best dance education for its students. We are pleased to have added *Elkins Method Mat Pilates* classes to our course offerings beginning September 2015! Over the summer, faculty members Gina Smeragliuolo and Jennifer Barczak trained with Beth Elkins of The Pilates Loft in Buffalo, NY thanks to a grant from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. The trademarked Elkins Method focuses on stretching and strengthening as well as breath, balance and coordination for

an invigorating full-body workout suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Classes are held Fridays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 10am. Borrow a mat or bring your own! Additionally, a beginner adult ballet class is offered on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm and enrollment is ongoing. No prior ballet experience necessary.

An Evening of Salsa and Sangria in Jamestown

CRYB celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month by offering an evening of salsa dancing with Buffalo native Calvin Rice and Fanny Olaya of Lima, Peru - owners of Baila Salsa Dance Company. The evening began with an introductory lesson taught by Calvin to familiarize everyone with the basic movements. Participants then partnered up and after a short break for tapas and wine, Calvin and his partner Fanny dazzled with a sizzling demonstration piece. Students from their Buffalo studio presented a group dance exhibition as well. A fantastic time was had by all - be on the lookout for more social dance events in the near future!



Thank You to Area Foundations!

CRYB is incredibly grateful for the support and generosity of our local foundations which make it possible for us to offer the best in classical dance experiences to our community. This past year scholarship grants from the **Chautauqua Region Community Foundation**, the **Johnson Foundation** and the **Holmberg Foundation** made it possible for students with financial need to continue their ballet training throughout the year. Many thanks to the **Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation** for their consistent support of our program and facility needs. The **Western New York Foundation** gave us generous support to update our studio space by improving lighting in our studio. Our new front desk area also received a new computer thanks to the **Lenna Foundation**. We are also grateful to **CRCF** for supporting our new choreography workshops. This year's premier of Cull by choreographer Michael Cervinski was a huge success. We hope you will have a chance to see it!

Spring Gala 2016:

Hansel & Gretel!





Between summer intensives both in our studio and away, special guest teachers, and exciting performances, our students had a busy and productive summer. Here are a few of our favorite highlights! Clockwise from top left: Lydia Everett, Shawn Sprinkle, Megan Stefanik, Telly Ortiz, and Madeline Jones backstage at the Chautauqua Opera's production of "Onegin", Int 2 and Adv Students with Miss Monika and Denis Malinkine of the

Milwaukee Ballet in character class during their 2 week intensive; Guest Faculty Spencer Keith, Brittany Bush, and Michael Cerwinski with Artistic Director Monika Alch; The Boys with Spencer Keith, Cate Walter with Mr Malinkine, Madeline Jones on the set of Onegin, Little Ballerinas at the completion of "Tutus, Tiaras" and a Prince or Two"; students with Ms. Lori Roberts of BalletMet during their week-long workshop.

Alumni News

Madeline Jones is completing her first semester at SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Dance and is pursuing a BFA in dance performance.



Brittany Bush is entering her second season as a company member with Jose Matteo Ballet Theatre of Boston, where she will be dancing in over 30 Nutcracker performances this winter.



Jordan Leeper has joined the Atlanta Ballet for the 2015-2016 Season. He is currently working on Twyla Tharp's The Princess and the Goblin, in which he is playing the Goblin King. He is also excited to be working with British choreographer Douglas Lee, who is setting a world premiere with the company.



Girl Scout Badge Day 2016

Due to popular demand we will be offering our Girl Scout badge day event again this year! Have fun learning about ballet while you earn your badge! Daisies and Brownies are invited to participate in a workshop that includes the story of a classical ballet, a performance by CRYB dancers, and a beginner ballet class taught by CRYB faculty. Save the date for Saturday, February 6th! Open to troops and individual scouts.



CRYB Parent's Guild

Many thanks to the CRYB Parent's Guild for their continued support and encouragement of Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet and its dancers. The Guild hosts fundraisers, community events, and enrichment programs throughout the year including Clara's Tea, a popular annual event that gives children the opportunity to learn about the Nutcracker up-close prior to CRYB's performances. Check their message board in the main lobby for info and updates!



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EVENT CALENDAR

November 25-29 Thanksgiving Break

December 6 Last Day of Fall Classes

December 11 Nutcracker School Show

December 11 Nutcracker (7:30pm)

December 12 Nutcracker (2:00pm)

January 4 Classes Resume

February 15-20 Winter Break

March 14-19 Parent's Observation Week

March 21-27 Spring Break

May 30 Memorial Day (No Classes)

June 18 Spring Gala Performance

***Salsa and Sangria Evenings -
More dates TBA!***