

# CHAUTAUQUA REGIONAL YOUTH BALLET



*Monika Alch, Artistic Director*

*high pointes*  
*Spring 2017*

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.



## CHAUTAUQUA REGIONAL YOUTH BALLET

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

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## WINTER RESIDENCY CHOREOGRAPHY TO PREMIERE AT SPRING GALA

Our thanks to the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation for once again making CRYB's Winter Residency possible this year through a grant from The Blossom Fund. Although CRYB students have the benefit of quality classical ballet training right here in Chautauqua County, there is not the opportunity to work with new choreographers in contemporary ballet and modern dance styles. This is important because dancers joining ballet companies today are expected to be well-versed in contemporary styles as well as classical ballet.

It also gives the dancers the very professional experience of having to learn a work in a couple of sessions as opposed to several weeks. Local audiences also benefit with a chance to see new choreography and new trends in contemporary dance not otherwise available locally. Guest choreographer Michael Cerwinski from Michael.James.New.York and Brittany Bush from Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre in Boston spent a week this past January working with the CRYB Advanced and Pre-Professional students. Mr. Cerwinski set a modern work to be premiered on this June's Spring Gala performance and Ms. Bush set two contemporary ballet works for CRYB's Pre-Professional students to music by Verdi and Bach which will also be performed on June 17th at the Reg Lenna.



## CRYB CELEBRATES ANOTHER SEASON OF NUTCRACKER MAGIC

In spite of the worst snow storm of the season, Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet's NUTCRACKER at the Reg Lenna Center For The Arts brought holiday magic and beautiful dancing to the community December 9th and 10th. A grant from M&T Bank made it possible for Guest Artists Kirsten Evans and Alex Lantz from Festival Ballet Providence to perform the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier.



The performance was also partially underwritten by our Nutcracker Sponsors including: Diana Anton, Brigiotta's Farmland & Gardens, Hope's Windows, Inc., Saxton, Kocur & Associates, LLP. Additional support was provided by Brenda & Ken Everett, Kris & Bill Jones, Mary Anne Harp & Flip Yates, Michele & Sara Sokolski, Richard & Caran Redington and Fessenden, Laumer & DeAngelo. A pre-show reception for patrons was catered by Landmark Restaurant and a signature cocktail was designed by Nick Dean of Forte for the event.

## *A Message from Monika Alch...*

Are you passionate about the arts in our community and looking to make a lasting, positive impact? We are always looking for new members for our Board of Directors. Board members play an important role in guiding Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet. I would like to encourage anyone with skills, determination, and a genuine love of dance and the arts to consider joining our board for the upcoming 2017-2018 season.



Thank you to Fessenden, Laumer & DeAngelo for their support of CRYB! Pictured is Dan Gullotti visiting Monika Alch's advanced and pre-pro class.

### *La Vie En Rose'*

*Save the Date!!*



**Friday, August 18th 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

*on the patio of the Roger Tory Peterson Institute*

*Enjoy al fresco dining on the terrace where you and your friends can enjoy a light supper accompanied by carefully selected rose' wines.*

*Catering by Reverie Creamerie and wines by Bag & String.*

*Cash bar offering premium wines and beer also available.*

*Live jazz by Monk's Brew, fabulous auction items and a performance by the CRYB dancers.*

*Proceeds to benefit the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet.*

*Call 716-664-9766 for more info or to make your reservation now!*

## **SUMMER ACCEPTANCES**

Congratulations to our talented pre-professional dancers who will be attending prestigious summer programs this year! Megan Stefanik will be spending two weeks at SUNY Purchase studying with the American Academy of Ballet. Cecelia Johnson will attend Chautauqua School of Dance at Chautauqua Institution. Maya Swanson and Cate Walter are returning to the School of American Ballet in Manhattan - this will be Maya's second year and Cate's third. All four will have a busy summer of dancing! After returning home from their programs they will participate in CRYB's own two week intensive and perform at Chautauqua Institution on August 16th. Students from other levels will also be supplementing their dance studies. Emilee Shafer will attend Neglia Conservatory in Buffalo for five weeks and a group of our younger dancers will attend the Pre-Workshop Weekend at Chautauqua Institution where they spend three days taking classes and give an in-studio performance for parents.



## **THINK SPRING!**

CRYB students and faculty are preparing for the 2017 Spring Gala Performance on June 17th at the Reg Lenna Center For The Arts. The first half will feature beginning through Intermediate ballet levels performing to music from The Fairy Doll by Joseph Bayer. The second half of the program will feature Advanced and Pre-Professional students under the direction of Monika Alch in a variety of works from the classical repertoire as well as new choreography. The Act 2 program will include two new ballet works to music from Verdi's I Siciliani Vespri and Bach's Concerto for Violin in a-minor both choreographed by CRYB alumna Brittany Bush. Also on the program will be a modern work, Vanity, to Lacrimosa from the Mozart Requiem choreographed by Michael Cerwinski. Audience favorite "Gypsy Suite" to music from the Red Violin soundtrack will round out the second half. Tickets can be purchased from the Reg Lenna Box Office 716.484.7070 or at [www.reglenna.com](http://www.reglenna.com)



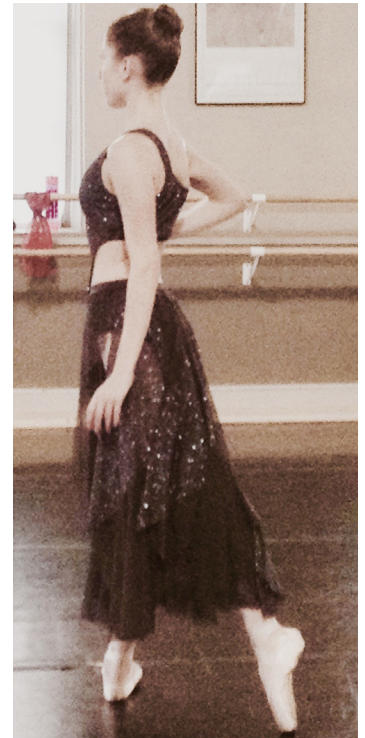
## SUMMERDANCE 2017 AT CHAUTAUQUA REGIONAL YOUTH BALLET

Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet will once again be offering a two-week intensive for Intermediate and Advanced dancers with visiting guest faculty beginning August 14th. The program boasts small class sizes with individualized attention. This year's guest faculty includes Ivaylo Alexiev of Festival Ballet Providence, Brittany Bush of Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre Boston, and Michael Cerwinski of Michael.James.



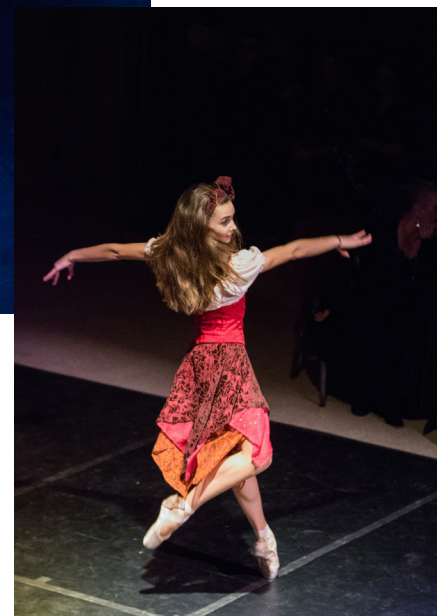
New York. Classes include ballet, pointe, variations, character, and modern. The intensive is open to non-CRYB students as well - see our website for complete application details. Tutus and Tiaras is our most popular offering for tiny dancers ages 3-5. The morning session is full, but we are still accepting applica-

tions for the afternoon session from 1:00-2:45pm during the week of August 7th. Open technique classes will also be offered July 11th through August 4th and include Open Intermediate Ballet (Tues / Thurs 5-6:30pm) and Mat Pilates (Wed 5:30-6:30pm).



### DANCE NOIR: A HALLOWEEN INSPIRED FALL PERFORMANCE

Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet held their first-ever fall performance this year: Dance Noir. The event, held October 30th at the Willow Bay Theater, featured Advanced and Pre-Professional students dancing seasonally inspired repertoire. Dancers performed on the floor with guests seated at surrounding tables, providing a more intimate and involved experience. The mixed repertoire performance included Soldato, Red Riding Hood, The Bluebirds, Red Violin, and the CRYB premiere of guest choreographer Michael Cerwinski's "Garten".



SATURDAY JUNE 17 2017

# SPRING gala

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*Ballu*  
AND  
*Modern Works*  
TO MUSIC BY  
*Book, Boyer*  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 17 – SPRING GALA PERFORMANCE

JULY 11-AUGUST 4 - OPEN SUMMER CLASSES

AUGUST 7-11 - TUTUS & TIARAS

AUGUST 14-25 - TWO WEEK INTENSIVE

AUGUST 15 - CRYB PERFORMANCE AT CHAUTAUQUA

AUGUST 18 - LA VIE EN ROSÉ FUNDRAISER

SEPTEMBER 10 - NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS

SEPTEMBER 11 - FIRST DAY OF FALL SEMESTER

OCTOBER - DANCE NOIR (DATE TBA)

DECEMBER 15 & 16 - NUTCRACKER

