

# CHAUTAUQUA REGIONAL YOUTH BALLET



*Monika Alch, Artistic Director*

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Fall 2017

## CRYB CELEBRATES ANOTHER SEASON OF NUTCRACKER MAGIC!

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

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Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet is pleased to present our annual production of The Nutcracker! This exciting performance is a treasured part of the holiday season for many local families. From a magical holiday party, to a forest of dancing snowflakes, to a sweet land of confectionary treats, The Nutcracker is the must-see show of the season. Performances are on Friday, December 15th at 7:30pm and Saturday, December 16th at 2:00pm. Additionally, a special educational performance for area students will be held on Thursday, December 14th at 10am. 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](http://www.reglenna.com).



## CRYB AND CCHS JOIN FORCES TO FIND PETS A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



One of the most popular characters of the "Party Scene" of CRYB's Nutcracker is always Grandmother's dog. This year, Grandma's dog will be played by Chloe, a former rescue adopted by volunteer Sarah Winton at the Chautauqua County Humane Society. Chloe will be receiving lots of love, attention, and treats on stage from the children and parents at the party. Featuring Chloe is an opportunity to showcase how rescued dogs can shine and become a loved member of the family. Visit Chautauqua County Humane Society's website ([www.spcapets.org](http://www.spcapets.org)) for more information about adoptable pets and their mission of compassion and animal advocacy in our community.



Miss Monika accepting a donation Dan Gullotti of Fessenden, Laumer & DeAngelo with Pre-pro and Advanced dancers.

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

Another Nutcracker is fast approaching and our students have been hard at work rehearsing since early Fall. As always, I am very proud of our talented dancers and their commitment to the art of ballet. Thank you to the parents and volunteers for all of your help, and also to our community for your continued support of our efforts. In other performance news, I am pleased to announce that the CRYB Spring Gala will be presented at the Chautauqua Institution Amphitheater this year. We will also be presenting a school show for area students in keeping with our commitment to community inclusion and outreach. This will be a very exciting opportunity for our dancers to perform on the brand new Amphitheater stage. Happy holidays to all, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Nutcracker and our Spring Gala on Friday, June 15th!

We are thrilled to announce that our  
2018 Spring Gala Production  
will be held at the  
Amphitheater  
at Chautauqua Institution.



Save the Date!  
Friday, June 15th

*Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet is able to provide high quality education and programming because of the support of our community. Giving is easy! Watch for your Annual Fund mailing or donate online at: [www.cryb.net](http://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!*

### Many thanks to our local foundations who generously support the programming and the students of CRYB:

- The **Sheldon Foundation** for their continued support of CRYB's mission to bring excellence in classical dance instruction and performance to our community.
- **Chautauqua Region Community Foundation** through the **Blossom Fund** for supporting CRYB's second Dance Noir performance this November.
- **Chautauqua Region Community Foundation Community Service Grant** for providing scholarship and financial aid support for our 2017-2018 school year.
- **Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo** – 2017 Oliver G. and Sarah Sloan Bauman Fund for the Arts in support of our 2017 Nutcracker.

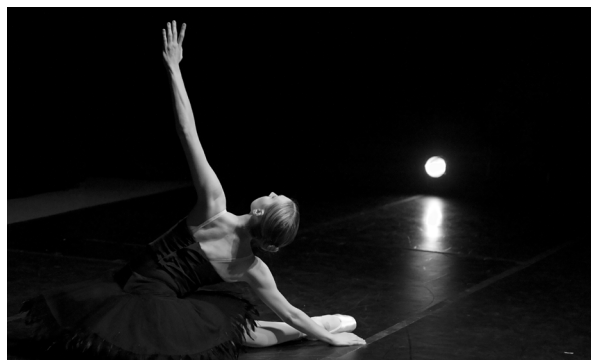


Photo of Pre-Pro student (and this year's Sugar Plum Fairy) Maya Swanson in class at the School of American Ballet Summer Intensive by Rosalie O'Connor.

## CRYB CELEBRATES THE HALLOWEEN SEASON WITH SECOND ANNUAL FALL PERFORMANCE



The Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet presented Dance Noir on Saturday, November 4th, at the Willow Bay Theatre. A smaller, intimate performance, Dance Noir features works inspired by the darkness of the Halloween season including both classic variations and new contemporary works. Elizabeth Bush, Executive Director says of adding the performance to the season: "We are always exploring ideas to engage and increase our audiences. By offering a different format – namely a small intimate venue, wine bar and edgier programming – we hope to attract more young adults, many of whom now live in the downtown area. This program offers an experience where the audience doesn't just view the performance, but socializes, learns and interacts around it. Before and after the performance we open the venue and wine bar so people can hang out, have a drink and talk about the experience with one another." This year's production featured dancers from the Advanced and Pre-Professional levels of the school performing classical, modern, and contemporary pieces. Guest performances by Brittany Bush and Spencer Keith of Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre dancing the Dying Swan and Golden Idol from La Bayadere respectively, and a Classical Indian piece choreographed and performed by guest faculty Sukanya Burman rounded out the program.



## WORKSHOP INTRODUCES ADVANCED DANCERS TO MARTHA GRAHAM TECHNIQUE

Our Advanced and Pre-Professional students had an exciting opportunity to take a six week course in beginning Graham technique this fall taught by Sukanya Burman of Warren, PA. Ms. Burman has extensive training in Martha Graham technique as well as Indian Classical Dance. Ms. Burman says of the class: "A typical Graham class challenges a dancer not just physically but also emotionally. A Graham dancer exudes joy, happiness, pain, anger, fear, restlessness and tranquility through each and every fiber of her body and mind." It is always a special treat for our dancers to receive training in other dance forms beyond classical ballet technique. This helps them to be more versatile when learning choreography and adapting their bodies to new forms of movement. The dancers also receive modern technique classes during winter choreographic residencies and summer intensive with guest choreographer Michael Cerwinski.



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- DECEMBER 15 - THE NUTCRACKER
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- JANUARY 6 - CLASSES RESUME
- FEBRUARY 19-24 - WINTER BREAK
- MARCH 19-24 - PARENT'S OBSERVATION WEEK
- MARCH 30-APRIL 7 - SPRING BREAK
- APRIL 18 - FLOWER SALE BEGINS
- MAY 26-28 - MEMORIAL DAY (NO CLASSES)
- JUNE 15 - SPRING GALA
- SUMMERDANCE - JULY & AUGUST 2018
- SEPTEMBER 2018 - NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS

  
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