

CHAUTAUQUA REGIONAL YOUTH BALLET



Monika Alch, Artistic Director

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Spring 2015

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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A MIX OF CLASSICAL AND CONTEMPORARY: SPRING GALA 2015

Under the direction of Monika Alch, CRYB will be presenting an exciting program of mixed repertoire at this year's Spring Gala. This annual performance showcases the talents of our students in a professional production. The dancers learn classical repertoire and new choreography and spend much of the spring semester rehearsing their pieces in addition to their regular technique classes.

Act I will feature the CRYB's younger students in a ballet suite to Etudes - a collection of orchestrated Czerny compositions. Rounding out the first Act will be our male students in an entertaining piece from Oliver and an exciting modern dance piece set to "Let It Go" from Disney's Frozen. This was choreographed for our younger students by Michael Cerwinski during his modern dance residency at the studio in January.

Ms. Alch's advanced dancers will present a mix of famous variations and new contemporary works in Act II. Classical pieces will include excerpts from La Vivandiere and Swan Lake including the famous Four Little Swans. There will also be a special guest performance featuring CRYB alumna Brittany Bush and Spencer Keith, both of Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre. Mr. Cerwinski's latest work choreographed for CRYB, "Cull", is a modern piece set to the music of Einaudo

Ludivico. Audience favorite "Soldato" - a contemporary work to the music of Philip Glass - will also be on the program. The range of classical and contemporary pieces highlight the versatility and talent of our dancers. The performance is Saturday, June 13th at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available beginning April 1st at www.reglenna.com or in person at the Reg Lenna Box office (716-484-7070).



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING NATIONAL DANCE WEEK!

CRYB is offering a full week of special events in honor of National Dance Week (April 25-May 2). The goal of National Dance Week is to "Celebrate Dance and Promote Fun and Fitness" and we are doing just that with a wide range of events from free classes to demonstrations to award winning films. Come celebrate with us!

SATURDAY (4/25): Girl Scout Dance Badge Day (see pg. 3)

MONDAY (4/27): Ballet Class For Athletes - From Football to Figure Skating, BALLET is the perfect way to improve your strength, stamina, balance, and flexibility (Call for Info).

TUESDAY (4/28): Stop in to register for summer classes!

WEDNESDAY (4/29): Free Adult Ballet Classes
Beginning Teen/Adult 5:30-6:30 Intermediate 6:30-8

THURSDAY (4/30): Artistic Director's Open House for CRYB
Friends of the Ballet 5:00-6:00

FRIDAY (5/1): Film Screening - "Dancing Across Borders"
7:30pm at Studio
Free Admission (Sponsored by Fassenden, Laumer, and DeAngelo)

SATURDAY (5/2): Free Barre Workout 9:00-10:00
Zumba with Mr. Paul 11:30-12:30
Parent Guild Bun How-To Class 10:15-11:15



A Message From Monika Alch...



We have had an exciting season here at CRYB and there are some wonderful things to be looking forward to for the upcoming year. Our dancers are busy preparing for the Spring Gala performance and are looking forward to continuing their studies in the summer either at CRYB or other prestigious national programs. Our advanced dancers will be returning to Chautauqua Institution to perform on August 18 and will be performing on Lily Dale's Floating Stage August 15th - mark your calendars!

I am pleased to announce that we will be reinstating our Pre-Professional division beginning Fall 2015. Designed for the serious student interested in pursuing a career in dance, the program is technically challenging with emphasis on detail and artistry. Students in this program also participate in several additional performances and outreach programs. Acceptance is by audition only. The auditions are scheduled for Monday, June 15th and are open to any student who meets the technical and attendance requirements - detailed requirements are available at the front desk.

The Fredonia Opera House will be presenting a new season of classical ballet performances broadcast live from the Bolshoi - some highlights to look forward to are Giselle, Balanchine's Jewels,

The Nutcracker, Spartacus, and Don Quixote. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and any lover of ballet to see the highest caliber of international talent in full length productions of classical favorites and I encourage everyone to attend. Be on the lookout for a detailed schedule of the complete season. Thank you for another wonderful year and I look forward to seeing everyone June 13th at our Spring Gala Performance!

CRYB EXPANDING ADULT CLASS OFFERINGS

It's never too late to go back to ballet! Whether you are new to dance or want to get back in shape, CRYB has classes for every level. Our popular Saturday morning Barre Work-Out combines elements of yoga and pilates with traditional ballet movements for a full body workout focusing on strength, flexibility, and the grace of a dancer.

Our two levels of adult ballet provide both true beginners and continuing dancers with a full classical ballet class. And we are pleased to offer Zumba on Saturdays with Mr. Paul beginning April 11th! We encourage all of our parents to try a class and bring a friend. Try a class for free during National Dance Week (April 25-May 2).

Barre Work-Out
Saturdays 9am-10am
ZUMBA with Mr. Paul
Saturdays 11:30-12:30pm
Beginner Ballet
Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm
Intermediate Ballet
Wednesdays 6:30-8pm

BEST WISHES MADDIE!

Congratulations to CRYB Senior Madeline Jones who has recently been accepted to the Conservatory of Dance at SUNY Purchase for Fall 2015. The Conservatory, located in Westchester County just outside of NYC, offers both bachelor's and master's programs and is one of the most highly regarded dance conservatories in the United States. We wish Maddie the best of luck as she continues her pursuit of a career in dance!



NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS
SUNDAY AUGUST 16th
1:00 pm

STUDENTS TO SPEND SUMMER AT PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL PROGRAMS

We are excited to announce that several of our CRYB dancers have been accepted to prestigious summer ballet programs. Students traveled to major cities in January and February to audition alongside several hundred other young dancers for coveted spots in these selective workshops.



Cate Walter, 11, will spend her summer at the School of American Ballet located in New York City's Lincoln Center. SAB is the official school of the world renowned New York City Ballet. More than 1700 students audition for SAB's summer course each year and only 10-13 percent are accepted. Cate was also accepted into the Chautauqua Institution summer program and New York State Summer School of the Arts. Cate is the daughter of Peter and Carla Walter of Bemus Point.

Cecelia Johnson, 10, will be attending the American Ballet Theatre Young Dancer Summer Workshop in Orange County, CA. The workshop provides young dancers a well-rounded dance education including technique, nutrition, dance history, etiquette, and injury prevention. The program is designed to give serious young dancers a nurturing environment to experience the professional world of dance. Cecelia is the daughter of Bryce and Beth Johnson of Jamestown.



Grace McMillan, 12, was accepted into the Bolshoi Ballet Academy Summer Intensive in Connecticut. She auditioned at the Juilliard School in NYC. BBASI is a rigorous ballet training program conducted by Master Teachers in the Russian language with the assistance of English-speaking translators and provides expert training for serious students aged 9-14. Grace is the daughter of Annie Mayzlin of Jamestown.

Congratulations dancers - we are excited to see what you learn!

CRYB TO OFFER FULL SCHEDULE OF DANCE CLASSES DURING SUMMER SESSION

Our summer session, Summerdance 2015, will run from July 13th through August 15th with a wide variety of ongoing open classes and special workshops.

CRYB's Two-Week Intensive for Intermediate and Advanced students will be the first two weeks of August with daily classes in ballet technique, pointe, character, variations, mens, and modern. Guest faculty includes Denis Malinkine of Milwaukee Ballet and CRYB Alumna Brittany Bush of Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre teaching ballet, and Michael Cerwinski of Michael James New York teaching modern dance.

A new addition this summer is a special weeklong Workshop for Young Dancers with Ms. Lori Roberts of BalletMet. This program is

geared toward beginner-intermediate dancers (current level 1B and 2) and will culminate in an in-studio parent demonstration at week's end.

We are once again offering our popular Tutus, Tiaras, and a Prince Or Two workshop, an introduction to the magical world of dance for young boys and girls age 3-5. In addition to these special workshops, we will also be offering ongoing beginner, intermediate, and adult classes from July 13th through August 14th.

Check our website www.cryb.net/summerdance or call for detailed dates, cost, and registration forms. Also, be sure to mark your calendar for select advanced dancers performing at Chautauqua Institution August 18th and on Lily Dale's floating stage August 15th!

JANUARY GUEST RESIDENCIES IN BALLET AND MODERN

Thanks to the generous support of the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, CRYB was able to offer two week-long residencies in ballet and modern at the start of our spring semester.

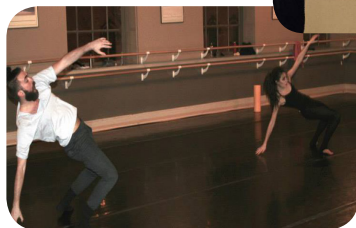
CRYB alumna Brittany Bush of Jose Mateo Dance Theatre in Boston started out the month guest teaching ballet and repertoire classes for the Intermediate 2 and Advanced students. She worked with the Advanced students to set choreography for the Spring Gala performance including audience favorite Soldato, the famous "Four Lit-

Michael Cerwinski of Michael James New York spent a week teaching classes and setting new choreography on the Advanced students. Entitled Cull, this post-apocalyptic



work will premiere at the Spring Gala. He also worked with the Intermediate 2 students on their modern piece for the Spring Gala, Let It Go, which premiered at CRYB in August.

Brittany and Michael will be returning this August as guest instructors for our Two Week Intermediate and Advanced Summer Intensive Program.



tle Swans" from Swan Lake and the opening to La Vivandiere Pas de Six.

GIRL SCOUTS EARN DANCE BADGES

CRYB played host to a group of 75 Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts in February for a workshop to earn their Dance Badges and a Daisy Petals. The workshop featured the story of classical ballet Swan Lake, a mini-performance by CRYB dancers, and a 45 minute beginning ballet class. Don't miss our next opportunity to earn a Dance Badge on Saturday, April 25th as part of our National Dance Week programming. Troops and individuals welcome.



Register early to ensure a spot in the program! Call us at 716/664-9766 or email info@cryb.net for more info.

FROM THE CRYB PARENT GUILD

The CRYB Parent Guild has been busy making sure all new parents are ready for the Spring Gala. They held informational coffee hour meetings in March to go over what to expect from theatre week and the performance and to answer any questions parents may have about how to prepare your child for the stage. The Guild also has a few informational workshops scheduled at the CRYB studio:

Make-Up Application Tutorial: April 11 & 18
The Guild is providing a make-up kit that has everything your child will need for the performance - sample and order form available at studio

Bun How-To Class: May 2 & 9
Learn the proper way to put your child's hair in a secure, performance-ready bun.

Warm-up gear is available for purchase online - look for the link on the CRYB website. Also, don't forget to place your Francesca's flower bouquet order to be delivered to your dancer after the Spring Gala!

Artistic Director *Monika Alch*
cordially invites all of our friends and funders
to a special "Thank You" reception on Friday,
May 29th at 6:00pm in the CRYB studios.
Select students will perform excerpts from the
Spring Gala performance and champagne and
refreshments will be provided.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 25-MAY 2 - National Dance Week

MAY 25 - Memorial Day - NO CLASSES

JUNE 9 - Last Day Of Classes

JUNE 13 - Spring Gala 7:00pm Reg Lenna Theater

JUNE 15 - Pre-Professional Audition 7:00pm

JULY 13-AUGUST 14 - Summer Session

AUGUST 3-8 - Young Dancer Intensive Workshop

AUGUST 3 - 14 - Intermediate/Advanced Intensive

AUGUST 15 - CRYB Performance - Lily Dale

AUGUST 16 - Nutcracker Auditions - 1:00pm

AUGUST 18 - CRYB Performance - Chautauqua

SEPTEMBER 7 - Fall Semester Begins