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Spring 2016

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

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CRYB Spring Gala Performance 2016

Join us for a fairy-tale inspired evening as CRYB presents its annual Spring Gala Performance! This year's repertoire includes all of our young dancers in a delightful staging of *Hansel & Gretel*, followed by Advanced and Pre-Professional dancers in excerpts from *Sleeping Beauty* and the premiere of a show-stopping new modern piece by resident choreographer Michael Cerwinski set to the music of *Carmina Burana*. Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet's 2016 Spring Gala will be presented on June 18th at 7:00pm at the Reg Lenna Center For The Arts. Tickets are available at the Reg Lenna box office or at www.reglenna.com



Winter Choreography Residencies Continue

CRYB's pre-professional dancers began the new year with visits from guest faculty Brittany Bush and Spencer Keith of *Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre (Boston)*, who spent a week in January teaching master classes and setting new choreography. Mr. Keith worked with our male dancers as well as set the "Little Red Riding Hood" Pas de Deux from *Sleeping Beauty* which will be performed in the Spring Gala by Maya Swanson and Shawn Sprankle. Ms. Bush choreographed a new piece for the Pre-pro students set to Verdi's "Autumn" which will be debuted this summer at CRYB's August 16th performance at Chautauqua Institution.



CRYB students have enjoyed the opportunity to learn different styles of dance to supplement their classical training. Modern instructor and choreographer Michael Cerwinski also returned in January to teach classes and to create a new modern piece for the Advanced class set to music from "Carmina Burana". The powerful and exciting new work will premiere at the June 18th Spring Gala.

In Loving Memory of Mario Alch...



The CRYB family is deeply saddened by the loss of our greatest fan and champion - and Miss Monika's dear husband - Mario Alch. His unending encouragement, support, and joy inspired each and every dancer in the studio.

Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet is setting up a tribute to Mario on our website. Many have asked how they can share remembrances and honor his memory. There will be an opportunity to share your personal remembrances and if you wish to make a donation to the Mario Alch Scholarship Fund.

We will miss you Mario but never forget you! Cheers!

CRYB Students Attending Prestigious Summer Intensive Programs

Cate Walter age 13, will return to 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*. Cate was also accepted into the *Chautauqua Institution* summer program. Cate is the daughter of Dr. Peter and Carla Walter of Bemus Point.

Cecelia Johnson age 11, will be attending the *Bolshoi Ballet Academy Summer Intensive* in Connecticut, a rigorous training program taught by Master Teachers in the Russian language. Cecelia is the daughter of Bryce and Beth Johnson of Jamestown.

Grace McMillan age 13, who danced the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy in this season's *Nutcracker*, is attending the *New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA)* in Saratoga Springs, NY where she will study under the tutelage of former CRYB guest artist Daniel Ulbricht of *New York City Ballet*. Grace is the daughter of Annie Mayzlin of Jamestown.

Maya Swanson age 12, will be joining Cate Walter in New York City at the *School of American Ballet* for her first summer program away from home. Maya was also accepted into the *Chautauqua Institution* summer program. Maya is the daughter of Matthew and Tanya Swanson of Russell, PA. All four girls are enrolled in CRYB's Pre-Pro Division.



Congratulations, Emily!

Best wishes to graduating senior *Emily Rose Mager*, daughter of Greg and Dineen Mager of Frewsburg, NY who will be attending *Niagara University* in the fall. Emily has studied with Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet for 12 years. We will miss her hard work, dedication, and warm smile in class and on stage but wish her the best of luck as she takes the next step in her education and career pursuits!



Join us for SALSA at CRYB!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to **Diego Ermida**, a recent transplant to the Jamestown area who began teaching Salsa Dance to the community at Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet in April. Originally from Uruguay, Mr. Ermida is a professional Latin dance performer, instructor, and choreographer. Add some sizzle to



your summer with a six-week summer session beginning July 9th. Classes will be held on Saturdays from 5:30-6:30pm and are taught in both English and Spanish. Walk-ins are welcome and no partner is necessary. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this fun social dance class!

Save the Date!

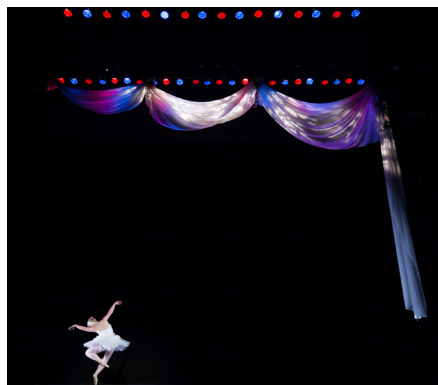
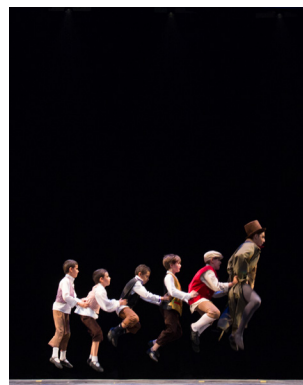
Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet will present its annual summer performance at Chautauqua Institution on August 16th at 6:00pm in Lenna Hall as part of the Free Family Entertainment Series. Students from the Pre-Professional division will be performing a mixed repertoire that will include classical and contemporary pieces as well as the premiere of new choreography by Brittany Bush.

SUMMER DANCE 2016 - Classes for All Ages and Levels!

Summer dance classes are a great way to stay in shape and to maintain technique for the coming season. Open Classes for Summer 2016 will run from July 11th through August 5th with options for every level from beginner to adult Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. In addition to ballet technique we will also be offering Mat Pilates on Friday evenings. The ever popular Tutus, Tiaras, & A Prince or Two is an exciting introduction to the magical world of dance for young boys and girls ages three to five. We have a special one week workshop for young dancers who have

or are close to achieving an intermediate level of technique with **Samantha Barczak** of *Pennsylvania Ballet*. Our Two Week Intensive for Intermediate and Advanced dancers will feature guest faculty including **Brittany Bush** and **Spencer Keith** of *Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre*, **Michael Cerwinski** of *Michael James New York*, and **Ivaylo Alexiev**, Ballet Master of *Festival Ballet Providence*. There are still openings in all courses - enroll today.

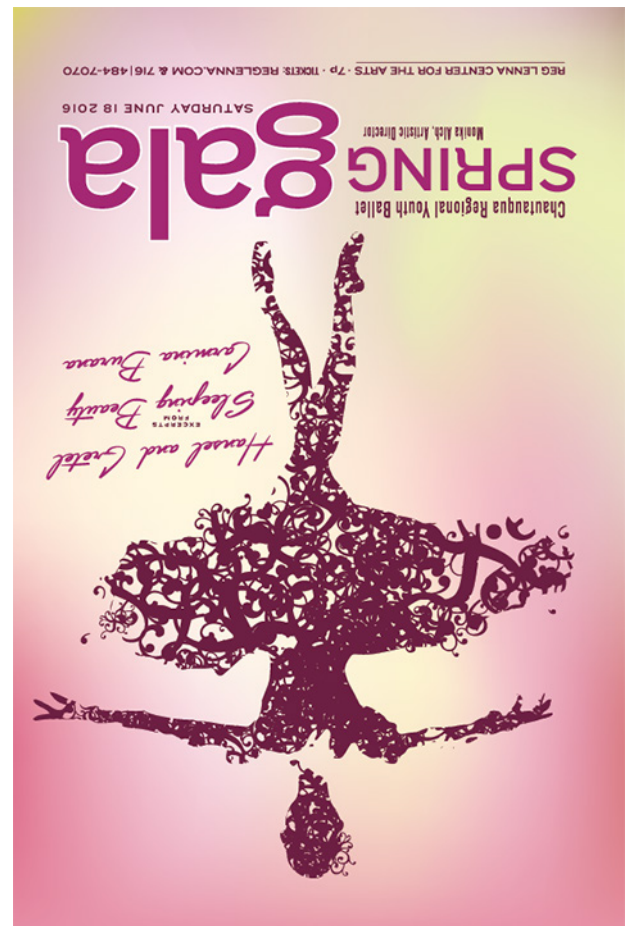
Visit www.cryb.net/summerdance for complete scheduling and enrollment information - see you at the barre!



2015 Spring Gala Highlights! Clockwise from top left: Maxwell Knight, Gabriella Knight, Creative Dance Class, Advanced Class in Soldato, Madeline Jones, Shawn Sprankle with the Boys' Class, Caroline Walter and Telly Ortiz. Photos by Rob Sigler.

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EVENT CALENDAR

June 18 - Spring Gala 7:00pm

August 16 - CRYB at Chautauqua 6pm

September 11 - Nutcracker Auditions

September 12 - Fall Classes Begin

December 9 & 10 - Nutcracker 2016

SUMMERDANCE Dates:

July 11-August 5 Open Classes

August 8-12 Tutus & Tiaras

August 8-12 Young Dancer Workshop

August 15-26 Two Week Intensive