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#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

JUNE 14: SPRING GALA SCHOOL SHOW

JUNE 15: SPRING GALA SHOW

JULY 9 - AUGUST 10: BEGINNER BALLET

AUG 6-10 TUTUS, TIARAS & A PRINCE OR TWO

AUG 13 - 26 TWO WEEK INT/ADV INTENSIVE

AUG 14- FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES PERFORMANCE

**SEPT 9 - NUTCRACKER AUDITION** 

SEPT 10 - FALL CLASSES BEGIN



## high pointes Spring 2018

THE MISSION OF THE
CHAUTAUQUA REGIONAL
YOUTH BALLET IS
DEDICATED TO PROVIDING
EXCELLENT DANCE
INSTRUCTION AS WELL AS
PRESENTING QUALITY
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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 BAL-LET, POINTE, CREATIVE DANCE, PILATES, ADULT BALLET, BOYS BALLET

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#### Spring Gala showcase at the Chautauqua Institution

CRYB is very excited to announce that the production, under the artistic direction of Monika Alch, will be performed in the newly renovated Amphitheater at Chautauqua Institution this year. The performance is Friday, June 15th at 7:30 pm. Guest performers are Brittany Bush and Spencer Keith from the Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre in Boston. In addition to regular tickets CRYB is offering a special VIP ticket which will include a catered pre-show reception on the porch of the Atheneum.

The first half of the program will feature students from Creative Dance up through Advanced in a ballet suite to music by Saint-Saëns, including Carnival of the Animals. Rounding out Act 1 is "Until the Dawn" a new modern work choreographed by CRYB Modern Instructor Sukanya Burman in the style of Martha Graham.

The second half of the program will highlight CRYB's Pre-Professional students and will feature the Red Violin Suite and excerpts from the ballet La Bayadère. Guest performers Brittany Bush and Spencer Keith will be joining the Pre-Professional students in Act 2. Mr. Keith will perform the famous Golden Idol variation from La Bayadère and will dance a Pas-de-Deux from the ballet with Ms. Bush.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.cryb.net and clicking on Spring Gala, also at www.chq.org or by calling 716-357-6250. Tickets are \$10 for Students and \$18 for Adults. VIP tickets are \$55 per person or \$100 for two which includes pre-show reception and tickets. VIP tickets may be purchased directly through CRYB at 716-664-9766.







#### Here's some inspiration for Spring!



Valeria Frishman

Boris Eifman Academy



Mattia Santini

Corp de ballet Royal Danish Ballet

Follow them on Instagram @balletrusse and @mattypepeb!

#### AMessage from Monika Alch...

Our students are busy preparing for our Spring Gala Performance at the Chautauqua Institution on Friday, June 15 at 7.30 pm. I would personally like to invite you to experience this wonderful showcase. The enchanting music, costumes and dance is sure to make your evening a memorable one. Also, don't forget to drop in backstage and share your experience with the cast and crew. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!



Monika Alch with Megan Stefanik

#### Congrats Megan!

Megan Stefanik, a pre-professional student has been accepted at the Conservatory of Dance at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, PA majoring in Dance (B.F.A) with a concentration in Ballet.

Monika Alch, Artistic Director of CRYB quoted "I am thrilled that Megan got this wonderful opportunity to advance her education in Ballet and train in classes such as Jazz, Modern, Variations and Choreography. I wish her all the very best!"



L to R: Ceceilia Johnson, Emilee Shafer, Maya Swanson, Bryce Jache, Cate Walters & Lilian Jache

# SAVE THE DATE: NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9th 2.00 pm

#### CRYB STUDENTS TO SPEND SUMMER AT PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL PROGRAMS

We are proud to announce that six of our advanced level students have been accepted into prestigious intensive ballet programs for the summer. The students are

Cecelia Johnson, Maya Swanson, Cate Walter, Emilee Shafer, Lillian Jache and Bryce Jache.

Cecelia Johnson, 13, and Maya Swanson will be attending the School of American Ballet (SAB) Summer Program in New York City.

Cate Walter, 15, will be attending the Chautauqua Festival Dancers program at the Chautauqua Institution, under the direction of Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux.

Emilee Shafer, 15, will be busy all summer attending two intensives, a five week long advanced summer intensive at BalletMet and a two-week professional program at The

Nutmeg Ballet Conservatory along with consideration for their year around program.

Siblings, Bryce, and Lillian Jache, respectively will be attending the Summer Intensive Program at the American Ballet Theater, under the supervision of ABT's Artistic Director Kevin McKenzie and Artistic Director of Summer Intensives Kate Lydon.

Fun Ballet Tip: Having trouble with your pirouettes? Try this neat trick: Smile while you're turning.

*Easy, right? Here's why it works:* 

Frowning while concentrating on a turn stiffens the muscles in your neck and jaw, which makes spotting nearly impossible—and, in turn (hah! see what I did there?), make pirouettes difficult. Smiling will relax your face, allowing you to spot more naturally. A recent study showed that tension in the jaw was often connected to tension in the hips and pelvis. So relaxing your jaw will also looen up your hip joints, creating more space for rotation and making for a cleaner, better-balanced passé. Cool, right?

#### **Summer at CRYB**

Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet will once again be offering a 5-week summer program for students of all ages and abilities:

<u>Two-Week Intensive for Intermediate and Advanced dancers</u> with visiting guest faculty beginning August 13th. The program boasts small class sizes with individualized attention.

<u>Tutus, Tiaras & a Prince or Two</u>.... is our most popular offering for tiny dancers ages 3-5. The morning session is full, but we are still accepting applications for the afternoon session from 1:00-2:30pm during the week of August 6th.

Open technique classes will also be offered July 9th through August 10 for Ballet 1-3 and Intermediate

Summer is also the perfect time to start ballet for the very first time!! Try our 5-week **Beginning Ballet** for 6 to 10 year olds on Thursdays from 5:00 to 6:00 beginning July 12th.

Visit our website at www.cryb.net and click on Summer for registration information.



#### Thank you to our Generous Foundations!

We are fortunate to live in an area where our local foundations value the importance of the arts and support opportunities for our youth culturally and educationally in our community.

Here are some recent grants we have received recently:

<u>Carnahan-Jackson Foundation</u> – scholarships available for our students to have the opportunity to study with guest artists and choreographers and to supplement our school financial aid.

#### **Chautauqua Regional Community Foundation:**

Funding through the Karl Peterson Fund to help cover the cost of new tutus needed for our Spring Gala and future performance use

<u>Community Service grant</u> – scholarship and financial aid funding to be used during the 2018-2019 school year

<u>United Arts Appeal</u> – funding to help with operational expenses

#### Spring is in full bloom at CRYB

We recently wrapped up our Spring Flower Sale Fundraiser. The top three students who made the highest sales will be awarded with gift cards to appreciate their efforts for going the extra mile. Tied in the first place are Izzy Balcom and Peyton Joly with a whopping \$810 followed by Annie and Cecelia Johnson raising a total of \$570. Tavares White and Adalynn Brunco our honorable mentions raised \$555 respectively. We would like to thank and congratulate all our students who worked so hard to support us!



Annie Mayzlin fitting new tutus provided by funding through Chautauqua Regional Community Foundation



You never know what you might see when you look up at our third floor studio window!

Pre-pro student Maya Swanson in a gorgeous arabesque during our ballet movie night. Just for Laughs

