# CHARLOTTE BALLET

2023/2024 EDUCATION PROGRAMS

# GIVE YOUR STUDENTS A POWERFUL EXPERIENCE!



## PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

## **Field Trips:**

- Educational Theater Performances
- Day of Dance
- Behind the Scenes Tours
- Middle and High School Dance Festival

## **In-School Opportunities:**

- Pages to Stages School Assembly
- School Residencies











# **IN-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**



#### **PAGES TO STAGES**

Professional dancers from Charlotte Ballet present an interactive educational program in your school! These 45-60 minute narrated performances feature diverse excerpts from the Company's contemporary and classic ballets. Active participation by students and an informal Q&A with dancers make this an exciting program! These performances include a comprehensive Study Guide for students and educators with biographies of the dancers, history of the company, as well as supplemental lessons and activities.

#### **PETER PAN**

Recommended for grades K-5

Let your imagination soar on a magical journey to Neverland with Peter, Wendy, Tinker Bell and the rest of your favorite Neverland characters. This never-before-seen version of Peter Pan with new choreography by Christopher Stuart lets audiences uncover the mysteries of Peter's life before his famous adventures and is sure to leave you feeling like you can fly!

Baseline Cost: \$1,200

**Available Dates:** October 23-27, February 5-9, February 12-16, March 11-15 and March 18-22

**Program addresses:** NC Essential Standards in Dance, Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and SEL.

#### **DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES**

Recommended for grades 6-12

Join Charlotte Ballet as we highlight how history, music and culture shaped the innovation of dance at its time. Students will have an opportunity to be inspired by the culture of jazz, see how a choreographer was influenced by the community who supported men like Martin Luther King Jr., and how contemporary music has pushed the boundaries of Ballet in the 21st century.

\*\*\*programming subject to change\*\*\*



# **IN-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **SCHOOL RESIDENCIES**

Charlotte Ballet offers three residency opportunities: Dance A Story workshops, repertory residencies and arts-integrated residencies. Professional dancers and/ or teaching artists will spend a day, a week or month at your school in a residency program.

**Dance A Story Workshops** are a fun, interactive 45-minute workshop held at your school. Appropriate for elementary age students, Dance A Story integrates kinesthetic learning with reading, introducing children to the world of ballet through classic stories, creative movement and music, including a "prop & costume" show and tell.

Cost: \$150

**Repertory Residencies** are an opportunity for a 6-12 dance class to learn Charlotte Ballet's riveting repertory. Classic and contemporary ballets serve as a catalyst, inspiring student learning through Charlotte Ballet's repertoire.

Cost: Based on length of residency

**Arts-Integrated Residencies** explore topics from language arts, mathematics, science or social studies curricula, through dance composition and performance for K-12 students.

Cost: Based on length of residency

Working with the Charlotte Ballet and their education team has been a delight. Ballet is not always the most familiar art form to our students, but these folks make it immediately accessible and engaging, and held the attention of rooms full of eighth graders from start to finish. We were particularly grateful for the range of styles they presented as part of their Classical/Contemporary lecture demonstration, and for the time the dancers spent answering a range of student questions.

- Dr. Brian Sullivan, Cabarrus Arts Council

#### **BOOK YOUR PROGRAM NOW:**

### 2023/2024 FIELD TRIPS

# EDUCATIONAL THEATER PERFORMANCES

Charlotte Ballet offers special, low-cost performances for students. Join us for a trip to experience the magic of ballet!

#### Students have the opportunity to:

- Experience a live professional performance tailored just for students
- Ask the dancers questions during a Q&A at intermission
- Visit a beautiful theater in Uptown Charlotte
- Organized drop-off and pick-up for school buses.

#### For Teachers:

Complimentary online multimedia study guides are provided two weeks before the performance to enhance student appreciation, as well as reinforce curriculum connections prior to and post field trip. These guides include sample lesson plans guaranteed to engage students.



#### **BREAKING BOUNDARIES**

October 12, 2023 at 10:30 AM Patricia McBride & Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux Center for Dance

Appropriate for grades 6-12 and college students

Charlotte Ballet's 2023/2024 Season kicks off with dynamic and exhilarating works that push limits and inspire audiences of all ages. *Breaking Boundaries* features a brand new work by Mthuthuzeli November, an award-winning choreographer from Cape Town, South Africa. Experience the unconventional masterpiece, *Kamuyot*, touching "on the mischievous, free, and playful places in all kids – whether they are five or 80 years old. An inspiring and moving experience that allows the audience "to be with" dance and not only watch it."

**Program addresses:** NC Essential Standards in Dance, Music, Visual Arts, Theater Arts, and Social Studies; and Common Core Standards in English Language Arts.

**Cost:** \$10 per person, \$7 for CMS Title I schools. Deadline for reservations is September 21, 2023.

#### **NUTCRACKER**

December 15, 2023 at 10:30 AM Belk Theater

Appropriate for grades K-12 and college students

Experience true wonder with your loved ones during the holiday season at Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux's *Nutcracker!* Performed at the beautiful Belk Theater in the heart of Uptown Charlotte, there's no better tradition than hearing Tchaikovsky's score while experiencing glittering snowfall, jumping candy canes and the magnificent Land of Sweets. The holidays have never felt so wondrous.

**Program addresses:** NC Essential Standards in Dance, Music and Social Studies; and Common Core Standards in English Language Arts.

**Cost:** \$15 per person, \$12 for CMS Title I Schools. Deadline for reservations is November 3, 2023. Act I & Act II (edited version)

The performance was awesome! I was inspired by the talented dancers, and I loved being able to ask them questions.

- Middle school student

# 2023/2024 FIELD TRIPS

The Q&A following the performance provided an opportunity for inquiry and further exposure to the world of dance theatre. Interdisciplinary connections (ELA- Language and Literature, SS— Individuals and Societies, Mathematics, Arts) were made with Health and Physical Education, Career and Technical Education, Dance, and Theatre Arts classrooms in attendance.

- Middle school educator

#### **COME TO LIFE**

March 8, 2024 at 10:30 AM Knight Theater at Levine Center for the Arts Appropriate for grades 6-12 and college students

Join Charlotte Ballet in the exploration of love, life and loss at Knight Theater. This contemporary performance series features modern works by extraordinary artists. Experience the powerful movements and motions of Jiří Kylián's Petite Mort. Created for Nederlands Dans Theater in honor of the second centenary of Mozart's death, the piece plays on the double entendre of 'little death' set to the music by the legendary composer. This series will also present Artistic Director Alejandro Cerrudo's Little Mortal Jump - a work that welcomes audiences to forget the happenings of today and tomorrow and instead transport them to the overwhelmingly wonderful moment of now. Don't let their titles fool you - these works are anything but little. Rounding out the program is a brand new work by award-winning choreographer Penny Saunders, who has created over 20 contemporary pieces.

**Program addresses:** NC Essential Standards in Dance, Music, Visual Arts, Theater Arts and Social Studies; and Common Core Standards in English Language Arts.

**Cost:** \$10 per person, \$7 for CMS Title I schools. Deadline for reservations is February 16, 2024.

#### **SWAN LAKE**

May 9 and 10, 2024 at 10:30 AM Knight Theater at Levine Center for the Arts Appropriate for grades K-12

A story filled with romance, tragedy, grace and betrayal. For the first time ever, Charlotte Ballet presents one of the world's most beloved classical ballets that has transcended generations, *Swan Lake*. The timeless story focuses on Prince Siegfried as he falls in love with Odette, a woman who has been cursed by evil sorcerer Baron von Rothbart to be a swan by day and human by night. You won't want to miss the spectacular choreography by Ib Andersen, paired with Tchaikovsky's beautiful score.

**Program addresses:** NC Essential Standards in Dance, Music, and Social Studies; and Common Core Standards in English Language Arts.

**Cost:** \$15 per person, \$12 for CMS Title I schools. Deadline for reservations is April 18, 2024.

#### **SWAN LAKE EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:**

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> performance only. \$12 per person when paid in full by January 12, 2024.

The performance was amazing! The dancers are incredibly talented and our students LOVED them! It's an outstanding educational program sure to inspire all audiences! We thank you for providing this experience for our students!

# 2023/2024 SPECIAL EVENTS

#### DAY OF DANCE PROGRAM

Patricia McBride & Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux Center for Dance

Recommended for grades 6-12

Charlotte Ballet's Day of Dance is an educational experience for students at our facility in uptown Charlotte. Through this program, we aim to expand students' knowledge of the various careers in dance and fuel a strong appreciation for the arts by shedding light on the inner workings of an arts organization.

#### Students will:

- Get a Behind the Scenes Tour
- Take A Master Class
- Learn about Careers in Dance through a Q&A with Charlotte Ballet staff

Length of program: two and a half hours

Cost: \$400, 25 students maximum

#### **BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS**

August 21-25, February 19-23, April 22-26 Patricia McBride & Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux Center for Dance

Recommended for grades K-12 and college students

Have you ever wondered how a ballet makes it to the stage? Bring your students to uptown Charlotte to the 34,000 square foot Patricia McBride and Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux Center for Dance. On this tour an education representative will guide you through the costume shop, where you'll learn about the costuming process from the wardrobe staff, take a sneak peek at the professional dancers in rehearsal and learn about the various careers Charlotte Ballet offers.

Length of program: one hour

Cost: \$10 per student, \$7 for CMS Title 1 schools.

# MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL DANCE FESTIVAL

March 9 and 10, 2024 Patricia McBride & Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux Center for Dance

We are excited to announce our 7th Annual Middle & High School Dance Festival. The two-day festival welcomes regional students in grades 6-12 who are representing their middle or high school. Students will have an opportunity to take classes with collegiate faculty, guest artists and Charlotte Ballet Company Members. The Center for Dance campus features six spacious dance studios where our professional company trains.

#### THE COST OF THE TWO-DAY FESTIVAL INCLUDES:

- A full day of dance master classes in various genres on Sunday
- Tickets to the company's Come to Life performance on Saturday at the Knight Theater
- A hip-hop dance class
- Q&A with Charlotte Ballet Company Dancers
- Entry into the adjudicated Festival performance on Sunday evening
- A commemorative Festival t-shirt

#### **SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Fee: \$120 | Deadline: October 27, 2023

Late Fee: \$140 | Deadline: February, 5, 2024

#### STUDENT REGISTRATION

Fee: \$100 | Deadline: January 29, 2024

Late Fee: \$120 | Deadline: February 5, 2024

