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WELCOME TO OUR

Quarterly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

NPSB Recital Wrap-Up

Congratulations dancers, Mr Peter and Miss Lisa on another beautiful recital!

Thank you for your support- our fundraising efforts were a great success! Not only does your support help us continue to produce our beloved annual holiday performances of The Nutcracker, we are always striving to improve and grow with new projects. A big thank you to Lisa & Peter for allowing us this opportunity!

An Opportunity for a Night at the Ballet

New York City Ballet returns to Saratoga Performing Arts Center July 8-11.
Two of our ***NPBT*** dancers will be performing with the company in ***A MidSummer Night's Dream***. Ages 16 and under are free on the lawn! Check online for more information!

The Importance of Summer Dance

"Dance is not a seasonal sport. These are dance facts of life. If you take an entire summer off or only a few classes here and there, plan to begin the fall having lost at least 50% of the strength, stamina, placement, flexibility, and mental focus that you gained in the previous year... If you study dance 2-4 days per week over the summer, you may maintain the level you created during the school year, but not necessarily improve. If you want to improve your dance immensely, attend a summer intensive in addition to consistent classes while you are home, or stay home and attend a full schedule of classes at your home studio."- Deborah Engerman

Check out the offerings at NPSB for the summer session! Go to the School's website www.newpaltzschoolofballet.com or forms are available in the studio. Major strides can be made over this "downtime" and the advantage of smaller classes is more personal attention. Miss Lisa and Mr. Peter receive invitations from other summer programs to teach – but they stay local to convenience our dancers. And in exciting news, Trevor Naumann is rejoining NPSB faculty this summer! Take advantage of their offerings!

Next up, NUTCRACKER !

SAVE THE DATES!

NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS:
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2026

TENTATIVE BARDAVON SHOW DATES
DECEMBER 9-13, 2026- TO BE CONFIRMED
A smaller cast will also perform at Rocking Horse Ranch and Mohonk on select weekends in November and December.

HELPFUL INFO:

Will your dancer be new to pointe in the fall? Contact Saratoga Dance to schedule a fitting for pointe shoes before fall classes begin in September! Lavender leotards will need demi-pointe shoes. These can be purchased at Balletomania in Poughkeepsie.

NPSB Student News

CONGRATULATIONS TO NPSB STUDENTS ON THEIR SUMMER ENDEAVORS:

Hailey Athans- New York City Ballet's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at SPAC- July 8-11
Claire Clavin- New York City Ballet's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at SPAC- July 8-11
Ashe Barra- American Academy of Ballet
Anna Ignat- American Academy of Ballet
Ruby Leeds- American Academy of Ballet
Willa Marusek- American Academy of Ballet
Walter Mykula- American Academy of Ballet
Ella Scandariato- New Jersey Ballet
Sophia Sebald- Carolina Ballet
Hayley Squires- Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet
Ella Turturro- Indiana University Ballet Intensive

NPSB ALUMNI NEWS

Amelia Blackwood- Pacific Northwest Ballet Professional Division
Amelia Coleman- Tivoli Ballet Theatre
Gianna DeMassio- Madison Ballet
Alex Diemoz- Texas Ballet Theatre
Emma Larson- New York State Ballet
Emilie Gerrity- Principal, New York City Ballet
Tulia Marshall- Chu This Dance Company
Caroline Schroer- Hartford Ballet
Maggie Sorge- New Jersey Ballet
Alise Tompkins- Washington Ballet Trainee

We appreciate your support

The New Paltz Ballet Theatre is a non-profit 501c-3 dance production company. NPBT is run by a volunteer Board of Directors and produces the annual Nutcracker production at the Bardavon in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Please direct any Nutcracker-related questions to a board member.
Board of Directors: Kelly Turturro, Lindsay Athans, Johanna Tompkins, Kathy Mykula, Nora Scandariato, Amanda Kelly, Becky Squires, Ashley Kraus, and Amber Clavin.
Please seek us out if you have questions!

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