

From Our Artistic Director:

For almost twenty years Commonwealth Ballet has brought the art of classical dance to MetroWest audiences. From the beginning, our vision has been artistic excellence – always in the context of our community and our mission to educate. From our first full-length ballet, *Dracula*, to our beloved annual *Nutcracker*, to our many collaborations with musicians, choreographers and scenic artists, we have brought unique, intimate, often thrilling, and always stimulating dance to our audiences.



In a time when ballet is often perceived as a “museum art”, CBC has a unique and engaging repertory. Until only two years ago, all of our works were original creations, often to contemporary music. We had occasion last year to revive a rare gem of romantic ballet, *La Vivandière Pas de Six*, yet over 95% of our repertory remains original work choreographed directly on the Company dancers. Join us for another wonderful year of creativity!



Join the energized and talented dancers of Commonwealth Ballet as they embark on a new season of excitement:

October 15th: New and returning Friends are invited to a casual reception at The Acton School of Ballet Studios. The Company presents a short work to introduce the season.

November 25th – 27th: *The Nutcracker*, returns with new polish and flair – Acton-Boxborough Regional High School.

December 9th – 11th: *The Nutcracker*, in all its splendor Regis College, Casey Theatre, Weston, MA.

March 17th – 18th: *Beauty and the Beast* enchants and engages with the classic tale of charity, honor, and the timeless truth that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Set to the music of Respighi with live musical accompaniment – Regis College, Casey Theatre, Weston, MA.

April 2012: *A Little Night Dancing*, Commonwealth Ballet hosts an evening for regional dance companies to showcase their work.

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BALLET brings the art
of classical
and contemporary ballet to audiences
west of Boston.

Artistically rich and family friendly productions draw multi-generation audiences. The performances feature full staging, elegant costumes and exceptional guest artists to share the stage with the Company.

Performing in Acton, Weston and at invited concerts, this energetic troupe of dancers shares their joy of dance in accessible, affordable venues in the MetroWest region.



Commonwealth Ballet in the Community

Community is at the heart of Commonwealth Ballet. Our dancers touch the community through performances and direct interaction.

Whether greeting the audience after performances or sharing the secrets of ballet at an educational program, the dancers and children share a special connection.



Culture4Kidz

Culture4Kidz is CBC's special program presenting arts to disadvantaged youth by providing tickets to performances. The Company brings ballet to the children with our popular library readings of the stories behind the full-length ballets.

We reach out to our senior citizens and situationally challenged families providing free tickets to our ballet performances.

The Dancers Need Our Support.

Commonwealth Ballet enjoys a wealth of volunteer support but we need more than volunteers to maintain the Company. Your financial contribution is vital to our continued success and growth.

Friends of CBC make a real difference, with donations funding new sets, new costumes and guest choreographers.

Each dollar donated directly supports our dancers. Your contributions allow CBC to keep ticket prices affordable and ensure the development of our dancers and community.

Please become a Friend of CBC today.



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Become a "Friend" of CBC and make a difference.

Please complete the form below, tear off this flap, and mail your tax-deductible contribution to:

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- Prima (\$1,000 or more): All Principal benefits plus one additional free ticket* to each production in the 2011-2012 season (total of two seats per performance*)
- Principal (\$500 or more): All Soloist benefits plus one free ticket to each production in the 2011-2012 season*
- Soloist (\$250 or more): All Corps de Ballet benefits plus one free reserved ticket* to The Nutcracker (when booked through ticket line)
- Corps de Ballet (\$150 or more): All Junior Corps benefits plus waive of handling fee (when booked through ticket line)
- Junior Corps (\$85 or more): All Dancer benefits plus ticket exchange privileges
- Dancer (\$40 or more) Recognition in our annual program and invitation to annual Friends Reception
- I decline any not fully tax-deductible benefits*
- \$_____ Contribution to Culture4Kidz
Each \$20 contribution provides a ticket for a disadvantaged youth to attend a CBC performance

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Recognition Name _____

(as you wish for it to appear in acknowledgement listings)

Contact friends@commonwealthballet.org
or call 978-263-6533 with any questions.