

# ITHACA BALLET NEWS

FALL 2010

## Ithaca Ballet Celebrates 50th Anniversary with *Peter & the Wolf*

The Ithaca Ballet has a big and exciting season planned for this year!

In this 2010-2011 season, the Ithaca Ballet will celebrate its 50th anniversary at our home theater, the Historic State Theatre. We are opening our season with *Peter and the Wolf* on October 23 and 24. Our version of this children's classic has choreography by Lavinia Reid that is marvelously inventive and humorous. Also on the program will be two shorter ballets: Alice Reid's *Haunted House* and *Jupiter* by Bonnie Valant-Spaight.

*The Nutcracker*, a true Ithaca holiday tradition, follows on December 10, 11 and 12, with live

accompaniment by the Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra on Friday night. Lavinia Reid's choreography is my favorite version of this classic and will entertain and delight all ages.

*Winterdance* will present the more contemporary side of the Ithaca Ballet in an eclectic mixed-rep show on February 12, 2011. You may not have heard of the pieces before, but I promise you, with choreography by Larry Brantley and Byron Suber among others, you will not be bored!

And finally, to honor our 50th anniversary, we will premiere the full-length *Sleeping Beauty* on April 30 and May 1, 2011. I have

staged numerous excerpts of this timeless classical ballet, but never all three acts and prologue. The Tchaikovsky score is magnificent, and the choreography by Marius Petipa is full of memorable moments and technical difficulty. Numerous new tutus will be constructed, as well as many other sumptuous sets and costumes for the fairytale cast. As with *Giselle* last spring and *Swan Lake* in 2008, this new production of *Sleeping Beauty* will require a veritable campaign from the entire extended ballet family to bring it to life.

Join with us as we celebrate this momentous anniversary!



Photo: Greg Branche

*Peter & the Wolf*, choreographed by Lavinia Reid.



Photo: Allen Carstensen

*Haunted House*, choreographed by Alice Reid.

## Twenty Dancers are Chosen for the 2010-2011 Company

Open auditions for the 2010-2011 Ithaca Ballet Company were held at the Ballet Center Studios on Saturday, September 11, 2010. Artistic Director Cindy Reid gave the audition class, and 20 dancers were chosen for this year's company.

There are four Principal Dancers: Julia Hellmich, Teresa Lynn, Rachel Myers, and Rosie Grady Sayvetz; three Soloists: Katarina Dvorak, Tabea Hoffstaetter, and Annelise Schmidt; four Senior

Dancers: Catherine Branche, Prisca Hoffstaetter, Koura Wright, and Ana Zimmerman; 4 First-Year Seniors: Gabrielle Branche, Olivia Bryce, Sylvie Finn, and Keara Soloway; three Apprentices: Alta Millar, James Potter, and Michael Hill; and two Auxiliary Dancers: Callie Kaplan-Wright and Maggie Sawyer. We would like to welcome new and old dancers alike. Here's to a wonderful and exciting 2010-2011 season!



Congratulations to the 2010-2011 Ithaca Ballet Company members!

## A Recap of Summer Camp 2010 at the Ithaca Ballet

The Ballet Guild of Ithaca Summer Dance Camp 2010 was attended by more than 40 students, in ages from 8 to 18.

The talented staff included Camp Director Cindy Reid with long-time instructors Gunilla Lieberman, Dansingtree Moonwater, Amanda Moretti. Ithaca Ballet alumnus Trenton Loughlin taught jazz and acted as camp counselor, along with Ithaca Ballet

Soloist Teresa Lynn.

New to camp were Leslie Roseman who taught conditioning class, and Clint Lutes (Ithaca Ballet 1995-'96), who taught modern (upper level).

Perfect attendance certificates were awarded to Sylvie Finn, James Potter, Rebecca Fallon, Katherine Hayes, and Kyiah Steel, who attended all six weeks. A fun and educational summer was had by all.



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## 2010-2011 Performance Schedule

**September 8:** Fall classes begin at the Ballet Center of Ithaca, the official school of the Ithaca Ballet. Call **257-6066** or visit [www.ithacaballet.org](http://www.ithacaballet.org) for schedules and fees.

**...And a season of performances:** To get four shows for the price of three, **buy a series subscription** (see inside for details). All performances are at the State Theatre, 107 W. State St. Tickets are available at the State Theatre box office, located at 105 W. State St., or online at [www.statetheatreofithaca.com](http://www.statetheatreofithaca.com).

**October 23-24:** Fall family matinee featuring *Peter & the Wolf*, with original choreography by Lavinia Reid. Curtain at 3:00 p.m. for both shows.

**December 10-12:** *The Nutcracker*, Ithaca's traditional holiday treat for the family. December 10 with the Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra; curtain at 7:30 p.m. December 11-12, curtain at 3:00 p.m. for both shows.

**February 12:** Winter repertory of contemporary works and classical pieces, showcasing the dancers' versatility in a range of styles. Curtain at 7:30 p.m.

**April 30-May 1:** Ithaca Ballet premiere of *Sleeping Beauty*, a full-length ballet of the timeless love story. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.



Nadia Drake as the Cat in *Peter & the Wolf*.

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Join us at The State Theatre for the fall family program featuring *Peter & the Wolf* on Saturday, October 23, and Sunday, October 24, at 3:00 p.m.