

### **XIII. COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The vision of the Outreach division is an expression of Canton Ballet's spirit of artistry and passion. It creates dynamic, multi-sensory learning experiences through dance activities, fostering an appreciation of ballet as a vital cultural art form to all ages and backgrounds. The mission is to educate and uplift individuals of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds.

#### **Theatre performances**

For over 30 years Canton Ballet has offered *Peter and the Wolf* annually to area schools as one of its community outreach programs. Over 5000 children a year have witnessed the magic of ballet through this program.

School children have also been mesmerized by such Canton Ballet programs as *Nutcracker*, *Paquita*, *Don Quixote* and *Cinderella*. All performances are complete with costumes, sound, lighting, make-up and stage sets. These matinee performances are open only to student groups. There is a modest admission charge.

Three options offered each year are:

- *Peter and the Wolf* which is performed the first week in October for preschool through third grade students
- *Nutcracker* during mid December for students from elementary school and up.
- Spring Gala features either a classical ballet or a variety of contemporary works ranging from classical ballet to jazz to modern. The mixed program is suitable for junior high or high school students.

#### **In school lecture-demonstrations**

50 minute performance and interactive workshops for students and community groups. It is fun, educational and just might make you think twice about ballet. 55 minute, lecture demonstration. A modest fee is charged.

#### **In school and after school dance classes**

Our teacher will come to your school to offer a series of movement classes or children may be bussed to our studios for classes. Please call 330.455.7220 for more information.

#### **Joy of movement**

Canton Ballet will send its Early Childhood Specialist to your preschool or daycare to offer a series of movement classes. Sessions run for 8 weeks and have a nominal fee attached.

#### **Backstage tours**

Tours of the backstage area of the Palace Theatre may be arranged upon request. Please call 330.455.7220 to set up a tour for your group.

#### **Educators' night at the ballet**

This is Canton Ballet's way of saying thanks to teachers across the county for all of their incredible work in the classroom! Teachers are invited to watch the first half of the final dress rehearsal of any performance during the season at the historic Canton Palace Theatre in downtown Canton. Call 330.455.7220 if you are an interested educator.

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