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The Pittsburgh Youth Ballet Company School

The Pittsburgh Youth Ballet was founded in 1983 by Jean Gedeon, former soloist with Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and teacher for 18 years at Point Park University, The Carnegie, and the Carlow University Campus School. Starting in one studio in Pleasant Hills, the Pittsburgh Youth Ballet has now grown into a nationally renowned Company and school with students receiving over \$350,000 in scholarships and acceptances to the most prestigious companies, schools, and colleges including the New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Pacific Northwestern Ballet, Boston Ballet, and Juilliard. This past summer, over 35 students were chosen by audition, many on scholarship, to study at such major Summer Programs as the School of American Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Miami City Ballet, Boston Ballet, and The Chautauqua Institute

The philosophy of the school remains as it started – as a place to receive exceptional instruction in a warm and nurturing environment. Pittsburgh Youth Ballet Company's studios are state-of-the-art with sprung floors, pianos, sound systems, audio visual equipment, and a family friendly waiting room and play area.

Pittsburgh Youth Ballet Company's highly acclaimed High School Early Dismissal program, featured in *Dance Magazine*, and *Dance Teacher Magazine*, provides dancers intensive ballet study without sacrificing academic excellence. High school members receive credit for their participation. The curriculum includes classes and seminars to prepare dancers for a professional career.

Pittsburgh Youth Ballet Company's summer program attracts young dancers from around the world to study with internationally acclaimed teachers. Teachers include Tamar Rachele, Dana Arey, Andrew Blight, Fara Sciuilli Bowman, Cynthia Ridler, Steven Annegarn, Alan Obuzor, Sherry Mascio and Director Jean Gedeon who was awarded the "Best Dance Teacher Award" from *Dance Teacher Magazine* and the Chautauqua Institute.

Come in for a free class as our guest. Call for more information and a free brochure call 724.969.6000 or visit the website at www.pybco.org

The Pittsburgh Youth Ballet Company

The Pittsburgh Youth Ballet Company was founded in 1990 as a non-profit 501 (c) (3) Corporation. A performing company, its mission is to train, nurture and inspire young dancers toward artistic excellence, perform works by both choreographic masters and emerging choreographers, and to bring the art of dance, through outreach efforts, to new multi-generational audiences. The company has received grants from the Allegheny Regional Asset District and The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts among others.

The Company has been granted the licenses to perform George Balanchine's *Serenade*, *Who Cares?*, *Allegro Brilliant*, *Tarantella*, *Dance of the Hours*, *Valse Fantaisie*, *Concerto Barocco*, *Harlequinade*, *Raymonda Variations*, *Western Symphony*, and *Walpurgisnacht*, along with Jerome Robbins' *Circus Polka*, Antony Tudor's *Continuo*, and Peter Martins' *Eight Easy Pieces*. Described by The Post Gazette Dance Critic, Jane Varnish as "One of the Country's top Regional Ballet Companies... a hot house of talent that is developing a national reputation." PYBC's performances were among the "Ten Best Dance Performances" as compiled by the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, and PYBC's *Nutcracker* was featured in Pittsburgh Magazine as the "Dance Editors Pick".

The Company repertoire now includes many classical ballets, as well as original commissioned works including *Who owns the Sun?* Narrated by James Earl Jones. Pittsburgh Youth Ballet Company has been invited to tour its popular *Nutcracker* throughout the United States, from Florida to New York. PYBC has performed two years in Europe, by invitation of the International Tanzsommer Festival, in Austria and Germany.

Pittsburgh Youth Ballet Company holds open auditions every year for their performances. Over 95% of the costumes are provided by the Company. *The Nutcracker* performances will be held at Upper St. Clair Theater, December 3rd & 4th at 7:30 and December 4th & 5th at 2:30. We have special workshops for Girl Scouts, Brownie and Daisy troops with free PYBCO Ballet Patches and Badge opportunities on special performances. Senior citizen groups can receive half price discounted tickets. For more information visit our web site at www.pybco.org, email: info@pybco.org or call 724.969.6000.