



AJKUN
BALLET THEATRE

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DEAR DANCE LOVERS,

OUR NEW SEASON TAKES OFF WITH WORLD PREMIERES, AUDIENCE FAVORITES AND NEW PRODUCTIONS FILLED WITH GLAMOUR, ELEGANCE, ROMANCE AND CUTTING EDGE WORKS PERFORMED FOR THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS IN OUR NEW YORK CITY VENUES AND DURING OUR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TOURS TO EUROPE.

OPENING THE SEASON IN SPRING WITH **WOMEN DANCING THROUGH HISTORY**, FOLLOWED BY THE VIBRANT **DON QUIXOTE**, AND THE WORLD PREMIERE OF **GOYA, THE SPANISH MASTER**. **SLEEPING BEAUTY** IN ALBANIA AND **DON QUIXOTE** IN ITALY WILL WRAP UP OUR SUMMER THAT WILL CONTINUE DURING OUR NEW YORK CAPITOL REGION RESIDENCY AND NATIONAL TOUR. **LEGACY, THE ODYSSEY OF ALBANIA**, A NEW CONTEMPORARY BALLET WORLD PREMIERE AND THE HOLIDAY FAVORITE **NUTCRACKER** WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE, EDUCATE, AND ENTERTAIN THROUGH WINTER, KEEPING DANCE FRESH AND VIBRANT.

BLENDING THEORY, PRACTICE AND PASSION, AJKUNBT IS ALSO HOME TO A VIBRANT AND DEDICATED COMMUNITY WHICH CELEBRATES, INTERROGATES, PRACTICES ART, AND DELIGHTS TO HELP OUR YOUTH REACH ITS FULLEST POTENTIAL. IN-SCHOOL PERFORMANCES AND WORKSHOPS ARE OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND IN AUSTRALIA, ITALY, AND THE NETHERLANDS.

DANCE STUDENTS, PROFESSIONAL DANCERS AND CHOREOGRAPHERS WHO ARE IN THE EARLY TO MID-CAREER STAGE OF THEIR ARTISTIC AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THRIVE FROM PARTICIPATING IN OUR SUMMER INTENSIVES AND RECEIVING COMPETITIVE GRANTS FROM THE AJKUNBT FUND. CHILDREN BLOSSOM IN OUR PERFORMANCE DANCE PROGRAMS AND MANY BECOME CULTURAL AMBASSADORS FOR THE ARTS.

THE RECESSION IS AFFECTING OUR WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY, WITH FEWER CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES, LESS PROGRAMMING TO OFFER AND THE LASTING EFFECTS OF THE LAY OFF OF EMPLOYEES. GETTING THE WORLD ECONOMY BACK ON TRACK WILL TAKE TIME, BUT EACH OF US CAN PLAY A ROLE IN HELPING THE ARTS BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE CREATIVE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND. PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO HELP THE ARTISTS DREAM, CREATE, AND PERFORM.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT
AJKUN BALLET THEATRE FOR OUR SEASON!**

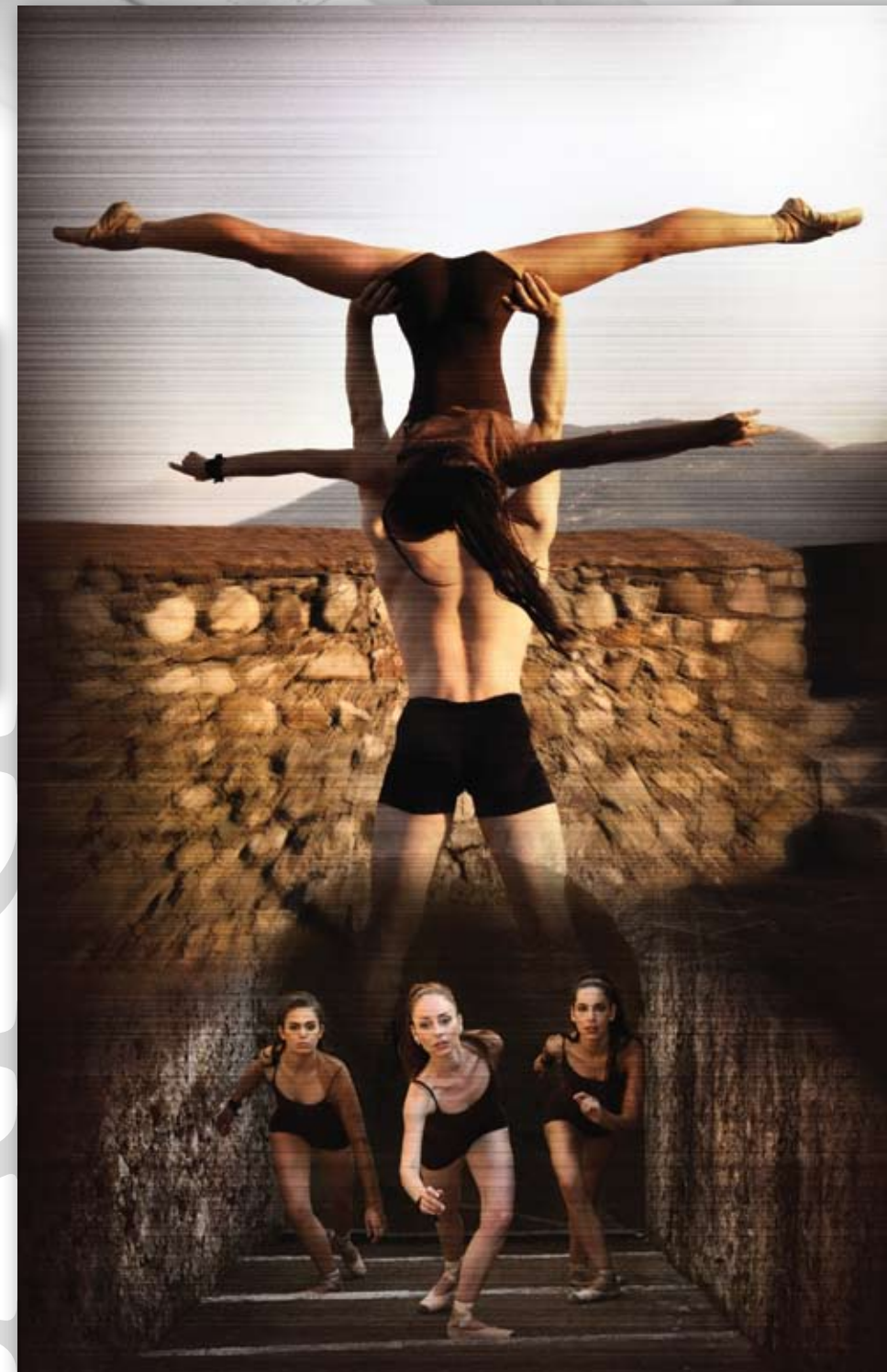
Chiara and Leonard Ajkun

CHIARA AND LEONARD AJKUN, ARTISTIC DIRECTORS

PERFORMING SEASON

AJKUN BALLET THEATRE PRESENTS TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY BALLETS IN NEW YORK CITY, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK CAPITOL REGION AND DURING ITS ANNUAL TOURS.

FOR OUR
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
VISIT WWW.AJKUNBT.ORG
CLICK PERFORMANCES
FROM THE MENU AND
THE LINK:
SPRING, SUMMER, FALL &
WINTER, ON TOUR.



AJKUNBT PERFORMING LEGACY, THE ODYSSEY OF ALBANIA
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COVER PHOTOS AJKUNBT PERFORMING SWAN LAKE
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AJKUNBT IN THE COMMUNITY & IN-SCHOOL EDUCATION

AJKUN BALLET THEATRE REACHES OUT TO THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS AND LEVELS WISHING TO ENHANCE THEIR THEATER EXPERIENCES THROUGH IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING, VISITS TO OUR STUDIOS AND SPECIALLY PRICED PERFORMANCES AND WORKSHOPS.

INFORMATION ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS MAY BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.AJKUNBT.ORG, EDUCATION FROM THE MENU AND MASTER CLASS (DANCE INSTITUTIONS), ARTS IN ED (SCHOOLS), YOUNGS (ONGOING CHILDREN PROGRAMS) FROM THE SUBMENU.

EXCERPTS FROM OUR PERFORMANCES MAY BE SEEN AT WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/AJKUNBT
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CHILDREN ATTENDING A CLASS ON STAGE TAUGHT BY AJKUNBT ARTISTS. IMAGE © BY GARY GOLD

OUR OFFERINGS INCLUDE: EDUCATIONAL RESIDENCIES

MASTER CLASSES, WORKSHOP & RESIDENCIES FOR YOUR STUDENTS.

BALLET PREVIEWS

STUDENTS VISIT OUR NEW YORK CITY STUDIOS TO DISCOVER DANCE IN A PROFESSIONAL SETTING.

THEATER PERFORMANCES

SPECIALLY PRICED STUDENT MATINEE PERFORMANCES.

UNIQUE PROJECTS

TAILORED MADE PROGRAMS THAT ACCOMPLISH THE SCHOOL'S OBJECTIVES

DANCERS AND AJKUNBT

THE ARTISTS ARE OUR MOST PRECIOUS COMMUNITY. AJKUNBT PRIDES ITSELF TO BRING TOGETHER TALENTED YOUNGEST HANDPICKED FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ALONGSIDE EXTRAORDINARY DANCERS INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED TO PERFORM IN THE WORLD CAPITAL OF DANCE: NEW YORK CITY.

THE COMPANY

DANCERS AND CHOREOGRAPHERS OF ANY CITIZENSHIP AND STRONG DANCE BACKGROUND ARE ENCOURAGED TO AUDITION. REPERTORY ENCOMPASSES TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY BALLETS. CURRENT SEASON IS 48 WEEKS AND INCLUDES INTERNATIONAL TOURING. FOR DETAILS: WWW.AJKUNBT.ORG, CLICK THE COMPANY AND FOLLOW THE LINKS.

FULLTIME TRAINEESHIP

THANKS TO PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FUNDING, FEW OUTSTANDING DANCERS (16 YEARS +) ARE ADMITTED TO TRAIN AND PERFORM WITH THE COMPANY IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE. FOR DETAILS: WWW.AJKUNBT.ORG, CLICK EDUCATION AND FOLLOW THE LINK TRAINEE.

PERFORMING IN NEW YORK – JULY & AUGUST SUMMER INTENSIVE

4 WEEKS OF TRAINING AND PERFORMANCES OPEN TO PROFESSIONAL DANCERS AND ADVANCED DANCE STUDENTS (14 YEARS +). FOR DETAILS: WWW.AJKUNBT.ORG, CLICK EDUCATION AND FOLLOW THE LINK SUMMER.

AUDITIONING FOR AJKUNBT

PLEASE VISIT WWW.AJKUNBT.ORG AND CLICK ON COMPANY (FROM THE MENU), AUDITIONS (FROM THE SUBMENU) OR CONTACT US AT AJKUN@AOL.COM FOR DETAILS.

CONNECT WITH OUR DANCERS ON WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/AJKUNBT
WATCH THEM PERFORM ON WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/AJKUNBT



AJKUNBT PERFORMING AT THE AILEY CITIGROUP THEATER
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ALUMNI AND AJKUNBT

AJKUN BALLET THEATRE'S ALUMNI ARE CONSIDERED AMONG THE FINEST IN THE DANCE INDUSTRY AND HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED IN MORE THAN 100 COMPANIES, WORLDWIDE. 2,000 CANDIDATES FROM 5 DIFFERENT CONTINENTS ARE AUDITIONED EVERY YEAR, RESULTING IN 10 FULLTIME TRAINEES AND 20 SUMMER TRAINEES BEING ACCEPTED.

TAYLOR KINDRED – (MONTANA, USA)

(IMAGE © BY RACHEL NEVILLE)

"AJKUNBT HAS ACCELERATED MY DEVELOPMENT AS A DANCER WITH ITS SUPERB TRAINING AND WIDE VARIETY OF REPERTORY. I'VE LEARNED TO WORK IN A WAY THAT WILL PROLONG MY DANCING CAREER AND PUSH MY TECHNICAL LIMITS. THE BREADTH OF MY ARTISTRY HAS EXPANDED DUE TO THE DIVERSE REPERTORY THAT AJKUNBT OFFERS."

TAYLOR STUDIED AT THE KIROV BALLET ACADEMY OF WASHINGTON D.C. AND THE ELLISON BALLET OF NEW YORK AND HAD APPEARED WITH A VARIETY OF COMPANIES IN THE USA AND SOUTH KOREA PRIOR PARTICIPATING TO THE AJKUNBT TRAINEE PROGRAM WHERE HE WAS INVITED TO JOIN THE COMPANY.

HAYLEY COLLINS – (NSW, AUSTRALIA)

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"BEING PART OF THE AJKUN BALLET THEATRE'S PROGRAMS ALLOWED ME TO EXPERIENCE THE REALITY OF WORKING IN A COMPANY ENVIRONMENT. EVERYDAY IS A CHALLENGE, BUT EACH OPPORTUNITY AND ALL THE DIFFERENT STYLES HAVE ENABLED ME TO STRENGTHEN MY TECHNIQUE AND PERFORMANCE SKILLS. AJKUNBT HAS MADE ME GROW AS A DANCER THROUGH VERY EXCITING EXPERIENCES."

HAYLEY STUDIED UNDER SCHOLARSHIP AT THE MC DONALD COLLEGE AND TANYA PEARSON ACADEMY IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, AND SHE HAS BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2007 MC DONALD BALLET COLLEGE AWARD AND 2009 YOUTH AMERICA GRAND PRIX'S SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE BOLSHOI BALLET'S INTENSIVE BEFORE JOINING AJKUNBT IN EUROPE IN SUMMER 2010. HAYLEY IS CURRENTLY A TRAINEE WITH THE AJKUNBT COMPANY.

AJKUNBT ON TOUR

SINCE THE YEAR 2004, THANKS TO FUNDING MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE UNITED STATES, AUSTRALIAN AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, AJKUN BALLET THEATRE HAS BEEN ABLE TO TOUR NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

ALTHOUGH PERFORMANCE TOURS VARY EVERY YEAR, THREE ARE THE STEADY APPOINTMENTS TO SEE AJKUNBT PERFORMING:
IN AUGUST AT THE EGG PERFORMING ARTS CENTER IN ALBANY (NY),
IN JUNE AT THE NATIONAL OPERA HOUSE OF TIRANA, ALBANIA (EUROPE),
IN JULY AT THE DANCE IN ITALY FESTIVAL, ITALY (EUROPE)

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RAYMONDA RESTAGED BY LEONARD AJKUN AT THE NATIONAL OPERA HOUSE OF TIRANA - ALBANIA. IMAGE © BY ROLAND TASHO

WORKSHOPS

AJKUN BALLET THEATRE PERFORMANCES ARE OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH WORKSHOPS TAUGHT BY OUR COMPANY ARTISTS. FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING WORKSHOPS IN
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