

CONNECTICUT BALLET 2008-2009 ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

Now in its 27th season, our informative and stimulating educational programs are available to public, private, and parochial schools throughout Connecticut and Westchester County.



THE WORLD OF DANCE

Six multi-cultural artists demonstrating distinct musical and dance forms from their native lands. Latin, African, Asian, and European cultures are represented. Each artist introduces the movement vocabulary, teaches a short segment of hand gestures or rhythmic patterns, and performs the finished dance in traditional costume. The 50-minute narrated program includes a question and answer period. A perfect introduction to world culture.



BACKSTAGE AT THE BALLET

Introduce your students to the art of classical ballet! The program includes background on ballet's European origins, demonstrations of classroom technique and pointe work, partnering between male and female dancers, and performances of classical and contemporary excerpts. The cast includes five company dancers and a narrator.



LET'S GET FIT!

A unique program to combat childhood obesity and talk up the virtues of physical fitness. A puppet show introducing the five food groups is followed by an original dance about a young man who has trouble avoiding junk foods. Statistics about sugar content in beverages, fat-filled snacks, and the importance of healthy food choices are presented by the dancers.



TRIBUTE TO BROADWAY

Connecticut Ballet presents a 50-minute history of tap, jazz and musical theater. Jazz is represented by *Goose Pimples*, a company work to the music of Bix Beiderbecke, tap by a duet from *Singin' in the Rain*, and musical theater by excerpts from a contemporary Broadway musical. Students are encouraged to discover their talents by auditioning for the school play or musical.

PROGRAM COST:

\$1250/two shows in one day (same or separate schools)

\$5000/week for ten performances in one week

RECOMMENDED PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

10-11am morning show & 1-2pm afternoon show or two back-to-back morning shows (9:30-10:30am & 10:45-11:45am)

- ★ Dance workshops for students and professional development workshops for teachers are available.
- ★ Curricular guides are available for each assembly program.
- ★ School presenters are eligible to apply for partial fee support from Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism (www.cultureandtourism.org)

For program schedule and additional information, visit www.connecticutballet.com.

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