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Everybody Dance Now!

Bay Chamber Concerts presents American Ballet Theatre's ABT II

Bay Chamber Concerts will present American Ballet Theatre's ABT II on April 19 at 4:00 p.m. at the Strom Auditorium. Experience the passion, the power, the pirouettes of one of the world's most revered and innovative dance companies. Fourteen talented young ballet dancers from around the world will be performing a mixed repertoire of classical and contemporary ballet.

This performance is a unique opportunity to see the world's next prima ballerinas and cavaliers perform! American Ballet Theatre's ABT II focuses on some of the world's most talented young dancers between the ages of 16 and 20. Resident at New York's Lincoln Center, the American Ballet Theatre is the nation's foremost professional ballet company.

According to Bay Chamber Concerts artistic director Thomas Wolf, "I have always wanted to have this company perform here. This is ballet at its absolute best."

ABT II dancers train under the leadership of American Ballet Theatre's artistic director Kevin McKenzie and ABT II director Wes Chapman. They then go on to join American Ballet Theatre's main company or other leading national and international professional companies. The performance is sponsored by Camden National Bank.

The day before the show, ABT II will also hold a dance workshop at the Rockport Dance Conservatory in West Rockport on Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m. The master class will be taught by ABT II's Artistic Director Wes Chapman. Students will spend 45 minutes each on barre work and floor work. This class is designed for intermediate and advanced level ballet students. Ballet attire is required. The workshop costs \$15, and space is limited

Bay Chamber Concerts and the Rockport Dance Conservatory are also partnering to get Midcoasters dancing. People who purchase tickets to ABT II may present their ticket at the Rockport Dance Conservatory before May 31, 2009 to get their first dance lesson free. Since this offer cannot be combined

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or added to a current Rockport Dance Conservatory lesson, people currently taking a class with Rockport Dance Conservatory may gift the first dance lesson to a friend or family member who is not already taking a dance class. Visit the Rockport Dance Conservatory's website at www.rockportdance.com for class information.

Most tickets to the concert are \$20. Prime seating is \$40. Youth ages 18 and under are \$8 (limited availability). Bay Chamber Concerts is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization. The \$20 Ticket Underwriter is Brewster Point. The media sponsor is VillageSoup.com. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Bay Chamber Concerts at (207) 236-2823, toll free at (888) 707-2770 or online at www.baychamberconcerts.org.

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Date: Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Rockport Dance Conservatory, West Rockport

Title: ABT II Dance Workshop

Description: Attend a dance master class with ABTII Artistic Director Wes Chapman. Students will spend 45 minutes each on barre work and floor work. This class is designed for intermediate and advanced level ballet students; please wear ballet attire. Space is limited, so please call the box office at (207) 236-2823 to reserve your place.

Price: \$15.

Date: Sunday, April 19, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Location: Strom Auditorium, Camden Hills Regional High School, 25 Keelson Drive (Rt. 90), Rockport, ME 04856

Title: ABT II

Sponsors: \$20 Ticket Underwriter: Brewster Point. Sponsor: Camden National Bank.

Program: A mixed repertoire of classical and contemporary ballet

Description: Experience the passion, power and movement of one of the nation's foremost ballet company.

Price: Most tickets \$20. Prime seating \$40, discounted up to 50% with subscription. \$8 for Youth ages 18 and under, limited availability.

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