



NORTH POINTE BALLET

March 16, 2020

Dear NPB cast, staff and patrons,

Due to the circumstances surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic and the CDC's recommendation to cancel all events of more than 50 people through the beginning of May, NPB is suspending all rehearsals and activities related to "What's Your Why" and "Wizard of Oz." NPB will be presenting both performances in their entirety next season with as many current cast members as are able to make the commitment.

The following is our intended performance season for 2020-2021:

Fall Rep Concert: Oct 10-11, 2020 at Near West Theater, Cleveland

Lorain County Nutcracker: Dec 4-6, 2020 at Lorain Palace Theater

Cuyahoga County Nutcracker: Dec 18-20, 2020 at Magnificat Center for the Performing Arts

What's Your Why?: Feb TBA 2021 at Lorain Palace Theater

Wizard of Oz: April 23- 25, 2021 at Lorain Palace Theater

Current Wizard of Oz 2020 cast members:

1. If you already paid your production fee and intend on participating next year, it will be applied to next year's production
2. If you did not already pay your production fee, it will be collected in January 2021.
3. If you already paid your production fee and do not intend on participating next year, please consider donating the funds to NPB. If its is not possible and a refund is necessary, contact jessica@northpointeballet.org
4. T-shirts and NPB Merchandise are in, distribution plans are still being determined and will be communicated via Remind text to check cast only page.

Current *What's Your Why* and *Wizard of Oz* ticket holders: your tickets will automatically carry over to the productions next year. If you are unable to attend, please consider using your ticket purchase as a donation to NPB. NPB will continue to pay dancers and staff through the terms of their contract period. Without ticket sales, we will lose out on many projected funds for Spring 2020. Without production fees being collected for a new Spring ballet in 2021, next season's budget will also take a hit. **Please continue to sell calendar raffle tickets!** This is one of the best ways you can help NPB at this time.

I know it is nearly impossible to assume that you can or cannot participate in an activity a year from now. We will deal with all issues case by case, day by day. NPB is incredibly lucky to have the support of all of our patrons and will continue fulfilling our mission of making classical ballet accessible in new, creative ways. Please continue to follow North Pointe Ballet on social media and on our website for updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet L. Dziak".

Janet L. Dziak

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