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NEW YORK CITY BALLET TO PRESENT DANCE WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AT CP OF NYS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SARATOGA SPRINGS

Cohoes, NY –Dancers from the New York City Ballet (NYCB), will conduct a dance workshop for children with disabilities at the Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State (CP of NYS) Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs on October 30. The session will include a brief interactive presentation on the origins of the NYCB program conducted by Dr. Joseph Dutkowsky, a member of the CP of NYS Board of Directors and a Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon specializing in the care of children with cerebral palsy, spina bifida and other disabilities, and Meghan Gentile, NYCB Associate Director of Education.

Following the introduction, two NYCB Dancers will lead a movement workshop for a group of children with disabilities, accompanied by a pianist from NYCB. A demonstration of what the children have learned in the workshop will also be presented that evening for more than 400 conference attendees at the Saratoga City Center.

NYCB developed this program after the mother of a young girl with cerebral palsy sent an email to the ballet company asking if they would consider presenting a workshop for kids with disabilities, similar to the Company's popular children's movement workshops. Since then, NYCB has conducted 12 workshops specifically for children with disabilities through this program in partnership with the Weinberg Family Cerebral Palsy Center at Columbia University. NYCB has continued to broaden its programming, partnering with several other medical and educational organizations in serving over 800 children and adults with disabilities in 29 workshops during the 2016–2017 season.

For more information visit our website at <http://www.cpodnys.org/2017-annual-conference/>.

New York City Ballet is one of the foremost dance companies in the world, with a roster of more than 90 dancers and an unparalleled repertory of modern masterpieces. The Company was founded in 1948 by the legendary choreographer George Balanchine and arts patron Lincoln Kirstein, and quickly became world-renowned for its athletic, contemporary style, and a repertory of original ballets that has forever changed the face of classical dance. Now under the direction of Ballet Master in Chief Peter Martins and Executive Director Katherine Brown, NYCB is committed to promoting creative excellence and nurturing a new generation of dancers and choreographers. For more information visit www.nycballet.com.

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