



## 2021-2022 DANCE PROGRAM - CLOUDSPLITTER STUDIO

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**Dance classes and continued private instruction in Fall 2021 at Cloudsplitter Studio, Tahawus Center, Au Sable Forks.** Classes are based on a minimum participation of 4+ students. Students are grouped by experience more than age. Class offerings, days, AND start times may shift as we adapt to your needs. If there is demand, new classes may be added for elem / intermed levels. Please share this news.

**Once we hear from you classes can start mid-September.** Be in touch! 646-734-0703.

**PRICE: \$25 / single class. \$20 per class for each 2 or more classes in 1 week**

### BIOGRAPHIES

**Rebecca Kelly** Artistic Director of the Tahawus Cultural Center, Au Sable Forks since 2011. A choreographer / instructor, Kelly is founder and Artistic Director of the New York City-based Rebecca Kelly Ballet. Together with her dance partner and husband, their community-wide North Country dance training programs Onstage, Kids Co-Motion, and performances by RKB, have been offered throughout the region. Since the 1980's RKB conducted programs from Plattsburgh to Potsdam and Watertown, and from Lake Placid to North Creek. RKB provided choreography workshops and instruction at Guibord's Dance in Plattsburgh. North Country Ballet Ensemble has acquired various choreography by Kelly for student performances since 1998, including divertissements for the annual Nutcracker production. Rebecca Kelly and Craig Brashear relocated to the Adirondacks permanently in 2020.

**Alice Schonbek** is currently on the staff at the Lake Placid School of Dance in Lake Placid, NY, and has been teaching ballet in the North Country since 1983. She became an ABT Affiliate and is Certified in Levels Primary through 7 of the ABT National Training Curriculum. Alice is a founding member of the North Country Ballet Ensemble, is in her 35th year on the Artistic staff, and was appointed Artistic Director in 2012. This year she continues as Artistic Director of the new 2021 *Nutcracker in a Nutshell* production.

**Lillian TullerUss** (*teacher-in-training*) has trained with Guibord's School of Ballet, Joffrey Ballet, Steps Youth Program, and Rebecca Kelly. She has participated in many Nutcracker performances with North Country Ballet Ensemble, with RKB's OnStage Performance Program at Lake Placid Center for the Arts since 2011, at Guibord's, and at Steps on Broadway. Lillian is 15 and starts her junior year at AuSable Valley High School.

### CLASS OFFERINGS

- 1) **Ballet Barre Warm-up and the Long Phrase. Instructor:** REBECCA KELLY  
Level – Intermed + Adv. Age 13-16+ Offered: **Wed**, 5-6pm, or 4-5pm, TBD, 60 min. *Preparation-for-Performance I*, designed to troubleshoot challenge areas, and develop skills for learning choreography quickly and accurately with the goal to presenting best self in performance. (*Photo & video feedback are frequently used as teaching tools.*)
- 2) **Exploring Jazz Phrases and Improv, Led by:** LILLIAN TULLER-USS, *student teacher-in-training*  
Level – Intermediate+ Offered: **Wed** 5:15 - 6:15 or 6:15-7:15pm, TBD, 60 min. Try something different. Experiment and expand your range, loosen up, and just get moving! Learn classic jazz phrases in a lively class. **NOTE: RK will be present to oversee this class**
- 3) **Rebecca Kelly Ballet - Repertory Chamber Works. Instructor:** REBECCA KELLY  
Level – Advanced (Age 15+). Offered: **Thurs**, 5-6:30pm, or 4:30-6pm, TBD 90 min. Class size limited. *Preparation-for-Performance II*, provide increased performance experience. **Includes Open Studio Presentations**  
**Fall material** – Pointe and soft slipper **Solo Divertissements from RKB's SoHo Nutcracker Highlights**  
**Spring material** - RKB chamber works repertory. (*Photo & video feedback are frequently used as teaching tools.*)
- 4) **Intermediate Ballet (Ages 12+) Based on the ABT Curriculum. Instructor:** ALICE SCHONBEK  
Level - Intermed Offered: **Friday**, 5-6:30pm, 90 min. class. Ballet class for dancers with previous ballet training and solid technique. Intermediate dancers will learn to process more complicated sequences at the barre, and execute them with accuracy. Coordinating arm, leg and head movements smoothly is emphasized. Class will include barre, center, petite and grand allegro.