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Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre Presents Free Performance at Hartwood Acres

'Ballet Under the Stars' Features Family Fun, Food Trucks and More



PITTSBURGH, PA (July 27, 2017) – Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre kicks off its 50th Anniversary Season with the annual "Ballet Under the Stars" performance on **Sunday, Aug. 18** at the Middle Road Concert Area in Hartwood Acres park. The free outdoor event, which is part of Allegheny County's Summer Concert Series, starts at 5 p.m. with pre-show children's activities followed by the 7:30 p.m. performance.

"Ballet Under the Stars" begins at 5 p.m. with food trucks and free kids stations, including craft and dance activities, photo opportunities with costumed dancers, face painting and more. Guests can pack a picnic or grab a bite to eat from one of seven featured food trucks: BRGR, Pittsburgh Halal Foods, Le's Oriental, Blowfish BBQ, By the Wayside Coffee, Bruster's Ice Cream and Hop Farm Brewing Co.

From 5-7 p.m., PBT will be hosting a pre-show Picnic in the Park. Join PBT dancers and artistic leaders for drinks and dinner in the VIP tent before the "Ballet Under the Stars" performance. Tickets are \$60 for adults and \$20 for children. <u>Register online</u> or call Associate Director of Development Aziza El Feil at 412-454-9127 for more information. Advance registration is not required for the free performance and children's activities.

PBT dancers will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. to perform a selection of classical, neoclassical and contemporary works from the company's repertory.

This year, PBT will dance highlights from "The Sleeping Beauty," including the famed "Rose Adagio" and the "Bluebird Pas de Deux." In addition to excerpts of the Tchaikovsky classic, PBT will perform Stanton Welch's expressive "Orange" and George Balanchine's "Rubies," the sultry second movement of "Jewels" set to Igor Stravinsky's Capriccio for Piano and Orchestra.

For more information about "Ballet Under the Stars," visit <u>https://www.pbt.org/performances/hartwood/</u>.