



Get the Pointe

Fall 2020



From Artistic Director, Sarah Purvis

I am more than excited to begin the 2020-2021 ECBT Season. It is not only the company's 18th season, but it is my 27th year teaching. ECBT has been so lucky to have such immense amounts of support from our community, as well as individuals of our organization that make everything run smoothly. ECBT's place in the dance community of Erie would not have been possible without the incredible efforts of our active Board of Directors, invaluable volunteers, committed faculty and staff, and of course, our dedicated dancers. There are always new opportunities for everyone at ECBT.

Feel free to check out our website at eriecbt.org for our calendar of events, as well as more information about ECBT. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact eriedance@gmail.com or 814.476.7123.

Meet Our New Faculty!

I am pleased to announce four, new faculty members joining Erie Dance Conservatory this season: **Corinne Dietrich** (Contemporary & Modern), **Grace Harrick** (Acro), **Madison Scheidemantle** (Ballet), and **Jenna Swartz** (Ballet & Jazz). Please feel free to go to our website, eriedanceconservatory.com, click on the "More" tab, and scroll to "Faculty." Just click on their headshot to read their biographies. Please help me in welcoming them to their first season at EDC!



Help Raise Funds for Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre

Like so many, ordering gifts, necessities, and other supplies through Amazon.com has become the norm for us at ECBT. But, did you know that if you go to Smile.Amazon.com, click on "Your Account" in the upper right, blue bar, and choose "**Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre**" as your charitable organization, Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to ECBT! It is that easy, and you only have to do it one time, and a percentage will be automatically donated to ECBT every time you purchase something from Amazon...See, even more reason to shop!!!!



ECBT Choreographer Makes History

For the second year in a row, an Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre Choreographer and Alum has won the prestigious National Monticello Award. **Grace Twitchell** won best, female emerging choreographer for her piece “Kintsugi,” which she set on ECBT dancers in the Winter of 2019. Ms. Twitchell was given access to further study choreography through Regional Dance America’s National Choreographic Intensive this past summer. Her piece will be performed Opening Night at the Regional Dance America Northeast Festival Thursday, May 20, 2021 at Wright State University. We are immensely proud of you, Grace!



Auditions for *The Nutcracker* are Saturday, September 5, 2020 at the EDC Studios, 8335 Edinboro Road, AND THEY ARE OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!

We will videotape the performance without an audience, edit it, and stream through our website or it can be purchased as a DVD. Each dancer will be given a number outside of the building. Only dancers will be allowed in the building, and a mask will be worn both during the audition and rehearsals. For more information please contact us at 814.476.7123 or eriedance@gmail.com.

Join us on Saturday, September 5th at:



1:00 – 1:30 PM ages 4 – 7
1:45 – 2:15 PM ages 8 – 11
2:30 – 3:30 PM ages 12 +

The Fabulous 50

We invite you to join *The Fabulous 50* Club of donors who generously contributed \$50 or more to Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre.

These valued contributors enjoy:

- A Tax Deductible Contribution
- Invitations to Preview New Works and Dress Rehearsals
- Invitations to Attend Special Receptions with Choreographers
- Their Name Recognized at each ECBT Performance Program
(*The Nutcracker, Director's Choice, and Year End Performance*)

To join *The Fabulous 50 Club of Donors* you can either:

- Go to eriecbt.org, click on “Donate Now” at the top of the page and follow the secure PayPal instructions, or
- Write a check, payable to ECBT with “Fabulous 50” in the memo line.

Thank you for your contribution!

Did you know? EDC vs. ECBT

Erie Dance Conservatory (EDC) is the school, owned and operated by Sarah Purvis. **Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre** (ECBT) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation run by a Board of Directors and established to provide exceptional dance training for pre-professional dancers in the Erie area and to enhance the cultural climate of the region through a variety of performances. The mission of the ECBT is to *INSPIRE, EDUCATE* and *ENRICH* the *LIVES* of our *DANCERS* and the *COMMUNITY*. ECBT does this by promoting dance and dance education through training, performances, master classes, and other dance-related events. Erie Dance Conservatory students have the opportunity of being part of the ECBT performances such as *The Nutcracker* and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* as well as *Regional Dance America Northeast*.