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Dear Activities Coordinator,

Brandywine Ballet is proud to announce the celebration of its 2026-2027 Season! The ballet company will continue its long-running residency in downtown West Chester, Pennsylvania at the Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall on the campus of West Chester University. We believe in enriching our community, and one way that we do this is through special senior pricing for our performances. **These special prices allow seniors to experience live dance.** We recognize that governmental arts funding is on a steady decline, and we are happy to provide artistic field trip excursions to seniors in our community. Sharing the art of ballet with many and contributing to the vibrancy of our community are integral parts of our mission.

We will be presenting three full productions for the 2026-2027 season. We will begin with our ***Fall Repertoire, featuring Carmina Burana***. Carmina Burana, or "Songs from Beuern" is the name given to a manuscript of poems written by Goliards. Twenty-four of the poems were set to the music of Carl Orff in 1936. Orff's composition quickly became popular and a staple piece of the classical music repertoire. Orff opens with the stunning and famous O Fortuna; its text is a medieval, resigned acceptance of the Wheel of Fortune as the determiner of one's own fate. It is followed by three sections: In Springtime - man's encounter with nature and how the seasons bring on love, In the Tavern - the rowdy atmosphere breaks out with drinking songs and hymns to debauchery, and Court of Love - describes the passions of men and women. Orff concludes Carmina Burana with O Fortuna; the wheel comes full circle - the cycle complete. All of man's petty feelings and endeavors are in the fickle hands of fate. ***Fall Repertoire*** will be presented Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 7 pm and Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 4pm.

We will continue our season with ***The Nutcracker***. Our production of ***The Nutcracker*** will be sure to delight audiences as it continues to be one of the region's favorite holiday traditions! We would love to share the magic of the season with you and your residents. Join Clara and her Uncle Drosselmeyer as they battle the Mouse King, travel to a magical land of dancing Snowflakes, and finally to the Land of Sweets to meet the Sugar Plum Fairy, who rewards them with performances by a cast of sweet characters. We present a special matinee performance of ***The Nutcracker*** at 10 am on Friday, December 18, 2026.

We will conclude our 2026-2027 season with ***Beauty & the Beast***. A powerful spell is cast, transforming the fate of an entire castle until the day that the Prince learns to love, and is loved himself. It is a tale of overcoming one's fears, vulnerability, love and the lesson that beauty is much more than skin deep. ***Beauty & the Beast*** will be presented Saturday, May 15, 2027, at 4 pm and Sunday, May 16, 2027, at 2 pm.

**Senior groups receive a discounted price of just \$20 per ticket to all performances of our Fall Repertoire and Beauty & the Beast. Tickets to the matinee of The Nutcracker are only \$18!** For every 15 residents, a complimentary chaperone ticket is provided!

Attached you will find a registration form with detailed information for your convenience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone at 610-692-6402 or via email at [sarah@brandywineballet.org](mailto:sarah@brandywineballet.org). We look forward to sharing the art of ballet with you and your residents!

Sincerely,

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