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**Covenant Ballet Theatre of Brooklyn Academy Students culminate 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year with *Pointing the Way to the Classics* community performance in Gravesend**

**BROOKLYN, NY – 16-June-2023** – Covenant Ballet Theatre of Brooklyn (CBT) students ages 3 – 18 will showcase their artistic and technical progress with *Pointing the Way to the Classics*, and end-of-year showcase taking place at the Church of Saints Simon and Jude, lower church (185 Van Sicklen Street) on Saturday, June 24, at 6pm. The performance will also culminate the company's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Tickets are \$25 and available for purchase at <https://our.show/pointingthewaytotheclassics>.

Curated by founder and artistic director Marla Hirokawa, the performance will feature original, age-appropriate choreography inspired by the classic ballets *Sleeping Beauty*, *Swan Lake* and other classics. The program will reflect the timeless tradition while featuring original work by Hirokawa and CBT faculty Rebeccah Brann, Stephen Campanella, Colleen Fechner, Karina Fornazaro, Marla Hirokawa, Sonia Jones, Nanako Kitagawa and Joseph Tudisco.

Since 1987, CBT has invested in the children and families of south Brooklyn, where cultural activities and resources are limited. Artistic Director Marla Hirokawa founded CBT on the conviction that a serious ballet education is needed to advance the art form, train youth, and improve the lives of those within its embrace. In an accepting yet rigorous environment, CBT fosters the love of dance through pre-professional training, educational programs in NYC schools, and original ballet productions.

CBT Academy has received generous support from the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council. It is also made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

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