



## *Prelude Ballet Ensemble*

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Dear Business Owner:

I am writing on behalf of Prelude Ballet Ensemble, a not-for-profit ballet company in the lower Hudson Valley. Our mission is to bring to the community a love and respect for the art of ballet while providing aspiring dancers the opportunity to hone their craft. We would like to engage your support in this endeavor.

In past years, we have brought to the stage of the Brewster Performing Arts Center several well-known classics --- *The Sleeping Beauty*, *Cinderella*, *Peter and the Wolf*, and *Rodeo* --- along with works of original choreography, some to live music. We have been fortunate to collaborate with professional musicians and the Westchester/Putnam Youth Symphony. In addition, we have performed at schools in Dutchess, Putnam, and Fairfield counties and other venues including Danbury Mall, Brewster Founder's Day, and the Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association's annual walkathon fundraiser. This year we are preparing a community outreach program featuring *Carnival of the Animals* and other choreographies. Performances are currently slated for April 10 at JFK Elementary School's theater and for April 18 at the Mahopac Public Library.

Prelude Ballet Ensemble has been honored in 2008, 2009 and now, in 2010, to receive grants through the Putnam Arts Council from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program. This is a significant endorsement of our efforts to promote ballet in the lower Hudson Valley and something we treasure.

As a 501(c)(3) entity, Prelude Ballet Ensemble is actively seeking donations from businesses such as yours that seek to support not-for-profit activities in the performing arts. Your sponsorship will play a vital role in increasing our community's awareness of the arts and encouraging other arts-based programs to bloom in our area. Your tax-deductible donations provide much needed funds for theater rentals, staging, costuming, and artistic fees. All sponsors are recognized on our website and with advertisements in our programs.

Over the past year, our company members and associates have worked numerous volunteer hours generating funds through a number of fundraising activities and will always continue to do so. However, we look to businesses to help build the financial infrastructure needed to assure this not-for-profit ballet company has a solid foundation on which to grow and reach its full potential. Please explore our website for additional information about Prelude Ballet Ensemble and view video clips of our past performances. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to sharing dance with you and yours in the near future.

Sincerely,

Olenna Truskett

President of the Board

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