



November 2016

Dear RCD family and friends,

Our upcoming Nutcracker is a reminder of what we're about every day:

**Exceptional teaching** to nurture and elevate our students' talent.

**Meaningful opportunities to perform.**

**Giving back to the community,** as a non-profit dance organization, to bring the arts to everyone and give our students opportunities to share their talents.

Our partnerships range from The Aldrich to SPHERE and The Women's Center of Greater Danbury to public schools. Our studio/performance space on historic Main Street enlivens downtown Ridgefield, and our professionally produced Nutcracker draws full-house audiences to the Ridgefield Playhouse.

We need your help to continue providing strong programs with an exceptional faculty in our beautiful facility.

We invite you to help **keep us on our toes...**

As an arts organization, we rely on donors who believe in all we're doing to keep us growing and thriving. Tuition alone doesn't cover funding needed to offer RCD's extraordinary instruction and programs.

**Please consider supporting dance education and outreach with your tax-deductible donation.**

With gratitude for your support and generosity,

Amy Piantaggini  
Artistic Director

Howard Turner  
Chairman, Board of Directors

Board of Directors: Gary Mandel – Vice President, Michael Malwitz – Treasurer  
Michele Gargan, Jackie Sifford Joyner, Kathryn Malwitz, Jane Turner, Steven Waldinger

**Just some of RCD's pro bono projects that enliven and enrich our community and our students:**

- Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum collaboration, including Day of Dance with RCD faculty; contemporary dance ensemble students bringing to life art on exhibit in many events
- SPHERE of CT partnership providing dance training & choreography for SPHERE members
- Women's Center of Greater Danbury partnership including scholarships to children affected by domestic violence
- Danbury Dance Initiative's Khalda Logan Benefit Scholarship; raising funds for dance scholarships for underserved residents
- Ann's Place (cancer support) annual performance at Festival of Trees
- In-studio performances free to the public during town-wide celebrations such as the Holiday Stroll
- Annual host for Ridgefield Guild of Artists' Art Walk artists
- Adults Dance Free program giving adults one full month of free classes
- Public school outreach /after-school enrichment
- Somers Holocaust Memorial Commission choreography and performance
- Lounsbury House benefit performance
- Workshops open to the public, such as monthly family hip hop nights
- National Honor Society for Dance Arts chapter sponsor honoring inductees excelling in both academics & arts
- Opportunities for students to earn community service hours through internships & students' assistant program



**Dance at The Aldrich**



**Dancing with SPHERE**

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## Keep Us on Our Toes

Please help us to keep growing and thriving. Thank you for supporting dance education and outreach through your tax-deductible contribution to RCD by donating online at [ridgefelddance.org/giving/](http://ridgefelddance.org/giving/) or by checking the appropriate box and mailing your donation to The Ridgefield Conservatory of Dance, P.O. Box 615, Ridgefield, CT 06877.

**Thank you!**

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Program recognition



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Program recognition

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Program recognition

2 Nutcracker tickets

professional Nutcracker  
photos following  
the Saturday Nov 17  
2p.m. performance

**Spotlight**  
**\$2000+**

Program recognition

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4 Spring Concert tickets

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