

JANUARY 16, 2015 – OWINGS MILLS, MD – If you love dance and observing mesmerizing human movement as it creates and communicates experience, you will want to stick nearby by the Gordon Center February and March of 2015. February 2015 begins the 2nd Annual Baltimore County Dance Celebration, and several of the county’s major dance events will be presented here, in-house, live at the Gordon Center.

A month-and-a-half-long dance extravaganza, the 2nd Annual Baltimore County Dance Celebration will include four major Gordon Center performances and multiple dance workshops, seminars, and smaller ensemble and individual performances throughout the next two months.

“We are thrilled to shine a spotlight on dance this month with an eclectic array of riveting, hypnotic dance programs,” said Randi Benesch, Managing Director of the Gordon Center. “From amateur to professional performances, from dance improvisation to hip hop and tap, from modern to jazz to ballet, there is something for everyone this month and we hope you will take a leap with us!”

The four major Gordon Center performances for February and March are as follows:

Koresh Dance Company – Come Together

Saturday, February 28, 2015, 8:00pm

This highly-acclaimed, highly-energetic company from Philadelphia shifts between classical, folk, and modern movement, set to music that ranges from Ravel to works by Israeli and Turkish composers. *Sneak a peek at:* <http://vimeo.com/channels/koreshdance/104566865>

Baltimore Dance Invitational Professional Showcase

Saturday, February 21, 2015, 8:00pm

This showcase features performances by 9 of the Baltimore region’s best professional dance companies and artists. Hosted by Baltimore’s own, The Collective Dance Company, these dancers have been selected through an adjudication process that represents high quality professional dance from the Baltimore region and beyond.

Global Expressions

Co-presented with Dance Baltimore

Sunday, February 22, 2015, 3:00 PM

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Global Expressions is an annual showcase of cultural dance traditions from around the world - -Latin America, India, Israel and more -- world dance performed by local and regional ensembles, for an afternoon of vibrant music and movement.

Peter and the Wolf

Featuring the Columbia Orchestra and Kinetics Dance Theatre

Sunday, March 8, 2015, 3:00pm

This production of Prokofiev's immortal *Peter and the Wolf* is the perfect way to introduce your children to the beauty and wonder of live orchestral music and dance.

The 2nd Annual Baltimore County Dance Celebration events also include the following special engagements, presented at The Gordon:

- **February 1 – March 9:** Dance International/Towson Arts Collective – *An art exhibition for the Baltimore County Dance Celebration, on display in the Gordon Lobby.*
- **February 8:** Dance Day- "Dance Free- Free Dance!" -- *Free dance workshops led by Towson Community Dance, held in the Owings Mills JCC- Performa and Dance Studio.*
 - 10-10:45 Family Afro Modern All Ages
 - 11-11:45 Teen Hip Hop Ages 13-17
 - 12-12:30 Children's Hip Hop Ages 8-12
 - 12:30-1 Children's Jazz Dance Ages 6-10
 - 12-1 Creative Movement Ages 3-5
 - 1-1:30 Children's Ballet Ages 6-10
 - 1-2 Rockette Masterclass Ages 13-17
 - 1:30-2:45 Adult Ballet Ages 18+
 - 3-4:15 Adult Jazz Dance Ages 18+
- **February 13:** Maryland Dance Alliance, sponsored by the Maryland Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, & Dance -- *Over 300 high school dancers will compete in this adjudicated program.*
- **February 15, 5:00 pm:** Baltimore County Public Schools 5th Grade Ballroom Showcase – *Featuring 12 BCPS elementary school ballroom dance groups.*
- **February 24-28:** Koresh Dance Company in Residence -- *This is a partnership with the Baltimore County Public Schools. The professional dancers from Koresh Dance Company will be teaching masterclasses to BCPS middle and high school dancers at various schools throughout this week-long residency.*

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The 2nd Annual Baltimore County Dance Month is supported in part by The Citizens of Baltimore County and the Baltimore County Arts & Sciences Commission. Tickets may be ordered online at

www.gordoncenter.com. The Gordon Center is located on the campus of the Rosenbloom JCC at 3506 Gwynnbrook Ave., Owings Mills, MD 21117. The Box Office can be reached at 410.356.7469.

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The Peggy and Yale Gordon Center for Performing Arts is Baltimore County's premiere arts destination. The Gordon Center offers an eclectic variety of professional entertainment in music, theater, dance, family programming and film. You will experience world-class acoustics in an intimate, state-of-the-art venue. Free parking in well-lit spaces, handicap accessible, and equipped with a special RF system for the hearing impaired, the Gordon Center can be enjoyed by all.