

**PRESS RELEASE: Spring 2017**

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**REBECCA KELLY BALLET (NYC)** returns to Lake Placid Center for Arts with a PUBLIC PERFORMANCE and its annual ONSTAGE CAMP. Box Office: 518-523-2512. Advance Tickets sales: \$15, \$18, \$22. Group discounts in advance

- RKB performance, THURSDAY, July 20, 8pm
- Save the Date - for Onstage Youth Performance, Friday, July 21, 10:30am
- Registration now open for ONSTAGE Performance Camp for Youth, 7/10-21

In 2017 RKB guarantees another program brimming with energy and ideas. *At ease in classical as well as contemporary styles...* reports The New York Times. Rebecca Kelly produces an engaging blend of movement that transports the audience and showcases the individuality of her beautiful dancers as they soar, sail, and spin through chamber works that explore topical issues and celebrate the natural world.



**The ballets this season** include two which draw upon the upstate environment for its themes, “**Adirondack Elemental: Earth, Waters, Snow**” and **Apayaana**. **Apayaana** means “flight” in Sanskrit and takes climate change as its springboard, and the monarch butterflies were the messengers. Apayaana premiered in August 2011. Three weeks later, Hurricane Irene blasted through the region, causing the Ausable River to rise to a record 18 feet above flood levels.

**ONSTAGE**, offered every summer since 1989, has reached thousands of young people and their families and taken them on a journey of ideas, expressions, and widened the horizons of imagination. RKB’s 2-week performance summer day camp at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts, takes place

**July 10-21, 2017.** For registration, visit the website, [www.RebeccaKellyBallet.org](http://www.RebeccaKellyBallet.org), Go to the North Country activities. You can download a form – or contact RKB at [RKBallet@gmail.org](mailto:RKBallet@gmail.org)

**ONSTAGE PUBLIC Performance, Friday, July 21, at 10:30am.** Wild, woolly and imaginative, yet only 45 minutes long! Dance students of all levels, ages 8-18 years, kick up their heels in a variety of short dances. Ranging from pure fun to impressive formality and accompanied by vivid music selections from all over the world, it is a great introduction to the energetic world of dance. Tickets are \$10 at the door. First come – First served.



Based in New York City, Rebecca Kelly Ballet continues its long association with the North Country region building community through participation in the arts. Since the 1980’s it has conducted programs from Plattsburgh to Potsdam, and at the Tahawus Center, a cultural center in Au Sable Forks where it has established permanent roots. Before and after Onstage in Lake Placid, RKB offers classes in ASF at the Cloudsplitter Dance Studio, at the Tahawus Center. [www.TahawusCenter.org](http://www.TahawusCenter.org)

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