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REBECCA KELLY BALLET (NYC) returns to the North Country with ONSTAGE CAMP and Performances:

- **Registration now open for ONSTAGE Performance Camp for Youth, 7/23-8/3**
- **Save the Date - for RKB's performance at LPCA, Thurs. Aug. 2, 8pm**
- **Save the Date - for the Onstage Youth Performance, Friday, Aug 3, 10:30am**

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"*Top-notch dance*" reported Athena Roth at Lake Placid Visitors Bureau last summer. In 2012 RKB guarantees another program brimming with energy and style. Rebecca Kelly Ballet combines an engaging blend of classical and contemporary dance, in a program that highlights the individuality of featured dancers. Dancers soar, sail, and spin through new and repertory chamber works that explore human challenges and social issues.

Based in New York City, Rebecca Kelly Ballet, has a long association with the North Country region building community through participation in the arts since the 1980's from Plattsburgh to Potsdam, and now with the creation of the Tahawus Lodge Center, a new creative and community center in Au Sable Forks.

The premiering ballet this season is Turbulence, which the choreographer describes, like sand in an oyster shell, as giving shape to the physical tension that exists before compelling change.

Also on the program: the haunting and exotic quartet, **Apayaana** with butterfly-like markings on costumes. As seen recently on a PBS Mountain Lake TV Highlight, climate change was Rebecca's thought behind this ballet made during the tumultuous weather of spring 2011, and aired three weeks before Hurricane Irene. Apayaana is the Sanskrit word for flight or retreat. The ballet moves subtly from an environment of harmony, to one of fear and finally flight. **And: the duet from Desire** – a repertory favorite, was acclaimed in *The New York Times* for "*its fluent decisiveness, appealing elaborate partnering, the most technically accomplished performers, clean and unstrained lifts.*"



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN TO STUDENTS OF ALL EXPERIENCE, AGES 6-19 YEARS, FOR RKB'S ONSTAGE CAMP. For some, a summer standard for over a thousand families, for others a brand new thrill, this rare opportunity to mingle with professionals, make new friends, in the exciting culture and discipline of creativity and dance, results in a unique experience of fun, accomplishment, and beauty.

ONSTAGE, the 2-week performance summer day camp directed by Rebecca Kelly, at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts, runs **July 23-Aug 3, 2012**. Offered every summer since 1989, Onstage culminates in a joyous student performance on **Friday, 8/3 at 10:30am**. Students have the opportunity to work and study under the careful and inspiring guidance of professional performing artists. For registration information, visit the website, www.RebeccaKellyBallet.org, Go to the North Country activities. You can download a form – or contact us at rkballet1@verizon.net.

Before and following the annual residency in Lake Placid, RKB also offers classes in Au Sable Forks, NY at the new dance studio of the Tahawus Lodge Center. For information contact TLC at Tahawus@verizon.net and visit www.TahawusLodgeCenter.org

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