

## American Repertory Ballet

Continuing a legacy that was begun in 1954, American Repertory Ballet is a company of both mature artists and raw, young talent that are collectively committed to contributing to the New Jersey arts scene by sharing their joy of dance with local audiences. Representative of our local community, the dancers are a multi-racial group that commonly share a commitment to athletic, dynamic, risk-taking dance pieces that inspire, excite, occasionally challenge but always entertain our public.

**“Don’t expect  
frilly tutus”**

**- Graham Lustig**



At the core of our programming is innovation. Don’t expect to see frilly tutus floating around in our performances! ARB is a lean machine that cuts ballet with a jagged new edge. Our performances will challenge and excite your audience’s thoughts about this classical art.

For example, *Dancing Through The Ceiling* addresses the fact that women have been sorely under-represented as ballet choreographers. The program contains four distinct elements: creation, presentation, education and repertoire. Though women’s issues have been the focus of many artistic productions, there has been less attention to the inequality of opportunity for women in certain aspects of the arts. This program gives audiences an invigorating new perspective as the choreographers merge traditional ballet technique with a woman’s sensibility.

*“I wish the supposed expert who was on the BBC yesterday whining about ballet being stuck in the past and bereft of new ideas could discover the innovative programming Graham Lustig has installed at American Repertory Ballet”*

**- Paul Ben-Itzak, *The Dance Insider***

Our commitment to education extends to all aspects of our programs. On-time school matinees are an affordable way for school students and their teachers to attend fully staged professional presentations in a theatre setting and are supported by study guides downloaded directly from our website. We also offer full, multi disciplinary residency workshops that

are led by our Teaching Artists and delivered in the school facility. Specifically designed to compliment the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards, in-school performances bring the live dance experience to students that might otherwise not have access to this art form.



While upholding the established traditions and high standards that produce overall excellence, the American Repertory Ballet serves to foster a deep appreciation for all of the arts and especially the one closest to our hearts, the art of dance.