

Ballet des Amériques **Westchester's Ballet Jewel**

The second floor of a nondescript building on King Street in Port Chester is home to a well kept secret, Ballet des Amériques. This young company of exceptional dancers offers unique choreography and artistic talent, and its school trains fledgling ballet dancers to achieve professional level performances of their art.

I had the pleasure of attending its Spring program, and reveled in the beauty and artistic excellence of the professional dancers and the creative repertoire of its director and choreographer, Carole Alexis.

The performance space is intimate, bringing the dancers closer to their audience, which made for a wonderful and unique experience.

As a ballet enthusiast who has been fortunate to have seen Nureyev, Baryshnikov and Makarova as well as the New York City Ballet and its creative brilliance for decades, I was impressed and thrilled at the competence and beauty of the dancers in Ballet des Amériques.

The company will perform its final program of the season on June 13th and 14th at the Emelin Theater in Mamaroneck. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.balletdesameriques.com/peter-and-the-wolf>

For Westchester dance enthusiasts, a Ballet des Amériques performance will bring both appreciation and pleasure. Enjoy a unique dance experience, and don't miss this company's special and talented performers.

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