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New costumes will be featured as part of the Greater Niagara Ballet Company's ballet performances on March 15-16 at the NACC. (Photo by Mary Schnepf) • Dancers prepare for the GNBC's upcoming spring ballet. (Photo by Mark Yerger)

## GNBC staging spring show featuring classic, new ballet

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For the Greater Niagara Ballet Company, everything old is new again.

The GNBC's spring performance will pair two classics with a brand-new presentation.

"We're putting on three pieces. The main piece of the night will be 'The Firebird.' This is the very first time the company has put on 'The Firebird,'" Artistic Director Mary Schnepf said. " 'The Firebird' is a classic ballet choreographed by Michel Fokine back in the early 1900s. We're very excited to be putting it on.

"We have 'Concerto,' which is contemporary ballet, and this was choreographed for the Niagara Civic Ballet Company – which is what we used to be called before we changed our name to Greater Niagara Ballet Company – back in 1990 by the National Ballet of Canada's Alexandra Auld, and it was exclusively for the company. It's in Concerto in B minor, by Vivaldi. And we haven't put that on in about 20 years or so.

"And then we're also putting on the pas de deux from 'Don Quixote.' It's the final pas de deux in that particular ballet. We



also haven't put that on in about 30 years.

"We're bringing back some of the classic repertoire from the company, and we also have this very brand-new piece."

The Niagara Arts and Cultural Center is co-sponsoring the spring ballet, which will be staged at 6 p.m. Friday, March 15, and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16. Shows will be held in the NACC Grand Theater, at 1201 Pine Ave., Niagara Falls. Tickets

are available at the door or online. Visit [www.greaterniagaraballetcompany.org](http://www.greaterniagaraballetcompany.org).

Relative to "The Nutcracker," the GNBC's well-known holiday showcase, the spring production is "challenging," Schnepf explained. " 'The Nutcracker,' we make small changes every year. But it's often the same choreography, and we know it well. So, about 80%-90% of the show we know; it's ingrained in us.

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Seniors Christine Pruetz, Gladys Guize and Beverly Schultz get a front-seat view of the hibachi action at Fuji Grill.

## For Wheatfield seniors, it's never too late to bloom

Submitted by Wheatfield Commons

The golden generation is embracing aging and making memories at Wheatfield Commons, a DePaul Senior Living Community in North Tonawanda, with a plethora of opportunities to stay active and engaged.

Pictured: Betty Miller makes Valentine's Day bookmarks and handwritten cards for veterans at the Buffalo VA Medical Center; John Bayer is joined by Archer; and Gladys Guize prepares chocolate-covered apples and oranges for a fruit social.

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