

March 29, 2021

Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Donor
123 Philanthropy Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Donor,

It was a delight seeing you at last Friday's Spring Preview Dinner at Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre's Spring Open Air Series venue on Flagstaff Hill. I am thrilled that not only did you get to experience an outdoor dinner on our stage on a remarkably warm spring night, but that you were able to get a taste of Artistic Director Susan Jaffee's new choreography for *Rite of Spring* led by our incredible Principals Yoshiaki Nakano and Alexandra Kochis. I hope you feel, as I do, that their performances will shine particularly bright this spring as thousands of Pittsburghers gather on Flagstaff Hill to witness the magic of ballet.

I especially want to thank you for your incredibly generous gift of \$2,000 to attend the Dinner. As Susan mentioned, tickets to the Spring Open Air Series will be free—but, as Harris pointed out, putting on the Series is not. Your valuable contribution will allow us to underwrite the costs of roughly 60 tickets, so that your fellow Pittsburghers can experience the wonders of PBT—live and in-person once again.

We will be publicly announcing the Spring Open Air Series this Thursday. Before we do, though, I wanted to let you know that the other piece of our Series repertoire will be the romantic classic *La Sylphide*, with the incredible Alexei Ratmansky of American Ballet Theatre setting new choreography to Jean-Madeleine Schneitzhoeffler's classic score.

We are thrilled to be presenting *La Sylphide* and *Rite of Spring* together under the stars at Schenley Park this year—and are incredibly grateful for your gift to support the Open Air Series. We look forward to seeing you in the Park next month!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Dumas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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