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Jefferson Dancers Perform with Symphony

The Jefferson Dancers join Exxon/Arts Endowment Conducting Assistant Neal Gittleman and the Oregon Symphony Orchestra in the second series of "Music for Youth" concerts Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, January 17th, 18th and 20th, in Portland Civic Auditorium at 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. each day.

The program, entitled "Dance," will feature the Jefferson Dancers in the ballet "Baroque Violin Concerto" by Albinoni, choreographed by Joseph Wyatt. In "Network," a compilation of popular tunes arranged by Portland jazz musician Eddie Wied, the Jefferson Dancers will perform tap, soft-shoe and jazz to the tunes "Just Friends" by Clemer & Lewis, "Sophisticated Lady" by Duke Ellington, "Blues in F," by Eddiw Wied, "Well You Needn't," by Thelonius Monk, and "Silk Stockings" by Count Basie. Finally, the Jefferson Dancers will perform a work new to their repertoire, Gliere's famous "Russian Sailors' Dance" from the ballet "The Red Poppy," which is exuberant and athletic and builds to a climax of great intensity.

Also on the program are Weber's "Invitation to the Dance," "Hoe-Down" from Copland's "Rodeo," and the Polka from Shostakovich's "The Age of Gold."

This season's youth concerts have been underwritten by a grant from the Fred Myer Charitable Trust which allows the Symphony to present the concerts to students free of charge. Consequently, the request for tickets has been tremendous and a third day of concerts, January 20, was added to help accommodate the number of orders received. A total of 18,000 students will attend the concerts and a waiting list of over 1,000 still exists. For further information please call the Education Department of the Symphony at 228-4296.



The Jefferson Dancers

Created in 1976, the Jefferson Dancers, directed by Mary Vinton Folger, is the performing arm of the nationally known Dance Department at Jefferson High School in Portland. It is a multi-ethnic company of 21 dancers, age 14-25; 9 males, 12 females. The ensemble is composed of the school's most advanced dance students who have come to the Performing Arts Center at Jefferson for dance training.

Their repertoire, which includes over 50 works of tap, ballet, modern, jazz, ethnic and musical theatre dance works, with 10 to 20 works active for any season, comes from professional choreographers. Those who have worked with the company include Chuck Davis, Joseph Wyatt, Derek Williams and Lowell Smith of the Dance Theatre of Harlem, Royston Mallow, Raymond Sawyer, Joan Woodbury of Ririe-Woodbury, to name a few. The Jefferson Dancers is, in fact, a training program for Jefferson's most talented students. These young people come from all over the city to study dance in depth; they want to work with professional choreographers; and they may very well choose to pursue careers in dance. Alumni of the Jefferson Dancers are currently performing professionally in many U.S. and foreign cities; including New York, London, Los Angeles, Montreal, Miami, Seattle and Portland.

Dancers for this young company are auditioned in the Spring and those selected make a commitment to perform with the group for one school year. They attend classes until 5:00 p.m. every day. Their day includes dance technique classes, a two-hour rehearsal, and academic classes in which they must attain strong grade-point averages. Their training is intended to be broad as well as deep and unlike most professional dance companies, the Jefferson Dancers perform works in all dance styles.

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