The Bolshoi Ballet







Saratoga Performing Arts Center Performing Don Quixote July 31, 2014

\$125 with lunch on your own in town \$150 with lunch included at the *Hall of Springs* restaurant at SPAC

We have been providing trips to SPAC for many years, but this year's performance by the world's oldest and most renowned dance company, The Bolshoi, will be the best!!! The Moscow-based company's presence at SPAC is an epic event: the company brings 100 dancers and an 80-piece orchestra to perform "Don Quixote".

Sign up now and enjoy wonderful food, champagne, wine and absolutely outstanding seats for the performance. OPTION ONE: The cost of \$125 includes luxury coach, all gratuities, mimosas with breakfast en route, time prior to lunch to explore the charming town of Saratoga and have lunch on your own, wonderful seats for the performance, and hors d'oeuvres with a selection of fine wines and chilled beverages on the return trip. OPTION TWO: The cost of \$150 includes all the above plus lunch at the elegant *Hall of Springs* restaurant.

The bus departs from the front of the Monticello Government Center on North Street at 8am and from the back of the former Ames, Kingston Plaza, at approximately 9am. Please arrive at these locations 15 minutes early, so that we can load the bus and leave promptly.

The ballet is in three acts and is an elaborately staged production with lavish sets, glittering costumes and a wonderful score by Ludwig Minkus. From one delusion to another, Don Quixote seeks his imaginary love, Dulcinea, with the help of his loyal sidekick, Sancho. During his travels he meets the high-spirited Kitri whose father would rather she marry a rich fool than the penniless but dashing Basilio. The adventures of Kitri and Basilio fill the stage with teaming street life and whirling matadors. Don Quixote mistakes Kitri for the woman of his dreams on several occasions, but the valiant knight and his faithful squire help the young couple in this classic tale. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQMMXBv7hYo

To reserve: Make your check payable to AAUW (American Association for University Women) – Kingston Branch, include your phone number and email address, and mail it to: Linda Gold, 1 Jacobs Lane, New Paltz, NY 12561. For further information, call Linda at 845-255-5256 or email <u>artladyLG@aol.com</u>. Specify "art tours" in the space for "subject" so that your message is not deleted. We always have a full bus for our Saratoga trip, so sign up early to ensure a spot. There will be no refunds unless the spot is filled by someone on the wait list.