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## Paul Taylor Dance Company Valentine's Day Performance at The Purchase PAC *On the program: three classic Taylor works*

(Purchase, New York – January 21, 2025) THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, PURCHASE COLLEGE will present the [Paul Taylor Dance Company](#) on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2025, at 8pm.

A true icon of American modern dance, The Paul Taylor Dance Company is one of the great dance companies of the world, pushing forth the legacy of modern dance choreographer Paul Taylor since its founding in 1954. His works continue to move audiences to this day, lending them new perspectives on the joy, pain, humor, and tragedy that bind us together.

On February 14, the program will feature three dances from THE TAYLOR COLLECTION, a body of creative work that was created by dancemaker Paul Taylor in the years spanning 1954 – 2018: *Company B*, *Scudorama*, and *Esplanade*. These and the other dances in The Taylor Collection speak to the natural world and man's place within it, display love and sexuality in all gender combinations, contemplate iconic moments in American history, and study the spectrum of life's beauties, complexities, and society's thorniest issues.

***Company B***: Just as America began to emerge from the Depression at the dawn of the 1940s, the country was drawn into the Second World War. In a seminal piece of Americana, Paul Taylor recalls that turbulent era through the hit songs of the Andrews Sisters.

***Scudorama***: This dance dates from 1963, when Americans were still in the grip of nuclear fear following the Cuban missile crisis. Taylor was keenly attuned to the anxiety of the era and expressed these unresolved tensions in the dance. Clarence Jackson's commissioned score and Alex Katz's set and costumes contribute to the work's unsettling aura.

***Esplanade***: An esplanade is an outdoor place to walk. Fifty years ago, in 1975, Paul Taylor, inspired by the sight of a girl running to catch a bus, created a masterwork based on pedestrian movement.

The Paul Taylor Dance Company has a long-standing relationship with The Purchase PAC. The company has been a cornerstone of The PAC's dance programming for decades; in addition, PTDC utilizes The PAC's stages for tech rehearsals and the development of new work.

Tickets for the Valentine's Day performance of Paul Taylor Dance Company range in price from \$85 to \$40, with discounts available for children, students, seniors, Purchase College alumni, and groups

of 15 or more. Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://www.artscenter.org/events/paul-taylor-dance-company/> or by calling The Purchase PAC box office at 914-251-6200.

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### **About Paul Taylor Dance Company**

The genesis of the PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY occurred on May 30, 1954 in Manhattan, when dancemaker Paul Taylor first presented his choreography with five other dancers on the Lower East Side. That performance marked the beginning of 64 years of unrivaled creativity, and in the decades that followed, Mr. Taylor became a cultural icon and one of American history's most celebrated artists, and was part of the pantheon that created American modern dance. Leading the Company that bears his name until his death in 2018, Mr. Taylor molded it into one of the preeminent performing ensembles in the world. Under the artistic direction of Taylor alumnus Michael Novak, the Company continues to bring "America's most communicative and wildly theatrical modern dance" to audiences and students around the world, with a yearly residency at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. Learn more: <https://paultaylordance.org/>

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### ***Event listing:***

#### **Paul Taylor Dance Company**

Friday, February 14, 8pm

The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College

735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY 10577

Fall in love with the timeless work of choreographer Paul Taylor, as Paul Taylor Dance Company brings a program of iconic Taylor works, including his masterpiece *Esplanade*, to The Purchase PAC on Friday, February 14 at 8pm. Tickets are on sale now.

Tickets: \$85 / \$65 / \$40

Program: *Company B*, *Scudorama*, and *Esplanade*

Tickets and more information: <https://www.artscenter.org/events/paul-taylor-dance-company/>

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**The Purchase PAC's 2024-2025 season** features a broad range of events by professional touring artists. It includes familiar audience favorites, Purchase alumni, innovative emerging artists, and opportunities for creative encounters and engagement. The 2024-2025 season will run from September through early May of 2025.

All performances take place at The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY 10577. Tickets and a complete season schedule are available on The Purchase PAC website at <https://www.artscenter.org/events/>.

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**The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College** (The Purchase PAC), “your home for extraordinary experiences,” is a four-theatre complex located on the campus of Purchase College, SUNY, is the major professional, non-profit arts presenter in the Southeastern New York–Southwestern Connecticut region.

The Purchase PAC has long been a hub for highly skilled artists, civic and academic leaders, community activists, and volunteers who recognize the power of investing in the performing arts to spark creativity and connection.

Through Education & Engagement programs, The Purchase PAC creates opportunities for local K -12 students and multi-generational learners to participate in the artistic process.

The Purchase PAC has a collaborative relationship with the campus population, hosting performances for the Conservatories of Music, Dance, and Theatre Arts. Purchase College students can take advantage of master classes, on-site training, internships, job opportunities, and ticket discounts.

An active facility rental business focuses on providing space and support to high-quality musical recordings, technical rehearsals, and community events.

The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College is a 2024 Best of Westchester award recipient (Best Theatre/Professional).

**Purchase College**, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY, is located 28 miles northeast of New York City at the Connecticut border. The College, part of the State University of New York (SUNY), is an institution of public higher education encompassing the liberal arts and sciences, professional training in the performing and visual arts, continuing education, the Neuberger Museum of Art, and The Performing Arts Center.

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