

PRESS RELEASE



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THE NANCY AND FREDERICK DEMATTEIS ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAM PRESENTS

Taylor 2 Modern Dance

THURSDAY, MAY 22 AT 10AM & 12:30PM

"Taylor 2, the junior ensemble of the Paul Taylor Dance Company, has long been one of the most vital and accomplished of second troupes in New York City."

- New York Times

Westhampton Beach, NY May 9, 2008: As part of its "School Day Performances" series, an extensive cultural arts program featuring a bus-in program for young audiences during the school day, the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center presents the **Taylor 2 Modern Dance Company** on **Thursday, May 22 at 10:00am and 12:30pm**. The "School Day Performances" series makes direct connections to New York State Learning Standards, while at the same time providing opportunities for young people to experience the magic and transformative powers of the arts! **This performance is also open to the public.**

Taylor 2 was established to bring the work of renowned choreographer Paul Taylor to audiences all over the world, regardless of economic or technical limitations. Paul Taylor is a living legend in the world of one of America's indigenous art forms – modern dance. In this program especially designed for students, young audiences will experience the magic of contemporary dance through performance, discussion and interaction between the artists and the audiences.

Paul Taylor chooses dances that span the broad spectrum of his work. Several of the dances performed by Taylor 2 have been re-worked from the Paul Taylor Dance Company's version to enable the smaller ensemble of dancers to perform them. Critics and audiences cheer as *Taylor 2* introduces the athleticism, humor and range of emotions found in Mr. Taylor's work.

Funding for the School Day Performance series is provided, in part, by The Countess Moira Charitable Foundation, Anita Brennan, Bradley & Rochelle King, New York State Council on the Arts- a state agency, The Edmond de Rothschild Foundation, The Town of Southampton, and Target.

Appropriate for Grades 3 - 12, Taylor 2 Modern Dance Co.'s performance is approx 60 minutes long, plus a brief Q&A. Tickets are \$10 and are still available for both performances. Call Cheryl Wheeler at (631) 288-2350, ext 102, or stop by 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach, Wednesday to Sunday, between 12 p.m. and 6 p.m., and later on show nights, or purchase tickets On-Line at www.WHBPA.org.



TAYLOR 2

Jared Wootan, Francisco Graciano, Jamie Rae Walker,
Winston Dynamite Brown, Alison Cook, Latra Wilson

in Paul Taylor's

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