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Gillian Murphy and Gennadi Saveliev, of the American Ballet Theatre, are among the dancers performing April 21-23 in Manhattan.

Three nights of ballet

The gala performance that caps the annual Youth America Grand Prix ballet competition features so much great dancing that a single program just won't hold it all. So this year the annual ballet blockbuster directed by Larissa and Gennadi Saveliev, of Palisades Park, has expanded to three nights. For the first time, the public will be invited to watch the final round of competition in the theater. The next night, "The Stars of Today Meet the Stars of Tomorrow," young medalists will share the

stage with YAGP alumni. On the final evening, the "Peter the Great Gala," international ballet stars will pay tribute to the legendary Bolshoi Ballet teacher Peter Pestov. Performances are slated April 21-23 at 7 p.m., NY City Center, 55th Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Manhattan. Tickets cost \$25 on April 21; and \$45-\$150 the next two nights. Call (212) 581-1212 or visit nycitycenter.org.

— Robert Johnson