







The Nutcracker. December 2023



Principal Dancers Paige Nyman and Alexander Kotelenets in Lew Christensen's Beauty and the Beast, May 2024

WITH **GRATITUDE**

As we reflect on the past season, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible support we have received from our community of donors. Your generosity has been instrumental in helping us achieve our goals and further our mission at Texas Ballet Theater.

We are excited about the tremendous opportunities for growth and expansion that lie ahead. With supporters like you by our side, we are confident that we can continue to enrich the community that we serve.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your lives and for supporting us as we realize our vision for the future

With gratitude,

Tim O'Keefe and Vanessa Logan, along with the dancers, administrative staff, faculty, and students of Texas Ballet Theater

TIM O'KEEFE'S

ILLUMINATING DIRECTION

Tim O'Keefe triumphantly closed his first season as Artistic Director, bringing back the renowned blockbuster *Dracula*, traditional holiday classic *The Nutcracker*, a powerful repertoire in *Brilliants*, which included George Balanchine's *Rubies*, and Lew Christensen's elegant *Beauty and the Beast*.

Named a local luminary by Modern Luxury Dallas' Power List, Tim shared his passion and vision for ballet with numerous patrons. Texas Ballet Theater broke previous season attendance records, with audiences totaling over 74,000 across our mainstage productions.



Dracula, September 2023



Principal Dancers Andre Silva and Nicole Von Enck in Le Corsaire Pas de Deux, February 2024

A CAPTIVATING 2023-2024 SEASON

Under Artistic Director Tim O'Keefe, Texas Ballet Theater delighted, engaged, and educated 117,716 at our performances and programs this season. Our company dancers made special appearances at the Fort Worth Dance Festival and AT&T Performing Arts Center and were honored to work with guest choreographer Val Caniparoli for Without Borders and guest stagers Jerri Kumery for Rubies, Maiqui Manosa for Without Borders, and Leslie Young for Beauty and the Beast. Texas Ballet Theater is invested in bringing the captivating power of dance to North Texas communities.

THE COMPANY DANCERS: INSPIRATION FROM WITHIN

At Texas Ballet Theater's Choreographic Workshop, company dancers Carl Coomer, AvaRose Dillon, Rieko Hatato, Alexandra F. Light, Riley Moyano, Dara Oda, Andre Silva, Kyle Torres-Hiyoshi, and Nicole Von Enck showcased their skills as they choreographed ten new works performed by fellow Texas Ballet Theater company dancers. This intimate performance was held at the Fort Worth studio May 9-10, 2024.

TEXAS BALLET THEATER **EXPANSION & GROWTH**



COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AND THE JOY OF MOVEMENT

Texas Ballet Theater's Community Enrichment programs have expanded to 60 Title I schools in the DFW area, introducing underserved children to dance classes at no cost to them. Over 41,467 students were enrolled in our student experiences and after-school dance classes across all of Texas Ballet Theater's outreach initiatives.

- 47 Students completed their examinations with the Royal Academy of Dance.
- Texas Ballet Theater students participated in the 2024 Youth America Grand Prix Dallas Regional competition.
- **6** Studio Training Company Dancers.

TEXAS BALLET THEATER SCHOOLS

We are thrilled to announce the January 2025 opening of our new Dallas school at Preston Center. Our established schools in Fort Worth and Richardson train over 635 students during the school year. Our nationwide audition tour attracted 129 students for our five-week Summer Intensive Program and 123 dancers for our three-week Summer Intensive classes this season.

Throughout the year, Texas Ballet Theater students performed across the DFW Metroplex in over 23 community performances. In the annual Stars of Tomorrow performance, the Fort Worth and Richardson Schools joined together to preform new works by Artistic Director Laureate Ben Stevenson, O.B.E., as well as company dancers Riley Moyano and Carl Coomer. Texas Ballet Theater students also participated in tree lightings and other holiday festivities in Dallas and Highland Park. Over 180 TBTS students participated in *The Nutcracker*, and dancers from the Professional Training Division, Studio Training Company, and the lower schools had the opportunity to perform in the company's *Beauty and the Beast* productions in both Dallas and Fort Worth.



SPECIAL EVENTS

CELEBRATING CULTURE AND CREATIVITY

THANK YOU TO OUR 2023-2024 SPECIAL EVENT CHAIRS:



1,589 philanthropists fundraised in style this season to raise over \$1.3 million in support of Texas Ballet Theater.

Kaleta Blaffer Johnson and Rylie Bland **Tutu Chic Fashion Show and Luncheon**

Ceron and Todd Fiscus, Missy Rogers Peck, and Kelly Nolan

The Sugar Plum Fairy Tea

Melinda and Glenn Adams **Koslow After Dark**

Maribeth Miller

30th Anniversary Caren Koslow Fashion Show & Luncheon

Cameron Colyer and Eden Delaune

Beauty and the Beast Tea

Danaree Allgood, Megan Flanagan, and Sunie Solomon **Beauty and the Beast Brunch**

Lynsey Blair

Beauty and the Beast Opening Night Dinner

THANK YOU TO OUR

IMPACT PARTNERS

Thanks to the support of donors, institutional partners, dancers, staff, and TBT families, Texas Ballet Theater's impact reached deep into our North Texas community and beyond.



"Rubies" from Jewels, February 2024. Choreography by George Balanchine. © The George Balanchine Trust



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Thank you for supporting our 2023-2024 season.

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