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In School Program Engages Denver Students

The In School program has been very busy this year serving hundreds of children in Denver and the surrounding areas. Seeing the students' enthusiasm for the music, watching them view the athleticism and grace of the dancers and enjoying the thrill of inclusion in the final moments of the event, has been magical! Often this is the first and only exposure to dance many of these children ever received. Our goal is to create a lifelong respect for dance by beginning at the elementary school level.

Please take a look at the smiling faces of our students enjoying one of the professional dance companies who support this important work.

If you know of a school that would enjoy this experience, please let us know. Email your suggestions to: www.DenverBalletGuild.org

Susan Struna and **Karen Crossman**
Co-VPs, In School Programs



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Quote

“We continue to be so fortunate to share our vision and mission with each of our members and the Arts community of Denver.”

Pam Piro—DBG President

Mission

The mission of the Denver Ballet Guild shall be to stimulate interest in ballet and other forms of dance; to promote dance at all levels; to conduct dance education; to develop audiences; to conduct fundraising activities to support and promote dance and to disburse funds for such purposes.

A Letter from Our President

Is Spring really here? It's been a wonderful fall and winter season for the Denver Ballet Guild and I really cannot thank each of you enough. I have to say, we've had more snow or chilly weather this year at our events. Ahhhh, life in Colorado. So, let the sun shine warm and hope Spring brings a welcome change.

The Le Bal Honorees and their families have been busy this fall and winter. They have whooped it up at a Western Party at the **Barn at Raccoon Creek**, dined in style at the Protocol Dinner at **Shanahans**, feasted on a beautiful brunch with their mothers and the University of Colorado Buffoons at the **Brown Palace**, enjoyed a Father/Son dinner at **Elways** for the Young Men of Distinction, and had a fun winter day of Broomball at the **Denver Country Club**. The Honoree parents had some fun of their own at the Parent Cocktail Party that was truly an evening of camaraderie and warmth. The Honorees will soon embark on their final days of High School and this special year will conclude with a celebration and an evening of wonder

at the **51st LeBal de Ballet, the Emerald City**. Please join us. It truly is one of the best events in our city.

Les Cygnettes and **Les Demoiselles** programs have had a terrific season filled with great performances and activities. Some of the highlights include the following performances or events: **Oklahoma** at the Stage Theater, **Xanadu** at the Garner Galleria, **Breakin'** at the Buell Theater, Father/Daughter social at **ACE Eat Serve**, Colorado Ballet's performance of **Wizard of Oz** at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, and **Dames at Sea** at the Littleton Town Hall. There's still plenty in store for the remainder of the year.

The Denver Ballet Guild members brought the **Showcase of Dance** to more than 6,000 school children in November at the Pinnacle Theater over a period of three days. We had 9 different professional dance companies perform for these very enthusiastic student audiences. It really is a pleasure to see the children enjoy the beauty of dance, many for the first time.

We also had the honor of granting more than **\$80,000** to various professional dance companies in our area this winter. We continue to believe in our mission to support bringing the art of quality dance into the community. Dance does seem to make us all a bit more complete.

In late January, a group of our members had a fun-filled day out to enjoy lunch and watch a live in-studio rehearsal of Colorado Ballet's World Premier of the **Wizard of Oz**. It was truly a treat and a special opportunity for those who were able to attend.

We continue to be so fortunate to share our vision and mission with each of our members and the Arts community of Denver. Spring is coming... so let's keep rolling.

Pam Piro
President
Denver Ballet Guild 2018-2019



Colorado Ballet Rehearsal of the Wizard of Oz

Jane Netzorg helped plan a wonderful event for the Denver Ballet Guild members. We were invited to a private rehearsal of the Wizard of Oz before it's highly anticipated debut. Lunch preceded the rehearsal at Interstate Kitchen.

Tour de Force Special Private Reception and Rehearsal.

The Denver Ballet Guild was a proud presenting sponsor of **Tour de Force**, which premiered March 8-10, featuring and presented by **Colorado Ballet** alongside Colorado's own **Wonderbound** and **Cleo Parker Robinson Dance** companies. This collaborative program showcased a contemporary work performed by Colorado Ballet, and two new works – one choreographed by Wonderbound Artistic Director **Garrett Ammon** and one choreographed by Artistic Director **Cleo Parker Robinson**.

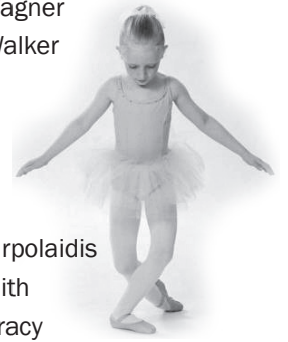
Tour de Force celebrates the spirit of unity, inclusion and diversity in Denver's dance scene as three companies united to create contemporary works.



Happy Trails and Cocktails Event Sponsors: Patricia Armstrong and Jean Armstrong

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Please forgive us if your name was overlooked but we do appreciate all of the important donors to the Denver Ballet Guild and know that your donations are hard at work supporting our mission. We are grateful for all of the donations to LeBal and the In Kind donations generally that we receive.

We want to thank everyone for being a member of the Denver Ballet Guild. We have so many people to thank, those who donate their time and talent. We would not be the great organization that we are without you.

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TWEET TWEET! A little bird told me we can be found on Twitter too! @DenBalletGuild

Showcase of Dance

The Denver Ballet Guild sponsored Showcase Nov. 7-9. We hosted approximately **3,600 children** from various elementary schools. As well as 1,200 children from **Pinnacle** charter school for a total of 4,800 kids attending.

For the second year we held the event at The Performing Arts Complex at The Pinnacle Charter School. Our emcee was **Peter Davison**, who wowed the kids and introduced the dancers.

There were two performances per day and Thursday we had two extra afternoon shows to accommodate **Pinnacle** kids.

DANCE COMPANIES:

- Colorado Ballet
- Boulder Ballet
- Ballet Ariel
- 3rd Law
- Hannah Kahn
- Kim Robards
- Cleo Parker
- Celtic Steps
- Wonderbound

The dancers each performed two shows with the exception of Cleo Parker who came two days and stayed for extra performances for **Pinnacle** on Thursday Afternoon.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made it all work.

- Co-Chair **Teresa Sapyta and Sarah Neylon** along with **Kathy Terry** who organized the schools and bus transportation.
- **Katrina Benes** for feeding the dancers.

Several volunteers made the trek up to **Pinnacle** to usher and seat the kids: **Marlo Wagner, Elise Ford, Judy Weisiger** and **Kelli Fisher**.



Le Bal 2018-19 Events for Dems and YMOD

Thirty-six Debutantes and 29 Young Men of Distinction are enjoying a full schedule of social events throughout the year, culminating in the 51st Le Bal de Ballet, themed **The Emerald City**. Their formal presentation will be **June 15, 2019** at the **Ellie Caulkins Opera House at the DCPA**.

Dinner and dancing at the Hyatt Denver Convention Center will follow.

These distinguished seniors represent 15 different schools, from Metro Denver, **Vail, Niwot, Rock Canyon, Fountain Valley** and **Atlanta**.



6 Le Bal Parties!



Les Demoiselles and Les Cygnettes Hold The Father Daughter Event at Ace Eat Serve

Les Demoiselles and Les Cygnettes held The Father Daughter event at Ace Eat Serve. Both the dads and daughters really enjoyed themselves Denver's only dedicated Ping-Pong hall.



Sip, Sip, Hooray!

Let's celebrate the successful work of Denver Ballet Guild Volunteers

Wednesday, June 19th - 4:00pm

Home of Christian Reid
Five Huntwick Lane
Cherry Hills Village, Colorado 80113
Patio Casual
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New Members Coffee

Thank you to hostess **Christian Reid** for a delightful new member coffee. The Denver Ballet Guild welcomed new members and enjoyed old friends. Would you like to join a great organization of volunteer women who help spread the joy of the arts? Check out our website --

www.DenverBalletGuild.org for volunteer opportunities.

We need you!

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