

Denver Ballet Guild presents
51st Le Bal de Ballet

Thirty-five Debutantes and 29 Young Men of Distinction made their 2019 Le Bal de Ballet debut Saturday at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, celebrating the 51st anniversary of the grand event, themed **The Emerald City**.

These distinguished high school graduates represented 15 different schools, from Metro Denver, Vail, Niwot, Rock Canyon, Fountain Valley and Atlanta.

“It has been such a blessing to meet and have the opportunity to get to know these accomplished Debutantes, Young Men of Distinction and their incredible families,” says **Julie Bearup**, this year’s Le Bal de Ballet chair. “The presentation was the culmination and celebration of a wonderful year.”

The 64 honorees were accomplished in academics, sports, music, theater, leadership and philanthropy. Many students were National Honor Society members. Some were entrepreneurs, with their own investment clubs and businesses.

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Quote

“...the most rewarding part of the Guild for me is the community involvement, sponsoring dance education and awarding grants to professional dance companies.”

Beth Murphy

DBG -President 2019-20

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.



Welcome Beth Murphy: DBG's New President

Beth Murphy has been involved with the Denver Ballet Guild since 2005 when her oldest daughter Jackie joined **Les Cygnettes**. The experience was so positive that Jackie continued with **Les Demoiselles** and Le Bal de Ballet. Jackie's sisters, Julia and Jillian followed in her footsteps, participating in all three programs. Naturally, Beth's involvement with Les Demoiselles grew, leading to her role of co-chair of the program.

"The women I volunteered with were so warm and supportive which lead to other positions within the Denver Ballet Guild including Secretary and Vice President Social Activities Co-Chair. I've enjoyed every minute with the Guild," Beth says, "the most rewarding part of the Guild for me is the community involvement, sponsoring dance education and awarding grants to professional dance companies."

Beth is originally from Halifax, Nova Scotia. She graduated from Dalhousie University with a Commerce Degree majoring in Finance with a minor in Economics. She moved to Denver in 1994 with her husband Terry when he took a position with a plastic surgery practice. Terry and Beth have four children. Beth works part time with her husband's practice and in her free time she enjoys playing golf and skiing with her family.

Beth is excited about the upcoming 2019-2020 year. Les Cygnettes and Les Demoiselles Chairs are busy securing theater tickets and planning events. Le Bal has a wonderful season arranged for the 2020 honorees. **Showcase of Dance** and **Young Dancer's Competition** preparations are well underway. This year The Guild is very excited for a special weekend planned in Grand Lake in October with the **Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company**. Susan Struna, VP Chair In-School Programs,

has arranged for Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company to both instruct and perform in Grand Lake in October. Finally, there are a number of social events for our membership; a **Fall and Spring Luncheon**, an evening event, **Happy Trails and Cocktails**, and of course some **Dance Date** events.

If you would like to volunteer for one or more of the many DBG programs, join us! Our website allows you to easily sign up for membership and volunteer opportunities, www.denverballetguild.org. Whatever you are interested in, we have a spot for you! Please join us at our **Fall Luncheon, September 26th**, at the Denver Country Club.

If you have any questions or ideas you would like to share with Beth, feel free to email her, jackalec@msn.com. She would love to hear from you.



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FALL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 26th

Denver Country Club

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HAPPY TRAILS AND COCKTAILS EVENT

Thursday, October 24th

The Barn at Raccoon Creek

Congratulations Debutantes & YMOD on their College Choices

DEBUTANTES

Miss Caroline Rose Morris Atkinson
Clemson University

Miss Claire Elizabeth Boland
Miami University

Miss Grace Armour Buyers
Washington University

Miss Caroline Elizabeth Chiara Caplis
University of Denver

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Miss Gia Wiebke Witt
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Mr. Lucas Marshall Bainbridge
University of Kansas

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About The Denver Ballet Guild

Le Bal de Ballet is the signature fundraiser of the Denver Ballet Guild. All proceeds support DBG dance education and arts enrichment programs in Colorado, including the Young Dancers Competition, Colorado's only local competition for aspiring ballet students, Community Enrichment Grants awarded to local professional dance companies, and Showcase of Dance presented annually to 6,000 elementary age school children. For more information, go to denverballetguild.org or [facebook.com/DenverBalletGuild](https://www.facebook.com/DenverBalletGuild).

Les Cygnettes Schedule 2019-2020

Welcome Event
September 22
at the Denver Art Museum

Blue Man Group
October 27
at the Buell Theater, DCPA

Father/Daughter Social*
November 10
at Ace Eat Serve

DisEnchanted!
January 26
at Littleton Town Hall Arts Center

Colorado Ballet — Peter Pan
February 9
at the Ellie Caulkins, DCPA

Mean Girls
April 5
at the Buell Theater, DCPA

The Denver Ballet Guild is committed to making the programs inclusive and enjoyable for all participants.

Les Demoiselles Schedule 2019-2020

Welcome Event
September 22
at the Denver Art Museum

Blue Man Group
October 27 at the
Buell Theater, DCPA

Father/Daughter Social*
November 10
at Ace Eat Serve

Monet Exhibit*
December 8
at the Denver Art Museum

DisEnchanted!
January 26
at Littleton Town Hall Arts Center

Colorado Ballet — Peter Pan
February 9
at the Ellie Caulkins, DCPA

Mean Girls
April 5
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Both programs will include an additional planned event: the annual Les Demoiselles Fashion Show* in late spring.

**Special Engagements and special social events are not included in the program fee and will require an additional seating fee.*

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Others were nationally and internationally recognized as ballet dancers, equestrians, tennis players and more. They were skilled in speech and debate and participated in mock trials. There were singers and musicians. All the honorees participated in philanthropic activities both here and abroad.

The Presentation included an introduction by **Arthur Espinoza Jr.** and the Presentation of the Colors by the **Mustang Cadet Squadron Color Guard Auxiliary of the United States Air Force.** The National Anthem was sung by **Isabelle Fries**, a professional musician, graduate of Colorado Academy, and 2016 Honoree. Two short ballets choreographed for **The Emerald City** by **Colorado Ballet's Sandra Brown** were performed by principal dancers of the **Colorado Ballet.** Two children performed in the ballet performances – the first time in Le Bal de Ballet's history.

At the conclusion of the ballet, **Young Men of Distinction** and the **Debutantes** and their fathers/presenters exited the Ellie Caulkins followed by the audience for the red-carpet procession to the limousines. Led by the receiving committee, honorees entered the limousines and proceeded to the Hyatt. Young Men of Distinction and their mothers and Debutantes and their fathers entered the ballroom in the Grand March and danced the traditional waltz. Dinner and dancing to the **Jerry Barnett Orchestra** concluded the evening.





Les Dems Fashion Show

Denver Ballet Guild's Les Demoiselles, their moms and friends, and **Les Cygnettes** celebrated late last month with their annual party and fashion show at Cableland in Denver. More than 60 people attended the event, featuring a fashion show with Les Dems seniors **Erin Cromwell** and **Louisa Wingert**, both of Ralston Valley High School, and **Annalee Reavis**, of Cherry Creek High School. Thanks to **Harrison Fudge**, **Patrick Groters**, **Blayze Jessen** and **Gavin McGee**, members of the University of Denver swim and dive team, for also participating in the fashion show!

And special thanks to the hardworking DBG committee who planned this event, **Cableland** and **MAX Clothing Stores** for their support!

Learn more about DBG's great teen programs, **Les Cygnettes** and Les **Demoiselles**: www.denverballetguild.org



Le Bal de Ballet Photo Gallery 2019











The Denver Ballet Guild





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LE BAL de BALLET 2020

Saturday, June 6th

Downtown Denver

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Sweatshop Dance

Thank you to the wonderful performances by the students of **Sweatshop Dance**, who wowed Denver Ballet Guild members at their spring luncheon Thursday at Columbine Country Club!

Special thanks to **Kathy Wells** who took photos for this fun event!



Le Bal de Ballet Events for 2019-2020

Get ready for Le Bal 2020! The theme is **Les Caprices du Papillon**. High school seniors will be honored as Debutantes and Young Men of Distinction beginning with the formal announcement on Sept.15. **Karen Walker** is chair this year. Here are the important dates:

Announcement Reception

September 15, 2019

Honoree Service Day at

Children's Hospital

September 22, 2019

Le Bal Meeting

October 3, 2019

Fall Parent Information Coffee

October 8, 2019

Bridal Collection Fashion Show

October 9, 2019

Honoree Protocol Dinner at

Shannahans

October 27, 2019

Le Bal Meeting

November 7, 2019

Parent Cocktail Party

November 7, 2019

Mother/Honoree Brunch at the Brown Palace

December 15, 2019

Father/Son Dinner at Elways

January 26, 2020

Le Bal Meeting

February 6, 2020

Honoree Broomball Party

February 9, 2020

Parent Reservation Meeting

February 11, 2020

Le Bowl de Ballet

March 1, 2020

Neiman Marcus Fashion Show

March 5, 2020

Le Bal Meeting

April 2, 2020



Mother Daughter Tea

April 19, 2020

Spring Parent Information Lunch

April 30, 2020

Presentation Rehearsal and Waltz Instruction

May 3, 2020

Friday afternoon Rehearsal

June 5, 2020

Presentation and Ball

June 6, 2020

**DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

Please consult mailed invitations for
final date and time

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SHOWCASE OF DANCE

November 5, 6, 7, and 8

Pinnacle Charter School

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YOUNG DANCERS COMPETITION

March 6, 7, and 8

Pinnacle Charter School

HELP NEEDED!

SHOWCASE OF DANCE AND YOUNG DANCERS COMPETITION

Volunteers needed on the day of the event or help with planning is needed. These two events are so rewarding for the participants and the volunteers.

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Young Dancers Competition

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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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SPRING MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 23rd

Columbine Country Club

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The Denver Ballet Guild's Website Wins Award

PersoniFest is the leading conference for association, nonprofit, health and wellness professionals, as well as event professionals. Last week **Personify** held their 20th annual three-day event which included an awards ceremony. The Guild's new website was nominated and won a **2019 Persi Award**. The "Impact Award" is bestowed on an organization who has used **Personify's** solutions to drive their mission forward and meet organization's goals through fostering advocacy, vibrancy and collaboration through the use of technology. **Congratulations to the Website Development Team!**

So take a few moments to join the DBG or renew your membership.

Go to www.denverballetguild.org/Join-Us.



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