

About Us

The Denver Ballet Guild is a volunteer organization supporting and celebrating the beauty and power of all types of dance. 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.

Denver Ballet Guild is a 501(c)(3) non-profit with no paid staff or personnel. Dedicated volunteers contribute funds and countless hours of service on behalf of dance. The Guild makes a significant impact on the dance community by awarding annual grants to professional dance companies, sponsoring dance education and in school programs, and awarding scholarships to young dancers. Share your time and talents with the Guild to help programs run smoothly and the Guild build for the future.

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Celebrating dance for more than 35 years.





Connected

Denver Ballet Guild offers an exceptional opportunity for members and program participants to create lasting friendships. Our members enjoy fun events throughout the year.

Member Programs:

- Dance Dates
- Fall Fundraising Party: Art in Motion
- Madams & Martinis
- Fall & Spring Luncheons
- New Member & Volunteer Special Events

Youth Programs:

A great way to meet & connect with friends from more than 25 Metro Denver schools.

- **Les Cygnettes:** a program for 6th-8th grade girls to attend a wide range of fun, cultural, and social activities including top-rated plays, musical theatre events, and dance performances.
- **Les Demoiselles:** a program for 9th-12th grade girls to attend a wide range of fun, cultural, and social activities including top-rated plays, musical theatre events, and dance performances; culminating in a fashion show with the 12th grade girls as models.
- **Le Bal de Ballet:** Denver Ballet Guild's signature fundraising event for over 30 years, Le Bal de Ballet, honors outstanding high school seniors and their families. Debutantes and Young Men of Distinction attend parties and events throughout their high school senior year, culminating in the June presentation and ball.

Committed

Your support of the Denver Ballet Guild helps us create wonderful outreach programs for the Denver community.

Community Enrichment:

DBG's goal is to provide financial support to help Colorado dance companies grow and reach more audiences in their communities. We accomplish this through grants that support performance development and innovation.

Dance Dates:

Dance Dates are official excursions by Guild members to support area dance companies. These outings offer an enjoyable chance to personally interact with the dance companies and performers, and other DBG members.

In-School Programs:

DBG works with professional dance companies to provide exciting dance presentations to children. Presentations are designed to give students exposure to professional dance performances, as well as give the opportunity for students to interact, and sometimes, perform with the dancers.

Showcase of Dance:

An event to introduce children to the excitement of live dance performances in a theater. Local area schools bring the children to the theater where they see some of Denver's finest dance companies perform.

Young Dancers Competition:

The Young Dancers Competition is the region's most prestigious competition for serious students of ballet. Amateur dancers work with a nationally-known master ballet teacher and compete for financial awards to support their dance education. Many former winners of this competition now perform with professional dance companies.



Photo: Jamie Kraus

How it all began

The genesis of DBG, in 1958, grew from a desire to produce outstanding ballets in the Denver area as the Denver Civic Ballet Association. In 1969, Denver Ballet Academy and Denver Civic Ballet were added to the Association to further meet the objective of supporting quality and diverse dance in the Rocky Mountain region. From that early inspiration has grown a large and dedicated organization impacting countless lives.

Where we are today

- More than 500 active members
- More than 250 children participating annually in Denver Ballet Guild Youth Programs
- \$85K grants annually awarded to 9 Metro Denver dance companies
- \$28K funds the Showcase of Dance program, reaching more than 6000 children each year
- \$22K annual awards to dance students through the Young Dancers Competition
- \$20K funds the production of Colorado state-wide Young Dancers Competition, bringing more than 240 dance students from all over Colorado to compete.
- \$4K funds In-School Programs: bringing professional dance companies and dance education to more than 1500 Denver school children in at-risk schools