



# The Impact of Your Support

*"I am a teacher of a class that attended [The Little Mermaid school show]. I have never seen my students so engaged and mesmerized for so long. It was a beautiful performance and so well done . . . the students at OWEA [Old West End Academy] have sparked an interest and appreciation in your passion. We even have one ballerina who I hope to see up there with you one day!"*

## Your Gift Matters

Since 2005, the generosity of donors like you has enabled Ballet Theatre of Toledo (BTT) to train future artists, delight audiences, inspire children, and collaborate with area artists to build a vibrant arts ecosystem in Northwest Ohio.

Every gift helps us inspire a life-long passion for ballet and the arts through world-class technical training, artistic creativity and unique performing opportunities. We attract students from throughout Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. Our productions feature original choreography with guest artists, live music, and professional sets and costumes. We are an Ohio Arts Council-approved member of "Ohio Artists on Tour," presenting *The Nutcracker* at The Sandusky State Theatre and The Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Artistic Director Nigel Burgoine received a 2020 Ohio Governor's Award for the Arts in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contribution to arts education. Your support ensures that BTT can continue being a community arts organization. It lets us reach new audiences, particularly children who might never otherwise experience ballet's magic and be inspired to pursue a new-found passion. It lets us continue collaborations with area artists, including the Toledo Opera, Toledo Museum of Art, and Masterworks Chorale. Your donation is an investment in classical ballet, the performing arts and our community.

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*"I was collecting info from the nurses that worked that day [when BTT's Nutcracker Suite was livestreamed into Promedica's Russel J. Ebeid Children's Hospital]. So far we have heard wonderful feedback . . . one nurse had a school aged little girl who was pretending to be a ballerina in her room after watching the show . . . We are truly grateful to have been able to offer this to our pediatric patients and hope to be able to partner and do this again next year. Thank you so much!!!!"*

*"I studied ballet with Mr. Burgoine from the age of four until I moved to Toronto at age 14 to continue my studies at Canada's National Ballet School. After graduating I joined the National Ballet of Canada where I continue to dance today . . . While I was a student at Ballet Theatre of Toledo, I was one of many male dancers. . . Mr. Burgoine was inspiring to all of us as he showed us that being a male dancer was a possibility and gave us the encouragement to work towards that goal . . . I am grateful to him and Ballet Theatre of Toledo for what they did for me and what they have done for the many students they have had."*

*"S---- started at BTT at the young age of 4. She was a young child with selective mutism, a condition where a child doesn't speak and acts very withdrawn. We thought ballet might be a good avenue in which she could express herself through dance. Now, 8 years later S---- is loving ballet and has started her journey on pointe! The instructors at BTT welcomed us with open arms and provided an atmosphere where S---- felt comfortable and free to be herself. . . Ballet Theater of Toledo has given S---- the chance to unlock something that is very special to her... her gift to share with the world! We are forever grateful."*

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