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COVER: Randy Crespo & Lahna Vanderbush in Casanova. ABOVE: Jacqueline Sugianto & Flynn Stelfox in In The Dark. Photo Nathaniel Davauer.

2024/25 SEASON

When we christened our 2024/25 Season Love & Lust, it was about far more than the sensational; it was about duality, the sense that a single experience can be dramatically multifaceted. This past year has embodied that in every way, with one thing remaining ever-true—the passion we all share for the power of dance.

This year's performances ranged from ultra-classical to cutting-edge modernity, all performed at the highest caliber by our international Company of Artists. Two Midwest debuts bookended the lineup: Kenneth Tindall's Casanova to open our season and Mark Godden's Carmen—along with In the Dark, the world premiere by last season's Genesis winner Tsai Hsi Hung-to end it. We homed in on hometown talent in MKE MIX, with three of our own Company Artists choreographing works on their fellow dancers, while beloved tales of The Nutcracker and Sleeping Beauty saw over 150 Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy student dancers join our Company Artists and Milwaukee Ballet II trainees on stage.

Our School & Academy continued to thrive as new and returning students joined us, ranging in age from 2 to over 80. Over 640 students grew in technique and artistry during school year classes and performances, summer camps and classes, and our nationally-renowned Summer Intensive. Of special note are the five Pre-Professional Program students who were elevated into the MBII class of 2025, the most ever promoted in one year. We also saw rapid growth within our newly rebranded adult "Dance & Fitness" division thanks to expanded offerings such as Barre and Pilates.

This year, our Community Engagement programs once again reached thousands of constituents across a range of zip codes, tax brackets, and physical and mental capabilities. Cornerstone programs like Relevé and Student Matinees enjoyed continued success while new or revamped programs like Ballet Storytimes and short-term in-school residencies saw a renaissance of interest. The former were especially successful, with an average of over 75 attendees per library.

We are incredibly grateful to the entire Milwaukee Ballet team of artists, staff, faculty, musicians, and volunteers whose dedication and talents made all this possible. Additionally, it's the ongoing support of our audiences, students and families, donors, sponsors, and partners who fuel our passion every day. Our sincere thanks go out to all who contributed to this season's successes in ways big and small!







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Linda Pereksta*

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Bonnie Cohen

Clarinet

William Helmers* Christopher Zello

Bass Clarinet

Christopher Zello

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FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year 2025 was an exciting one at Milwaukee Ballet. Notably, it included the second year of Michael Pink's new *Nutcracker*, increased enrollment in the School & Academy Pre-Professional Program, and a change to five weeks for the Summer Intensive program. The Legacy Fund quasiendowment continues to generate unrealized gains on the investments as noted in operational revenue.

OPERATIONAL REVENUE

Contributed Revenue	\$2,555,915
Ballet Performances	\$2,468,904
School & Academy	\$2,041,553
Community Engagement	\$12,937
Interest, Net Retail & Other	\$425,364
Unrealized Gain on Investments	\$164,848
Gifts-In-Kind	\$343,935
Special Events	\$304,910

TOTAL OPERATIONAL REVENUE\$8,318,366

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

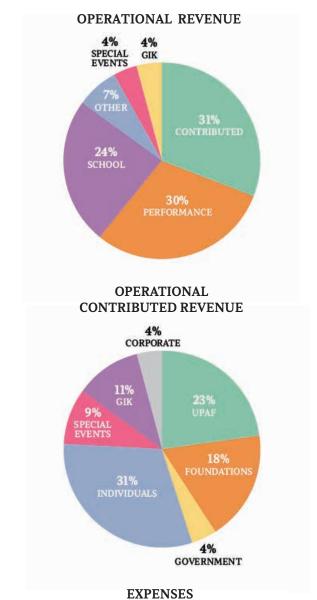
<u>Program Services</u>	
Ballet Performances	\$3,972,109
School & Academy	\$1,724,860
Community Engagement	\$422,039
Gifts-In-Kind Artistic	\$125,221
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$6,244,229

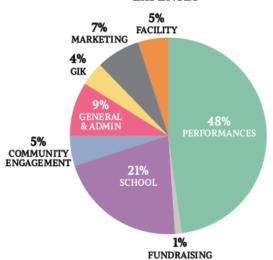
Core Mission Support	
General & Administration	\$1,145,202
Marketing	\$550,332
Facility	\$433,907
Fundraising	\$316,634
Gifts-In-Kind & Administration	\$206,944
TOTAL CORE MISSION SUPPORT	\$2,653,019

Change in Operational Net Assets	\$(578,882)
Depreciation	\$693,345
Change in Operational Net Assets	\$114,463
(before depreciation)	

TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES\$8,897,248

The results as presented are preliminary and unaudited. Milwaukee Ballet's audit reports are available at: www.milwaukeeballet.org/reports-forms-financials







2024/25 SEASON

Milwaukee Ballet's 2024/25 Season of Love & Lust welcomed more than 44,000 audience members over 40 Company performances, including three world premieres.

The season opened with the Midwest debut of Kenneth Tindall's opulent Casanova, which was met with rave critical and audience acclaim. Michael Pink's reimagined The Nutcracker brought audiences into the spectacular world of Drosselmeyer's Imaginarium for its second year. The MKE MIX studio series featured works created by three of our own Artists, showcasing the creative and and artistic range of the Company. Spring brought the return of the classical Sleeping Beauty for the first time in over a decade, with newlynamed Leading Artist Marie Harrison-Collins and School & Academy alum Guest Artist Jennifer Hackbarth dancing the role of Aurora. The season concluded in dramatic fashion with the United States debut of Mark Godden's Carmen, alongside the world premiere of 2024 Genesis winner Tsai Hsi Hung's In the Dark, and the final bow from retiring longtime Leading Artist Barry Molina.

CASANOVA

NOVEMBER 1-3 | MARCUS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Choreographer: Kenneth Tindall

Music: Kerry Muzzey

THE NUTCRACKER

DECEMBER 7-24 | MARCUS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Choreographer: Michael Pink Music: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

MKE MIX

FEBRUARY 7-16 | BAUMGARTNER CENTER FOR DANCE

This Little Life

Choreographer: Amanda Lewis

I Do. Don't I?

Choreographer: Garrett Glassman

INTERLACE

Choreographer: Eric Figueredo

SLEEPING BEAUTY

APRIL 11-13 | MARCUS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Choreographer: Michael Pink Music: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

CARMEN

MAY 16-18 | THE PABST THEATER

Choreographer: Mark Godden

Music: Rodion Shchedrin after Georges Bizet

In The Dark

Choreographer: Tsai Hsi Hung

Music: Tzu-Chi Liu









SCHOOL & ACADEMY

Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy (MBSA) is the official school of Milwaukee Ballet providing exceptional professional dance training to children as young as 2 through 21 years. Through scholarships and financial assistance, we strive to make dance education available to all students who wish to join us, offering more than \$98,000 in tuition aid for 2024/25 school-year classes and Summer Intensive.

This year, School & Academy students performed in their year-end showcase, The Giant's Garden, at the Oak Creek Performing Arts & Education Center. Academy level students presented their Academy Winter Showcase in January, displaying their versatility and depth of training during performances in the We Energies Performance Studio at Baumgartner Center for Dance.

Our Rolando Yanes Pre-Professional Program continued to flourish in its fifth year. Pre-Professional students held two productions throughout the year, showcasing the upcoming young talent within the rigorous program, with many performances sold out! The program's impact on our talent pipeline continues, as five Pre-Professional students joined Milwaukee Ballet II.

The 2025 Summer Intensive saw increased male recruitement and new variations classes. Summer camp and intensive offerings continued to grow from last year and expanded to all our branch locations.

BY THE NUMBERS

SCHOOL YEAR

642 Students Enrolled 84 Zip Codes Represented 184 Classes

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

34 Students Enrolled

10 States Represented

29 Classes Offered Per Week

PERFORMANCES

171 Students in Company Performances

12 School Performances

SUMMER PROGRAMS

424 Students Enrolled in Classes and Camps

144 Students Enrolled in Summer Intensive

27 States and 4 Countries Represented

26 Summer Camps Offered

Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD).







COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Milwaukee Ballet's Community Engagement programming shares the joys and wellness benefits of ballet through Performance Access, Education & Training, and Accessibility programs.

This season, Performance Access opportunities included Student Matinees during The Nutcracker and Sleeping Beauty with discounted and subsidized tickets available to area school groups. Community groups of all ages were invited to view dress rehearsals throughout the season, and we continued our longstanding participation in Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's ACE program performing in area schools. Ballet Storytime continued to grow in popularity with our dancers leading ballet workshops in local libraries.

Our committment to providing Education & Training throughout the community is exemplified through our Relevé program, which offers weekly in-school ballet training at three Milwaukee Public Schools. During the 2024/25 school year, we also ran Demi Pointe residencies offering ballet classes to 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students at two Milwaukee-area schools, continued our partnership with Boys & Girls Club through their Movement Matters initiative, and offered Discover Dance Camps during Spring Break and Summer.

For over a decade, our **Accessiblity** programming has been highlighted by Tour de Force adaptive ballet classes for young dancers of all abilities. This year, the program continued with a Fall session, serving students with varying levels of mobility. We also launched a new partnership with Gigi's Playhouse offering programming to children with Down's Syndrome. The annual Sensory-Friendly Nutcracker performance brought our largest audience ever, and we continued our partnership with the SPARK! Alliance, sharing dance with individuals coping with memory loss and their caregivers.

BY THE NUMBERS

PERFORMANCE ACCESS

5,856 Student Matinee Attendees 1,782 Students at ACE Programming

4 SPARK! Alliance workshops

1,360 Ballet Storytime Participants

ACCESSIBILITY

39 Tour de Force Students **765** Sensory-Friendly *Nutcracker* Attendees



EDUCATION & TRAINING

222 Relevé Students

175 Demi Pointe Residency Students

150 Boys & Girls Club Students

115 Discover Dance Camp Students

TOTAL IMPACT

453 Classes and Events

13,318 People Reached Through Programming





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