

# MILWAUKEE BALLET

MICHAEL PINK, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

## SEASON SUMMARY 2025/26

In both artistry and impact, the success of our 2025/26 Season was *Beyond Belief!* Its performances invited audiences to broaden their sense of reality through electrifying and imaginative productions, beginning with Michael Pink's *Giselle*, a powerful exploration of love and forgiveness set in wartime 1940s. Next, *The Nutcracker: Drosselmeyer's Imaginarium* returned for its enchanting third season. *Encore* offered a mix of classical and contemporary works, and the *Genesis International Choreographic Competition* debuted pieces by three up-and-coming choreographers. The season concluded with Septime Webre's *ALICE (in wonderland)*, a spectacular explosion of color, athleticism, dance, and fantasy. Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy celebrated 50 years of exceptional dance education, and our Community Engagement impact deepened through in-school ballet training, workshops, Student Matinees, Sensory-Friendly performances, and much more.

### About Milwaukee Ballet

- Founded in **1970**
- Total employees **188**
  - Administrative Staff **33**
  - Teachers & Accompanists **55**
  - Company Artists **24**
  - Milwaukee Ballet II Dancers **24**
  - Orchestra Members **45**
- Total countries represented within the Company **14**

### Artistic Excellence

- Artistic Director Michael Pink's years of tenure **23**
- Total new works produced under Pink's tenure **72**
- Full-length works by Pink premiered during his tenure *Peter Pan*, *La Bohème*, *Mirror Mirror*, *Dorian Gray*, *Beauty & The Beast*, *The Nutcracker: Drosselmeyer's Imaginarium*

### Performance & Reach

- Total mainstage performances **41**
- Total mainstage attendees **46,056**
- Season subscribers **1,397**
- Social media followers **65.3K**

### Community Engagement

- Outreach program reach **16,233**
- Total engagement events **360 classes & 65 events**
- Student participants in Adaptive Programming **46**
- Student Matinee attendees **5,759**
- Sensory-Friendly performance attendees **1,506**
- Students in Spring Break Discover Dance Camp **54**
- Ballet Storytime attendees **1,900** across **30 events**
- MPS students in Relevé program **307**

### School & Academy

- Total students enrolled at three branch locations **706 school year** and **431 summer**
- Student zip codes represented **115 (39 states, 3 countries)**
- Students enrolled in Pre-Professional Program **31**
- Scholarships awarded during the school year **\$82,161**
- Students in Company performances **142 in *The Nutcracker*** and **67 in *ALICE (in wonderland)***
- Summer programs offered **26 camps** and **379 classes**
- Students enrolled in the Summer Intensive program **141**
- Scholarships awarded to Summer Intensive **\$43,219**



Milwaukee Ballet transforms lives and connects communities through inspiring performances, community engagement, education and training.