NASHVILLE BALLET ANNUAL REPORT



A Note from Leadership

Nashville Ballet has completed its 37th season as a professional ballet company, and thanks to you, it was one of our best! Long time Artistic Director Paul Vasterling announced it was his last season, and

Great Performances on national TV with our performance of Black Lucy and the Bard for a nationwide audience! On top of all of that, Nashville audiences were treated to another year of Nashville's Nutcracker on local television for FREE. Providing multiple points of accessibility to an art form that is always thought of as being out of reach for so many.

VISION: Nashville Ballet is an accessible and inclusive organization that creates community through excellent and innovative dance and dance education; is recognized locally, nationally and internationally for artistry, community engagement, and financial sustainability; and is a rewarding and satisfying place to work.

MISSION:

We create, perform, teach, and

DEI STATEMENT: Nashville Ballet is invested in creating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community. We believe we can best achieve our mission by creating a climate of respect that is supportive of all voices, celebrating diverse stories, increasing arts access, and sparking communal discussion about our community and our world through our art form and artistic programming. When considering the diversity of the Nashville Ballet community, we look at all aspects, including: race, gender, age, socioeconomic status, disability status, geographic (rural/urban), and sexual orientation. However, Nashville Ballet recognizes the racial inequalities that have plagued the dance world for far too long and is deeply committed to educating our constituencies on systemic racism, engaging in antiracist work in every branch of our organization, and doing our part to abolish racial inequalities in ballet.

As this report demonstrates we were able to move the art form forward, provide accessibility, create new work, and share classical ballet stories that allow us to have something for everyone.

We could not be more proud to be a part of our community. We look forward to continuing to serve and provide thoughtful, insightful, and fun art with Middle Tennessee and beyond. Your support through contributions, attendance, or even sharing the word about us with your neighbor helps us to continue to make Nashville and Middle Tennessee a better place to live. Please enjoy our annual report of our accomplishments and know that we could not have done it, and we will not be able continue to do it, without you!

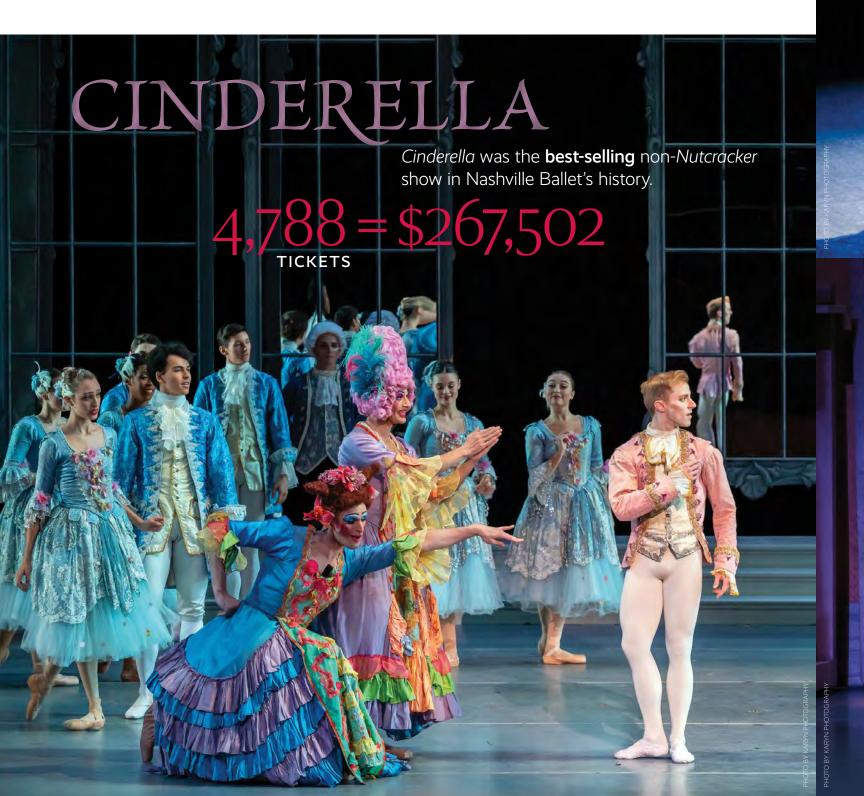
Thank you!

Nick Mullikin

Artistic Director/CEO, Nashville Ballet

promote dance as an essential and Nashville made sure to send him off in style. We had record-breaking attendance at Cinderella and inspiring element of our community. Nashville's Nutcracker performances, a live music feast of the senses during our Live in Studio A series, his world premiere of Anthology, and New in Nashville featuring Cathy Marston's Snowblind. Our audiences had the chance to truly experience the art form, and Paul's vision, at its best. Last season, Nashville Ballet lived its mission to the fullest: over 12,000 community members were able to access our art form for free from our community engagement programs, over 2,000 students learned from our world class faculty in the Martin Center for Dance, and more than 40,000 individuals were able to enjoy our performances throughout the year. We even opened PBS'

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29,014

viewers for the televised Nashville's Nutcracker

students in the Youth Cast

26,691=\$1,462,77

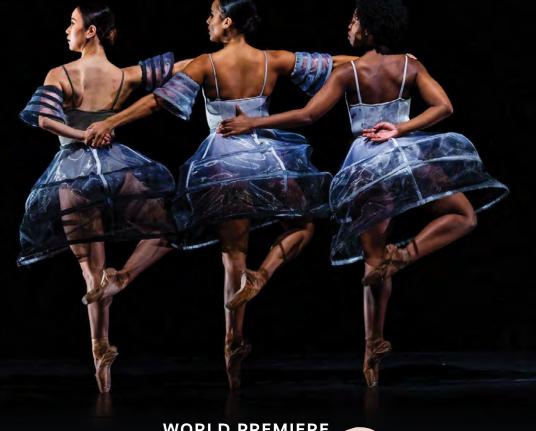


40,187

patrons attended
a performance—
resulting in a

61%

increase in ticketing revenue!



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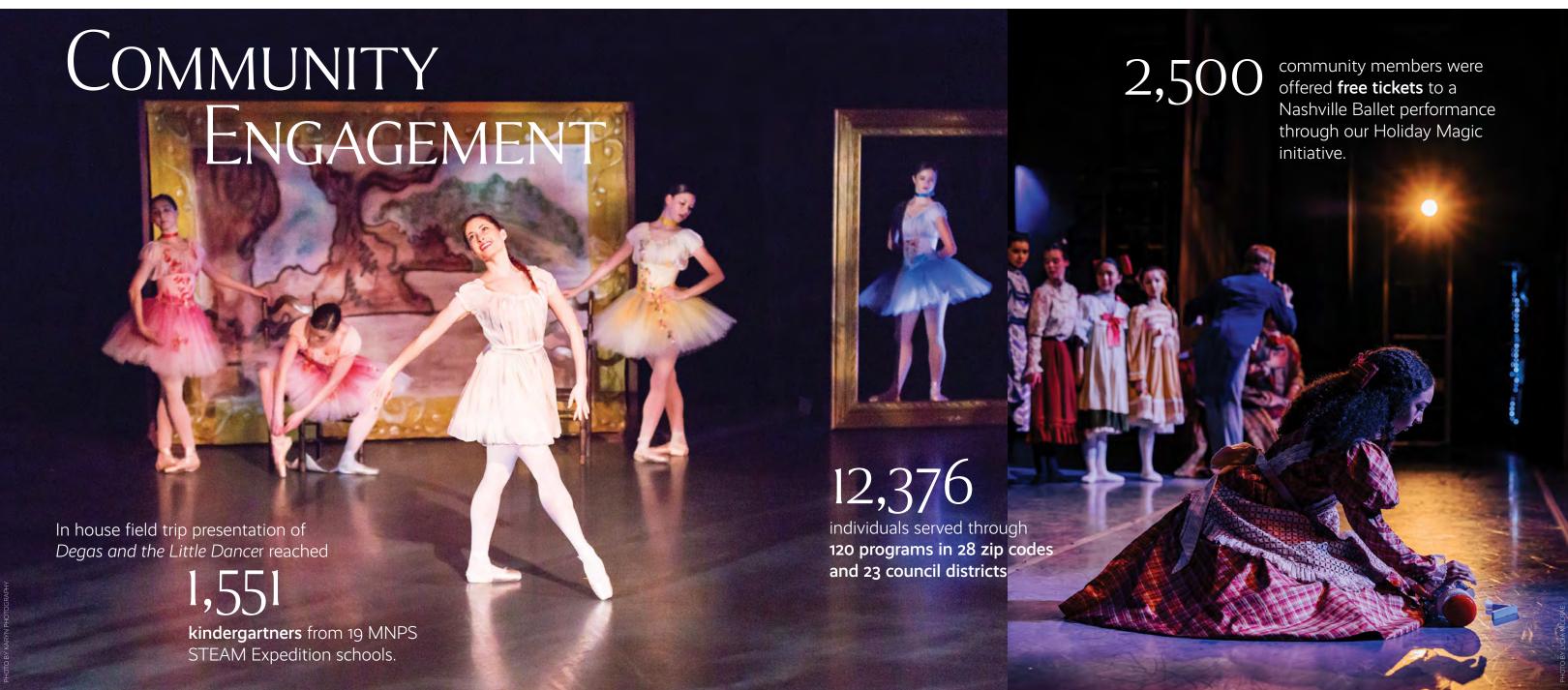
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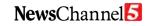


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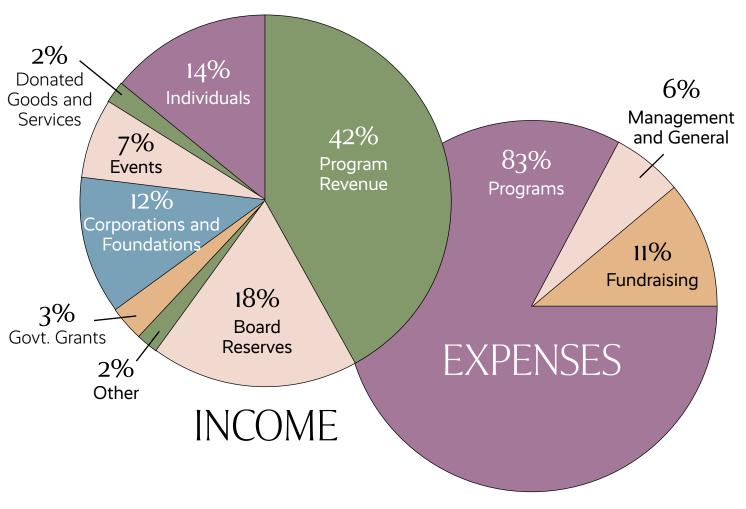
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