# MILWAUKEE BALLET

# SEASON SUMMARY | 2019-20



The 2019-20 Season marked Milwaukee Ballet's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday and the opening of our new home, Baumgartner Center for Dance. Our season featured *Coppélia*, a revival of our first-ever performance in 1970, followed by *The Nutcracker*, and *Ballet Russe Reimagined* in February. In March we were halted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our School & Academy temporarily closed and our spring productions of *PUSH*. and *Peter Pan* were canceled. With focused efforts, our school re-opened to host a modified summer program and we created digital engagement opportunities to connect with our supporters and patrons.

#### **ABOUT MKE BALLET**

- ♦ Founded in 1970
- ◆ Total employees 184\*
  - > Administrative staff 49
  - > Teachers & Accompanists 50
  - > Company Artists 25
  - > Milwaukee Ballet II Dancers 20
  - > Orchestra Members 41
- ◆ Total countries represented within the Company 10

# **ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE**

- ◆ Artistic Director Michael Pink's years of tenure 18
- ♦ World premieres during 2019-20 season 3
- ♦ Total new works produced under Pink's tenure 58
- Full-length works premiered by Pink during his tenure Peter Pan, La Bohème, Mirror Mirror, Dorian Gray, Beauty & The Beast

#### PERFORMANCE & REACH\*

- ◆ Total mainstage performances 30
- ◆ Total mainstage audience 37,209
  - > Students attending matinees 7,086
- ♦ Season subscribers 1,827
- ♦ 20+ year subscribers 23%
- ♦ Social Media followers 46,000
- \* Numbers from prior to pandemic restrictions and closures.
- \*\* Earned revenue forecast 42% down against budget due to pandemic. Photos Nathaniel Davauer, Emily Ottinger

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- ♦ Community Engagement program reach 27,969
- ◆ Total engagement events 165
- ◆ People who watched Ballet-in-a-Box 7,000
- Children participating in Tour de Force 36
- ♦ MPS students in Relevé Program 280

# **SCHOOL & ACADEMY**

- ◆ Total students enrolled 600 at 3 branch locations
- ♦ Scholarships awarded **59**
- ♦ Zip codes represented by students 76
- ♦ Students who performed with the Company 165
- Students enrolled in modified Summer Intensive program (local students only, reduced capacity) 86
- ♦ Students enrolled in Pre-Professional Program 21

### FINANCIAL STABILITY

- ◆ Total revenue \$6.6 million (unaudited)
  - > Contributed revenue 57%
  - ➤ Earned revenue 43%\*\*

# **BAUMGARTNER CENTER FOR DANCE**

- ♦ Opened September 4, 2019
- ◆ Size **52,000** square feet over two stories with **7** studios
- ◆ Average number of people using the building per week 800\*



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





