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DREAMS REALLY DO BEGIN AT BALLET MISSISSIPPI-

in the classroom, on the stage, in the audience, and in the community - **but not without your help.** Ticket sales and tuition do not begin to cover the expenses of bringing high quality ballet to Mississippi.

When you support Ballet Mississippi, a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, you are supporting:

- The scholarship fund for the Ballet Mississippi School
- Artist-in-Residence Program
- Low cost matinees for school groups
- Outreach performances
- Studio space for the International Ballet Competition *CityDance* Program.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Ballet Mississippi realizes that everyone with talent and desire cannot afford to pay for the training it takes to become a disciplined dancer. Your support allows Ballet Mississippi School to train dancers who would not otherwise be financially able, both during the school year and the summer workshop.

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Training with prominent guest artists and choreographers is certainly a dream for Mississippi dancers, but it is also a tremendous learning experience. Through the Artist-in-Residence program dancers like Mikhail Ilyin (American Ballet Theater), Mary Carmen Catoya (Miami City Ballet), Mabel Modrono (Phantom of the Opera), and choreographers, Diana Law and Marcus Alford (Dancentre South, Atlanta Ga), share their energy, technique, and love of dance.

Students aren't the only beneficiaries of this great talent. Mississippi audiences are treated to world-class dancers and choreography without leaving the state.



Mikhail Ilyin of ABT with Katarina Pittman, Ballet Mississippi student, in *The Nutcracker* 2008

SCHOOL MATINEES

Not all children have the opportunity to experience the magic of *The Nutcracker* at the ticketed performances, but Ballet Mississippi's low cost student matinees provide 4200 children from many school districts in Mississippi the benefits of experiencing the arts each year.

OUTREACH PERFORMANCES

Ballet Mississippi brings the arts to the community through outreach performances at many venues throughout the city, including Blair Batson Hospital for Children's Light-a-Light Celebration and the opening of the Jackson Convention Center.

IBC CITY DANCE PROGRAM

Ballet Mississippi provides studio space and the opportunity to perform at Thalia Mara Hall to the IBC *CityDance* Program. *CityDance* provides free ballet classes for children ages 7 years old to 10 years old who are also enrolled in the Jackson Public School System.



Lisa Parker as the Sugarplum Fairy at Blair Batson Light-a-Light, December 2008

Help us continue to bring the beauty and discipline of ballet to all of Mississippi.

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