



2016-2017

ANNUAL REPORT



To inspire a lasting love and appreciation for dance through artistic excellence, exhilarating performances, innovative choreography and superb educational programs.

In furtherance of our mission, we are committed to maintaining and enhancing our status as:

- A classically trained company with a diverse repertory whose range includes the classics as well as contemporary works.
- A company that attracts the world's best dancers and choreographers and provides them with an environment where they can thrive and further develop the art form.
  - An international company that is accessible to broad and growing local, national, and international audiences.
  - A company with a world-class Academy that provides first rate instruction for professional dancers and meaningful programs for non-professional dancers.
- A company with state of the art facilities for performances, rehearsals, and ongoing operations.



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Dear Friends –

I could not be more proud of Houston Ballet's achievements this past year!

Our 47th season kicked off with a landmark tour to Melbourne, Australia featuring Stanton Welch's lavish *Romeo and Juliet* – the largest tour the company has taken to date. After selling out a groundbreaking 12 performances in Australia, Houston Ballet's season continued with seven premieres, including a world premiere – adding significant and challenging new works to an already impressive repertoire.

Notably, our premiere of William Forsythe's *Artifact Suite* last fall was marked with rave reviews from *Houston Press*, *Houston Chronicle*, and *Broadway World*, praising the unison choreography achieved by our corps de ballet. This growing relationship with Forsythe's iconic works was furthered when he personally selected Houston Ballet to again perform *Artifact Suite* at the prestigious "Celebrate Forsythe" festival in Los Angeles just a few weeks later.

A number of important one-act and narrative ballets were added to Houston Ballet's repertoire – key works from Jerome Robbins, Jiří Kylián, Justin Peck, and David Bintley grew Houston Ballet's repertoire this season, marking a true era of growth for the company.

Yet, the highlight of this season was undoubtedly the phenomenal world premiere of Stanton Welch's *The Nutcracker*. On behalf of the Houston Ballet Board of Trustees, we were deeply humbled by the community's embrace of this new classic – which garnered more than \$5 million in philanthropic support along with record-breaking crowds and box office revenue. This collaboration with international set and costume designer, Tim Goodchild, brought to life an extravagant and dazzling show that will be a tradition in Houston for decades to come.

Houston Ballet continues to be deeply invested in our community. Our summer and year-round Academy programs are among the best in the nation and attract more than 1,000 enrollments. We also provide a series of award-winning programming to bring the art of dance to people who might not otherwise have access. Our Education and Community Engagement programs gave nearly 63,000 students the opportunity to learn and grow through dance.

Of course, none of these achievements would be possible with the dedicated commitment of our Board of Trustees and thousands of loyal contributors. We're so grateful for the generous support that fuels Houston Ballet's success and growth, on and off stage.

Lastly, please join me in sincerely thanking Artistic Director Stanton Welch and Executive Director James Nelson and the rest of Houston Ballet's talented staff. Their tireless efforts and boundless enthusiasm ensure Houston Ballet continues to thrive. Congratulations on your achievements.

Given the devastation Hurricane Harvey has brought the Theater District, the year ahead will present many new challenges. Still, I know that, with your help, Houston Ballet will continue to bring the joy of dance to our community for many years to come.

Allison Thacker  
Board President





Dear Friends of Houston Ballet,

I'm pleased to submit the 2016-17 season annual report to you.

Exciting and ambitious projects highlighted this milestone season for Houston Ballet. Thanks to the amazingly generous underwriting of Ted and Melza Barr, we began the season with the largest international undertaking in the company's history with our Australia tour of Stanton Welch's *Romeo and Juliet*. The company performed 12 sold out performances to enthusiastic Melbourne audiences and received rave reviews.

In November, Houston Ballet raised the curtain on Stanton's new *The Nutcracker*. With sets and costumes by the award-winning British designer, Tim Goodchild, the spectacular \$5 million production represents Houston Ballet's most ambitious production ever staged. Featuring hundreds of characters and utilizing students from every level of Houston Ballet Academy, the new production enchanted audiences young and old and set new records in attendance and box office revenue.

The Houston Ballet – Birmingham Royal Ballet co-production of *The Tempest* opened our final series in May. With inventive choreography by David Bintley, a commissioned score by Sally Beamish and sets and costumes by Rae Smith, the spectacular new staging of Shakespeare's classic rounded out this aspirational season of major endeavors.

Our performances, education programs and special events impacted the lives of nearly 372,000 individuals in our community and away. We gave a total of 106 performances this season, including 83 at Wortham Theater Center, three at Miller Outdoor Theatre, one at Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion and 19 on tour. Under the direction of Vicki Attard, our Academy provided world-class instruction to over 1,100 talented students in our year-round, summer-intensive and adult-class programs, and our education and community engagement programs achieved another outstanding year of increased impact through our 18 signature programs, reaching nearly 63,000 students in 326 area schools and community centers.

In addition to our Australia tour, Houston Ballet gave three performances of *Artifact Suite* in Los Angeles as part of the Celebrate Forsythe festival at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Further building on the company's phenomenal success in Hamburg two seasons ago, we returned to Germany to give four performances in Ludwigshafen and Bonn.

It's an honor to work with Houston Ballet Board President, Allison Thacker, and I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our Trustees, volunteers and supporters who make it possible for Houston Ballet to deliver on its mission. I am proud to work with a team of exceptional artists, crew and staff who bring inspiration and beauty to life through dance.

James Nelson  
Executive Director



2016/17 COMPANY ROSTER

WOMEN

**Principal**

Jessica Collado  
Karina González  
Yuriko Kajiya  
Melody Mennite  
Sara Webb

**First Soloist**

Soo Youn Cho  
Katharine Precourt

**Soloist**

Elise Elliott  
Jacquelyn Long  
Allison Miller

**Demi Soloist**

Tyler Donatelli  
Mónica Gómez  
Bridget Kuhns  
Katelyn May  
Madeline Skelly

**Corps de Ballet**

Kaleigh Courts  
Aoi Fujiwara  
Thays Golz  
Jenna Gooden  
Katy Harvey  
Gabrielle Johnson  
Mallory Mehaffey

Mackenzie Richter  
Alyssa Springer  
Megumi Takeda  
Natalie Varnum  
Chae Eun Yang  
Madison Young

**Apprentice**

Alexandra Burman  
Nina Fernandes  
Futaba Ishizaki

MEN

**Principal**

Ian Casady  
Jared Matthews  
Connor Walsh  
Charles-Louis Yoshiyama

**First Soloist**

Linnar Looris

**Soloist**

Chun Wai Chan  
Christopher Coomer  
Derek Dunn  
Christopher Gray  
Oliver Halkowich

**Demi Soloist**

Rhodes Elliott  
Aaron Sharratt  
Hayden Stark  
Brian Waldrep  
Harper Watters

**Corps de Ballet**

Caleb Durbin  
Daniel Durrett  
Syvert Lorenz Garcia  
Shogo Hayami  
Shu Kinouchi  
Rhys James Kosakowski  
Dylan Lackey

Zecheng Liang  
Adrian Masvidal  
William Newton  
Michael Ryan

**Apprentice**

Chandler Dalton  
Daniel McCormick  
Samuel Rodriguez  
Andrew Vecseri

## 2016/17 SEASON AT A GLANCE

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### MAIN STAGE

#### AMERICAN INGENUITY - DIRECTOR'S CHOICE

September 8 - 18, 2016

##### THEMES AND VARIATIONS

Music by Peter I. Tchaikovsky

Choreography by George Balanchine

Costume Design after Karinska

Lighting Design by Tony Tucci, recreated by Lisa J. Pinkham

##### OTHER DANCES

Music by Frederic Chopin

Choreography by Jerome Robbins

Costume Design by Santo Loquasto

Lighting Design by Jennifer Tipton, recreated by Perry Silvey

##### ARTIFACT SUITE

Music by Johann Sebastian Bach with variations by Eva Crossman-Hecht

Choreography by William Forsythe

Costume Design by William Forsythe

Set Design by William Forsythe

Lighting Design by William Forsythe

#### SON OF CHAMBER SYMPHONY

September 22 - October 2, 2016

Music by John Adams

Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

Costume Design by Travis Halsey

Lighting Design and Scenic Concept by Jack Mehler

#### MADAME BUTTERFLY

September 22 - October 2, 2016

Music by Giacomo Puccini

Adapted and arranged by John Lanchbery OBE

Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

Costume Design and Scenic Design by Peter Farmer

Lighting Design by Lisa Pinkham

#### CINDERELLA

March 2 - 12, 2017

Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

Music by Sergei Prokofiev

Costume and Scenic Design by Kristian Fredrikson

Lighting Design by Lisa J. Pinkham

#### LEGENDS AND PRODIGY

March 16 - 26, 2017

##### STEPPING STONES

Choreography by Jiří Kylián

Music by John Cage & Anton Webern

Costume Design by Michael Simon

Set Design by Michael Simon

Lighting Design by Joke Visser



#### GROSSE FUGE

Choreography by Hans van Manen

Music by Ludwig van Beethoven

Costume Design by Hans van Manen

Set Design by Jean-Paul Vroom

Lighting Design by Jan Hofstra

#### YEAR OF THE RABBIT

Choreography by Justin Peck

Music by Sufjan Stevens and Michael Atkinson

Costume Design by Justin Peck, supervised by Marc Happel

Lighting Design by Brandon Stirling Baker

#### THE TEMPEST

May 25 - June 4, 2017

Choreography by David Bintley

Music by Sally Beamish

Scenic and Costume Design by Rae Smith

Lighting Design by Bruno Poet

#### LA BAYADERE

June 8 - 18, 2017

Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

Music by Leon Minkus

Arranged by John Lanchbery

Costume and Scenic Design by Peter Farmer

Lighting Design by Francis Croese

#### THE NUTCRACKER

November 25 - December 27, 2016

Music by Peter I. Tchaikovsky

Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

Scenic and Costume Design by Tim Goodchild

Lighting Design by Lisa Pinkham

Projection Design by Wendall Harrington

#### JUBILEE OF DANCE

December 2, 2016

#### ACADEMY SPRING SHOWCASE

April 28 - 29, 2017



### OTHER STAGES

#### MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

June 30 - July 9, 2016

##### ROMEO & JULIET

Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

Music by Sergei Prokofiev

Scenic Design by Roberta Guidi di Bagno

Costume Design by Roberta Guidi di Bagno

#### LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

October 21-23, 2016

##### ARTIFACT SUITE

Music by Johann Sebastian Bach with variations by Eva Crossman-Hecht

Choreography by William Forsythe

Costume Design by William Forsythe

Set Design by William Forsythe

Lighting Design by William Forsythe

#### LUDWIGSHAFEN AND BONN, GERMANY

April 7-12, 2017

##### TAPESTRY

Music by Wolfgang A. Mozart

Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

Costume Design by Holly Hynes

Lighting Design by Lisa J. Pinkham

##### MANINYAS

Music by Ross Edwards

Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

Scenic and Costume Design by Stanton Welch AM

Lighting Design by Lisa J. Pinkham

##### VELOCITY

Music by Michael Torke

Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

Scenic and Costume Design by Kandis Cook

Lighting Design by Francis Croese

#### THE CYNTHIA WOODS MITCHELL PAVILION

May 5, 2017

#### MILLER OUTDOOR THEATER

May 12-14, 2017

##### SON OF CHAMBER SYMPHONY

Music by John Adams

Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

Costume Design by Travis Halsey

Lighting Design and Scenic Concept by Jack Mehler

##### MADAME BUTTERFLY

Music by Giacomo Puccini

Adapted and arranged by John Lanchbery OBE

Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

Costume Design and Scenic Design by Peter Farmer

Lighting Design by Lisa Pinkham

## 2016/17 HOUSTON BALLET ORCHESTRA

### 1st Violin

Denise Tarrant, Concertmaster  
 Rachel Shepard, Assistant Concertmaster  
 Rasa Kalesnykaite  
 Linda Sanders  
 Carrie Kauk  
 Sylvia Ver Meulen  
 Mary Reed  
 Oleg Sulyga  
 Anabel Ramirez  
 Chavdar Parashkevov

### 2nd Violin

Natalie Gaynor, Principal  
 Trung Trinh, Assistant Principal  
 Elizabeth Frederick  
 Karen Hall Wilkson  
 Miriam Belyatsky  
 Barbara Shreffler  
 Noel Martin  
 Erica Robinson

### Viola

Rene Salazar, Principal  
 Lorento Golofeev, Assistant Principal  
 Marcia Ryan  
 Mary Fulgham  
 Dawson White  
 Elizabeth Charles Golofeev

### Cello

Barrett Sills, Principal  
 Max Dyer  
 Wendy Smith-Butler  
 Dave Zeger  
 Steven Wiggs  
 Steven Estes

### Bass

Curry Duffey, Principal  
 Dennis Whittaker  
 Greg Garcia  
 Carla Clark

### Flute

Seth Morris, Principal  
 Peggy Russell-Roubicek  
 Colleen Matheu Johnson

### Piccolo

Colleen Matheu Johnson

### Oboe

Elizabeth Priestly Siffert, Principal  
 Spring Hill  
 Alison Chung

### English Horn

Spring Hill

### Clarinet

Randall Griffin, Principal  
 Eric Chi

### Bass Clarinet

Eric Chi

### Bassoon

Michael Frederick, Principal  
 Amanda Swain

### Horn

James Wilson, Principal  
 Jamie Leff  
 Sarah Cranston  
 Spencer Park

### Trumpet

Jim Vassallo, Principal  
 Will Strieder  
 Theresa Hanebury

### Trombone

Thomas Hulten, Principal  
 Michael Warny

### Bass Trombone

Richard Reeves

### Tuba

Mark Barton, Principal

### Timpani

Nancy Nelson, Principal

### Percussion

Christina Carroll, Principal  
 Karen Slotter

### Harp

Joan Eidman, Principal

### Piano/Celesta

Katherine Burkwall-Ciscon



## PERFORMANCE IMPACT

**83** Performances at Wortham

**23** Performances on other stages

**1** World Premiere

**1** American Premiere

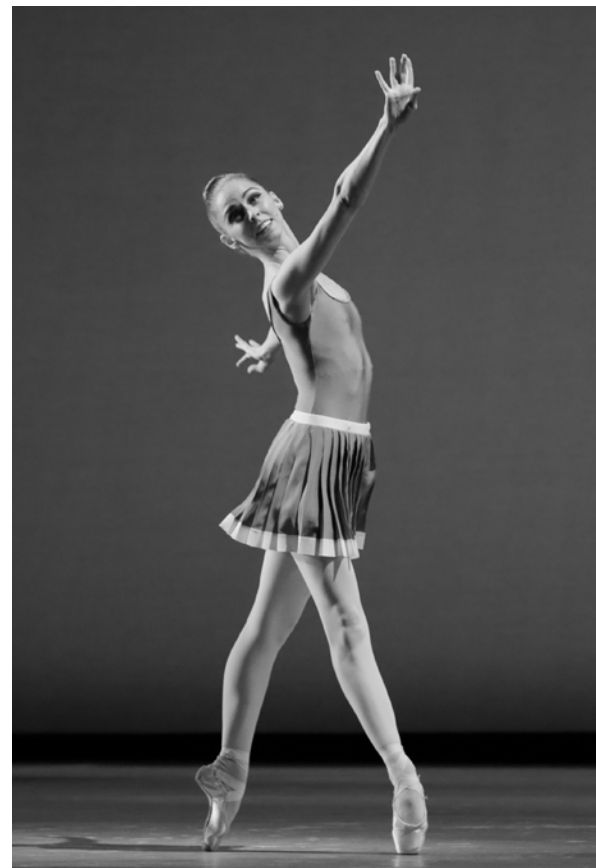
**5** Houston Premieres

### Global Reach:

Melbourne, Australia  
 Los Angeles, California  
 Ludwigshafen, Germany  
 Bonn, Germany

**267,175** Total number of individuals reached through performance and community engagement efforts





**WORLD PREMIERE**

November 25, 2016

**THE NUTCRACKER**

Music by Peter I. Tchaikovsky

Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

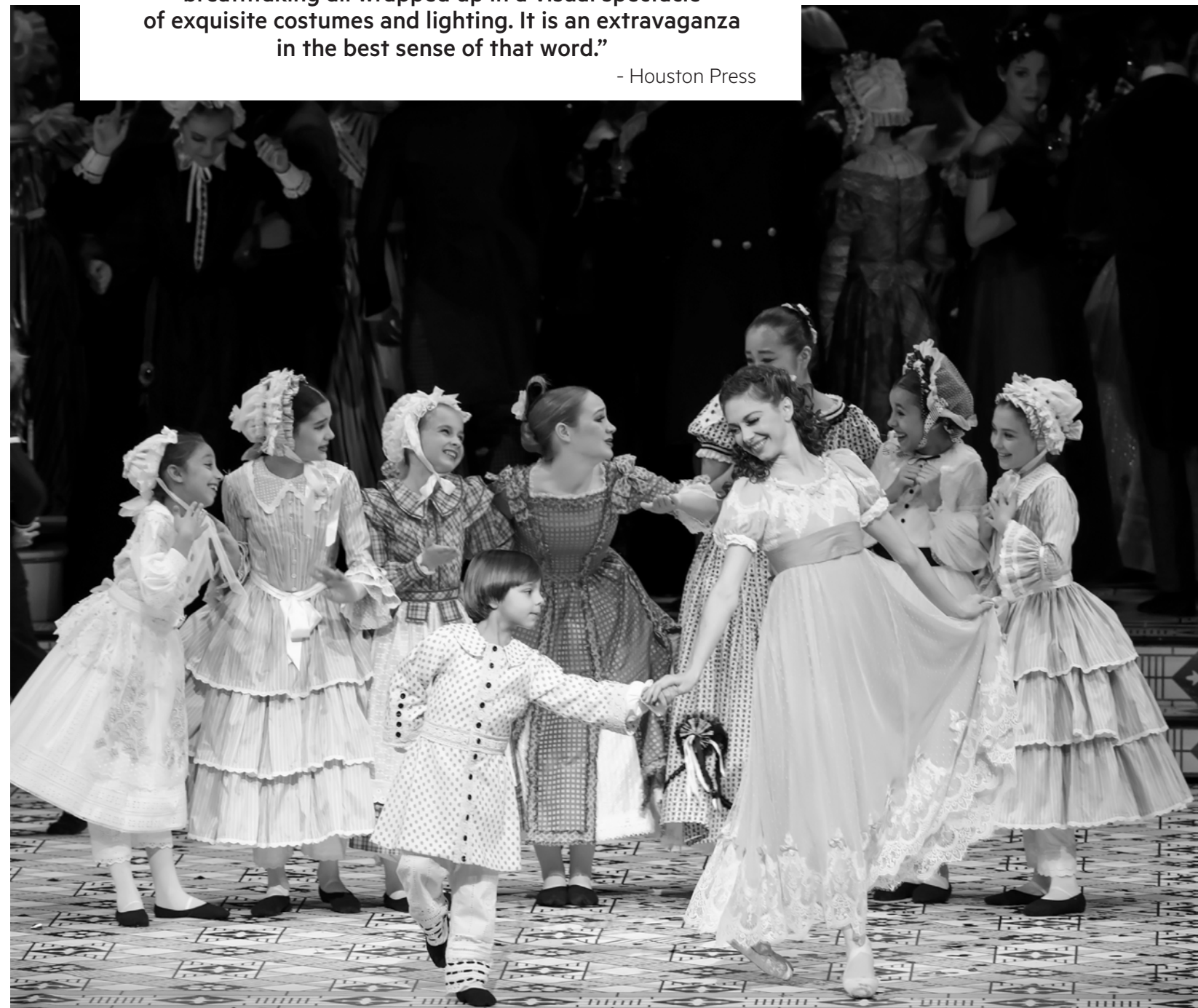
Scenic and Costume Design by Tim Goodchild

Lighting Design by Lisa Pinkham

Projection Design by Wendall Harrington

**“This Nutcracker is funny and enormous and breathtaking all wrapped up in a visual spectacle of exquisite costumes and lighting. It is an extravaganza in the best sense of that word.”**

- Houston Press





**AMERICAN PREMIERE**

May 25, 2017

**THE TEMPEST**

Choreography by David Bintley

Music by Sally Beamish

Scenic and Costume Design by Rae Smith

Lighting Design by Bruno Poet

**“...a sophisticated spectacle.”**

- Houston Chronicle



**HOUSTON BALLET PREMIERE**

September 8, 2016

**ARTIFACT SUITE**

Music by Johann Sebastian Bach with variations by  
Eva Crossman-Hecht

Choreography by William Forsythe

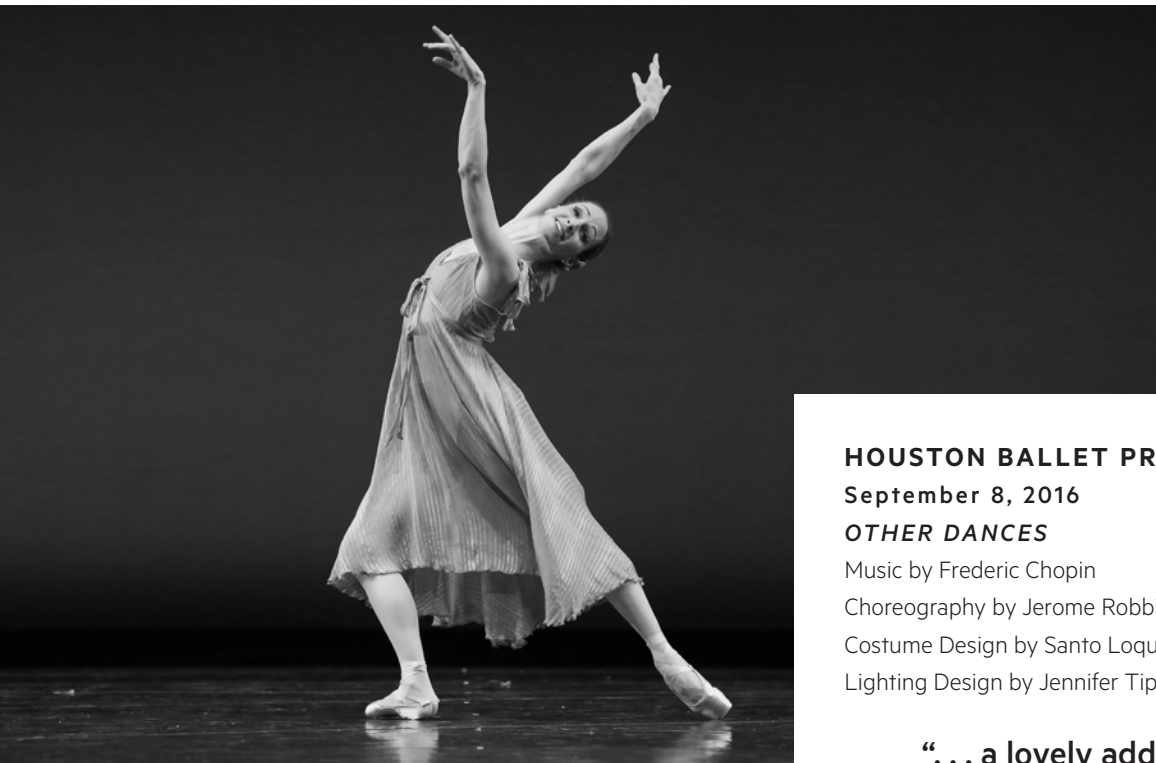
Costume Design by William Forsythe

Set Design by William Forsythe

Lighting Design by William Forsythe

**“This is a deeply emotional, highly  
architectural work that exploits the talents of  
each and every dancer in an extreme manner.”**

- Culture Map



**HOUSTON BALLET PREMIERE**

September 8, 2016

**OTHER DANCES**

Music by Frederic Chopin

Choreography by Jerome Robbins

Costume Design by Santo Loquasto

Lighting Design by Jennifer Tipton, recreated by Perry Silvey

**“... a lovely addition to the Houston  
Ballet repertoire.”**

- Houston Press



**HOUSTON BALLET PREMIERE**

September 22, 2016

**SON OF CHAMBER SYMPHONY**

Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

Music by John Adams

Costume Design by Travis Halsey

Set Design by Jack Mehler

Lighting Design by Jack Mehler

**“... meticulously performed by a company of  
point-perfect dancers, moving with mechanical  
precision to the beat of the score.”**

- Broadway World





**HOUSTON BALLET PREMIERE**

March 16, 2017

**STEPPING STONES**

Choreography by Jiří Kylián  
 Music by John Cage & Anton Webern  
 Costume Design by Michael Simon  
 Set Design by Michael Simon  
 Lighting Design by Joke Visser

**“...Kylian’s choreography dazzles, and Houston’s technically brilliant dancers quickly become the true center of attention.”**

- Houston Chronicle



**HOUSTON BALLET PREMIERE**

March 16, 2017

**YEAR OF THE RABBIT**

Choreography by Justin Peck  
 Music by Sufjan Stevens and Michael Atkinson  
 Costume Design by Justin Peck, supervised by Marc Happel  
 Lighting Design by Brandon Stirling Baker

**“Nothing felt fresher than Justin Peck’s ‘Year of the Rabbit’...”**

- Culture Map Houston

**HOUSTON BALLET ON TOUR 2016/17**



**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA: JUNE 30 – JULY 9, 2016**

Arts Centre Melbourne State Theatre  
 12 performances

**ROMEO & JULIET**

Choreography by Stanton Welch AM  
 Music by Sergei Prokofiev

**LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: OCTOBER 21-23 2016**

The Music Center’s Dorothy Chandler Pavilion  
 3 performances

**ARTIFACT SUITE**

Music by Johann Sebastian Bach with variations by Eva Crossman-Hecht  
 Choreography by William Forsythe

**LUDWIGSHAFEN AND BONN, GERMANY:**

**APRIL 7-12, 2017**

Theater Im Pfalzbau  
 April 7-8, 2017  
 Theater Bonn  
 April 11-12, 2017  
 4 performances

**TAPESTRY**

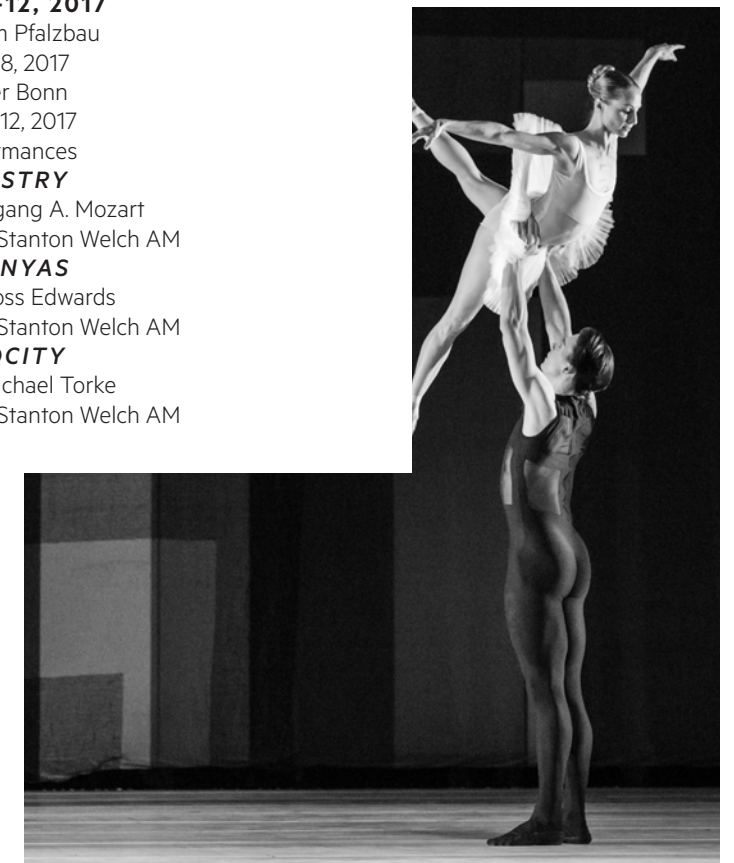
Music by Wolfgang A. Mozart  
 Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

**MANINYAS**

Music by Ross Edwards  
 Choreography by Stanton Welch AM

**VELOCITY**

Music by Michael Torke  
 Choreography by Stanton Welch AM



**HOUSTON BALLET ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS**

**\$877,356.25** Awarded in scholarships in FY17

**389** Students supported financially

**43** Performances offered to the public

**88** Performance opportunities for students enrolled in the Academy

**more than 60%** of Houston Ballet Company dancers trained with the Academy as of 2016



**INTERNATIONAL MEETS**

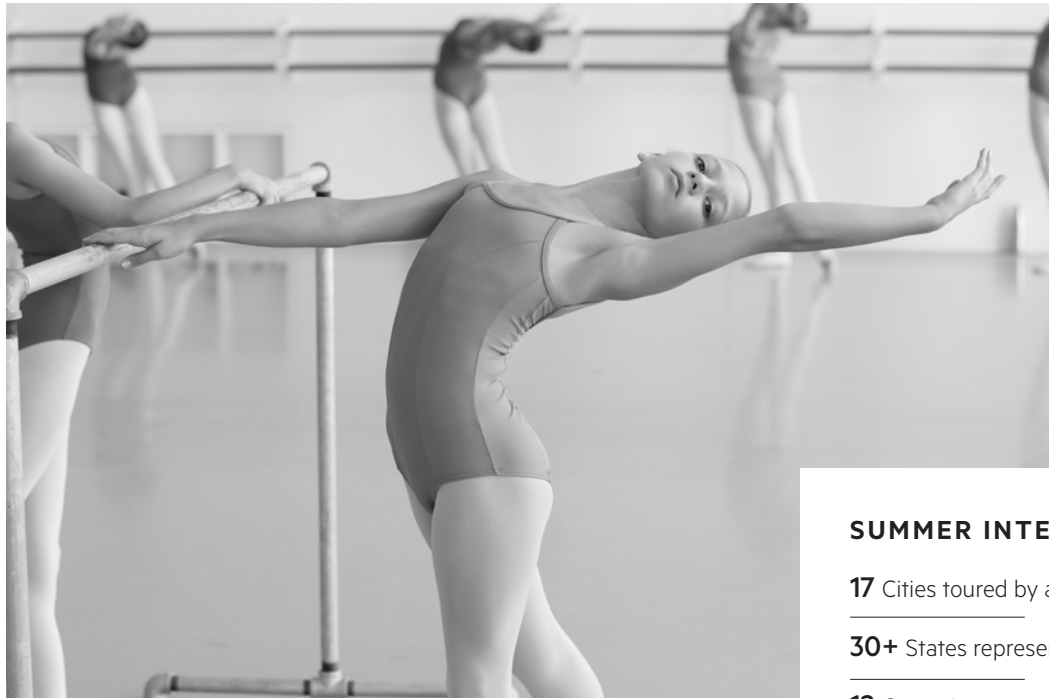
**The International Meeting of Junior Ballets** took our HBII students to the Ecole Supérieure de Danse in Cannes, France. Other schools participating in this event included the Norwegian National Ballet 2 and the Cannes Jeune Ballet.

**Assemblée Internationale 2017**, held by Canada's National Ballet School, brought together **21** professional ballet schools from **11** countries for a week of dancing and performances in Toronto, Canada.



**SPRING CELEBRATION**

Houston Ballet Academy's inaugural Spring Celebration launched this year with three performances involving **182** preschool students, attended by **525** parents and family members.



**SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**17** Cities toured by administrative and artistic staff

**30+** States represented by student body

**12** Countries represented by student body

**29** Number of international students that trained during the summer intensive program

**1,886** Students who auditioned (Lower School and Upper School)

**710** Students who attended the summer intensive program (Preschool, Lower School and Upper School)

**6** Weeks of training, performing and experiencing Houston Ballet and Houston Ballet Academy





## HIGHLIGHTS

ECE offers 5 *Student Matinees* per year to help facilitate equitable access to the very best that Houston Ballet has to offer. In 2016-17, schools had the opportunity to bring students full-length day time performances of *American Ingenuity*, Stanton Welch's new *Nutcracker*, and *Cinderella*.

“What a fantastic opportunity to be able to bring our students to see a world class ballet performance...The students were stunned by the music and beauty of the dancing. Very inspiring...”

-Teacher, Cypress Falls HS



“Access to this program means a lot to the Franklin community because they have limited opportunities when it comes to extracurricular programs.”

-Teacher, Franklin Elementary

## EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT A GLANCE

Houston Ballet Education and Community Engagement (ECE) is committed to providing high-quality, community-sponsored educational programming to the diverse population of Houston and its surrounding areas.

**62,658** Students reached

**15%** Increase from 2015-16

**18** Community supported programs

**276:** Number of schools, libraries, and community centers + Houston Ballet Center for Dance and the Wortham Theater Center

**School programming, Adapted programming, Community programming**

**Chance to Dance** is an entry point for low income students into the Houston Ballet Academy, a world renowned training facility. At the end of the class series, Houston Ballet artistic staff observes all of the children and select those they feel have both the aptitude and desire to pursue ballet to receive full scholarships to Houston Ballet Academy.

**9** partner elementary schools where **75%** or more of their students identified as economically disadvantaged by the Texas Education Agency

**25** first and second graders participate in the program per school

**34** *Chance to Dance* students were awarded scholarships in 2016-17

**65** students are currently in Houston Ballet Academy who entered through the *Chance to Dance* program



**Ambassador Party Hosts:**

Carolyn and Mike Mann  
Hallie Vanderhider

**Green Room Hosts:**

Gary V. Beauchamp and Marian Wilfert Beauchamp  
Rick and Cecily Burleson  
Yasuhiko and Akemi Saitoh  
Kelley Lubanko and Kristy Bradshaw  
Martha Rocks, Dale Konicek, and Ann Trammell

**Cast Party Hosts:**

Amy LeBlanc Cloud and Jeremy Cloud  
Jerry Ann Woodfin-Costa and Victor Costa  
Sasha Davis and Joe Matulevich





Anne and Albert Chao  
2016 Ballet Ball Chairmen

*Honoring*  
Ann Trammell

Saturday, February 25, 2017  
Wortham Theater Center

In 2017, the Houston Ballet Ball was chaired by Anne and Albert Chao. To celebrate the production of *Cinderella*, the evening, themed *Enchantment*, was one of the most glamorous parties on Houston's spring social calendar. The event honored much-deserving Ann Trammell, long time member of the Board of Trustees and steadfast supporter of Houston Ballet. Wortham Theater Center was transformed into a mysterious castle, complete with ghost-costumed Academy students to greet guests, and décor by Richard Flowers and The Events Company. Nearly 450 attendees enjoyed a silent auction with stunning jewels by Preferred Jewelry Partner Tenenbaum Jewelers and unique art curated by David Shelton Gallery. The evening continued with an exquisite dinner by City Kitchen and dancing the night away to Party on the Moon, generously underwritten by Diane Lokey Farb. The Ball raised more than \$11 million in support of Houston Ballet's initiatives.



Kristy and Christopher Bradshaw  
Kelley and Stephen Lubanko  
Jubilee of Dance Onstage Dinner Chairmen

*Honoring*  
Margaret Alkek Williams

Friday, December 2, 2016  
Wortham Theater Center

The third annual *Jubilee of Dance Onstage Dinner*, chaired by Kristy & Christopher Bradshaw and Kelley & Stephen Lubanko, was the most successful to date. Margaret Alkek Williams was honored for her outstanding gifts to Houston Ballet with a memorable tribute video during the performance. More than 200 attendees experienced an intimate dinner onstage immediately following *Jubilee of Dance*—the one-night-only performance—that has become a beloved tradition for Houston Ballet patrons. Guests had the opportunity to dine onstage immediately following the performance with the company dancers. *Jubilee of Dance Onstage Dinner* raised nearly \$150,000 for Houston Ballet.





**The Patton Family**  
Kingdom of Sweets Tea Party Chairmen

*Honoring*  
**Lauren Anderson**

**Saturday, December 10, 2016**  
**Four Seasons Hotel**

The Kingdom of Sweets Tea Party enjoyed great success with almost 200 attendees. Event Chairs Mary and Ben Patton, along with their daughter Violet, were pleased to honor Lauren Anderson for her outstanding work in Houston Ballet's Education and Community Engagement department. Families enjoyed the opportunity to have their photo taken with the Sugar Plum Fairy, Principal dancer Sara Webb. Children decorated festive cookies, read with the Snow Queen, and interacted with other costumed characters through various themed activities from Houston Ballet's new production of *The Nutcracker* by Stanton Welch AM. Table and ticket sales, combined with silent auction proceeds, raised nearly \$50,000 in proceeds to Houston Ballet.



**Holly and Austin Alvis**  
**Rachel and Sebastien Solar**  
Raising the Barre Chairmen

**Sunday, April 30, 2017**  
**Café Annie**

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The seventh annual Raising the Barre: "A Dinner in Four Acts" raised a record \$81,000 in 2017. This incredibly popular event was chaired by Holly & Austin Alvis and Rachel & Sebastien Solar. Ballet Master, Barbara Bears emceed the evening and introduced a chef/dancer pairing between each course. The evening featured four of Houston's top chefs, including Chef Robert Del Grande (Café Annie), Chef Lance Gillum (Uchi), Chef Rebecca Masson (Fluff Bake Bar), and Chef Nicole Routhier (Le Colonial), as well as Houston Ballet company dancers Chun Wai Chan, Derek Dunn, Jacquelyn Long, and Katharine Precourt, who served as inspiration for each course and as sous chefs in the kitchen.



November 10-13, 2016

**Chairman: Mary Alice Parmet**  
*The Twelve Days of Christmas*

**Honoring:**  
Texas Children's Hospital – Pavilion for Women

Hats off to Market Chairman, Mary Alice Parmet, who pulled out all the stops to make the 2016 Nutcracker Market "The Twelve Days of Christmas" a golden success! All in search for the perfect must-have gift for their "true loves," close to 100,000 shoppers spent an amazing \$18.3 million at NRG Center, increasing Nutcracker Market's total contribution to Houston Ballet to \$57 million since 1981. Cue in the "twelve drummers drumming" for such a fun holiday theme! An endless thank you to our dedicated committee chairmen, generous donors, loyal shoppers, long-time sponsors and underwriters, and our 1,000+ volunteers!

Proceeds from each admission and special event ticket that you purchase, plus 10% of all the merchandise you buy, goes back to Houston Ballet Foundation, its Academy and Scholarship Programs.







**2017 TEXAS MEDAL OF ARTS**  
Lynn Wyatt, Individual Arts Patron Award

“Wyatt is best known for her impeccable fashion and charitable activities, including raising money for organizations such as the Houston Grand Opera, Houston Ballet, and Elton John AIDS Foundation.”

- Texas Medal of Arts

**2017 TEXAS MEDAL OF ARTS**  
Lauren Anderson, Dance Award

“...Anderson remains a vibrant and important figure in the dance community as a teacher, speaker and Education & Community Engagement Program Manager at the Houston Ballet.”

- Texas Medal of Arts



**2016 DANCE TEACHER MAGAZINE AWARD**  
Claudio Muñoz, HBII Ballet Master

“Muñoz has been putting dancers together at Houston Ballet Academy for 17 years, with a stunning record of former students in the company. From principals to corps de ballet members, more than half the company has spent time in Muñoz’s classroom.”

- Dance Teacher Magazine



**HOUSTON BALLET FOUNDATION AND  
HOUSTON BALLET GUILD, INC.**

Combined Statement of Financial Position

<i>June 30, 2017</i>	General Fund	Endowment Fund	Plant Fund	Total
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,599,276	\$ 514,048	\$ 4,956,029	\$ 8,069,353
Pledges receivable	2,626,923	2,511,814	71,080	5,209,817
Other receivables	191,892	-	-	191,892
Prepaid and deferred production expenses	864,801	-	-	864,801
Investments, at fair value	768,104	72,521,316	-	73,289,420
Fixed assets, net	3,739,324	-	43,588,517	47,327,841
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,790,320</b>	<b>\$ 75,547,178</b>	<b>\$ 48,615,626</b>	<b>\$ 134,953,124</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,515,256	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,515,256
Deferred revenue	5,577,338	-	-	5,577,338
Due to (from) other funds	(3,170)	7,173	(4,003)	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>7,089,424</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>(4,003)</b>	<b>7,092,594</b>
<b>Commitments and Contingencies</b>				
<b>Net Assets</b>				
Unrestricted	976,160	40,091,730	48,619,629	89,687,519
Temporarily restricted	2,724,736	-	-	2,724,736
Permanently restricted	-	35,448,275	-	35,448,275
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>3,700,896</b>	<b>75,540,005</b>	<b>48,619,629</b>	<b>127,860,530</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,790,320</b>	<b>\$ 75,547,178</b>	<b>\$ 48,615,626</b>	<b>\$ 134,953,124</b>

HOUSTON BALLET FOUNDATION AND  
HOUSTON BALLET GUILD, INC.

Combined Statement of Activities

<i>Year Ended June 30, 2017</i>	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>Operating Income</b>				
Performance	\$ 10,772,978	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,772,978
Tuition	3,935,058	-	-	3,935,058
Special events	9,262,351	-	-	9,262,351
Investment	1,436,199	-	-	1,436,199
Other	1,487,080	-	-	1,487,080
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>26,893,666</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,893,666</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Production and company	19,339,453	-	-	19,339,453
Ballet academy	4,366,260	-	-	4,366,260
Marketing and public relations	4,327,718	-	-	4,327,718
Fund-raising	1,959,436	-	-	1,959,436
General and administrative	2,432,968	-	-	2,432,968
Special events	3,884,628	-	-	3,884,628
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>36,310,463</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,310,463</b>
<b>Decrease in Net Assets from Operating Activities Before Public and Private Support, Releases from Restrictions and Transfers</b>	<b>(9,416,797)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(9,416,797)</b>
<b>Public and Private Support Contributions</b>	<b>4,676,775</b>	<b>2,724,736</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,401,511</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Operating Activities Before Releases from Restrictions and Transfers</b>	<b>(4,740,022)</b>	<b>2,724,736</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,015,286)</b>
<b>Net Assets Released from Restrictions</b>	<b>5,576,178</b>	<b>(5,576,178)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Operating Activities Before Interfund Transfers</b>	<b>836,156</b>	<b>(2,851,442)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,015,286)</b>
<b>Interfund Reclassification</b>	<b>(833,333)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(833,333)</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Operating Activities</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>(2,851,442)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,848,619)</b>
<b>Endowment Activities</b>				
Contributions	-	-	3,118,390	3,118,390
Investment income	-	-	1,237	1,237
Net appreciation (loss) on investments	8,841,669	-	-	8,841,669
Investment expenses, net	(225,549)	-	(19,871)	(245,420)
Interfund reclassification	(1,500,000)	-	-	(1,500,000)
<b>Increase in Net Assets from Endowment Activities</b>	<b>7,116,120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,099,756</b>	<b>10,215,876</b>
<b>Plant Activities</b>				
Contributions	630,082	-	-	630,082
Gain on sales	21,352	-	-	21,352
Interest and other income, net	10,362	-	-	10,362
Depreciation	(1,454,737)	-	-	(1,454,737)
Interfund reclassification	2,333,333	-	-	2,333,333
<b>Increase in Net Assets from Plant Activities</b>	<b>1,540,392</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,540,392</b>
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<b>8,659,335</b>	<b>(2,851,442)</b>	<b>3,099,756</b>	<b>8,907,649</b>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>81,028,184</b>	<b>5,576,178</b>	<b>32,348,519</b>	<b>118,952,881</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 89,687,519</b>	<b>\$ 2,724,736</b>	<b>\$ 35,448,275</b>	<b>\$ 127,860,530</b>

HOUSTON BALLET FOUNDATION AND  
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Combined Statement of Cash Flows

<i>Year Ended June 30, 2017</i>	General Fund	Endowment Fund	Plant Fund	Total
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>				
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ (2,848,619)	\$ 10,215,876	\$ 1,540,392	\$ 8,907,649
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Write off of set costs	544,274	-	-	544,274
Gain on disposal of assets	-	-	(21,352)	(21,352)
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	(103,469)	(8,841,669)	-	(8,945,138)
Depreciation	2,325,315	-	1,454,737	3,780,052
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Pledges receivable	(586,576)	(2,476,814)	(71,080)	(3,134,470)
Other receivables	(132,772)	-	-	(132,772)
Prepaid and deferred production expenses	552,089	-	-	552,089
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,398,875	4,732	(1,416,942)	(13,335)
Deferred revenue	583,476	-	-	583,476
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities</b>	<b>1,732,593</b>	<b>(1,097,875)</b>	<b>1,485,755</b>	<b>2,120,473</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>				
Capital expenditures	(3,232,658)	-	(464,998)	(3,697,656)
Purchase of investments	(1,011,706)	(9,531,749)	-	(10,543,455)
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	99,433	99,433
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	987,927	10,326,373	-	11,314,300
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities</b>	<b>(3,256,437)</b>	<b>794,624</b>	<b>(365,565)</b>	<b>(2,827,378)</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>(1,523,844)</b>	<b>(303,251)</b>	<b>1,120,190</b>	<b>(706,905)</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year</b>	<b>4,123,120</b>	<b>817,299</b>	<b>3,835,839</b>	<b>8,776,258</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 2,599,276</b>	<b>\$ 514,048</b>	<b>\$ 4,956,029</b>	<b>\$ 8,069,353</b>

HOUSTON BALLET FOUNDATION AND  
HOUSTON BALLET GUILD, INC.

Combined Statement of Functional Expenses

<i>Year Ended June 30, 2017</i>	Program Services	
	Production and Company	Ballet Academy
Advertising	\$ -	\$ 120,947
Computer maintenance, software	24,227	35,949
Costumes, scenery and designers	1,277,881	-
Depreciation	2,834,473	509,158
Donor benefit expenses	-	-
Equipment rentals	1,665	1,665
Insurance	59,445	59,445
Investment expense	-	-
Music and royalties	222,976	-
Office supplies	7,877	4,126
Postage and handling	7,056	3,181
Printing	-	-
Professional fees	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	387,921	162,531
Salaries, payroll taxes and employee benefits	12,754,382	1,854,190
Scholarships	-	877,356
Shipping and freight	277,970	-
Shoes and tights	235,218	-
Stage equipment and supplies	291,847	-
Stipends and subsidized housing	-	325,022
Summer housing	-	444,298
Telephone and utilities	163,772	163,111
Theater costs	790,022	-
Ticket service, booking fees	-	-
Travel and entertainment	459,601	124,467
Miscellaneous	52,278	189,972
	<b>\$ 19,848,611</b>	<b>\$ 4,875,418</b>

HOUSTON BALLET FOUNDATION AND  
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Combined Statement of Functional Expenses

	Support Services				Total
	Marketing and Public Relations	General and Administrative	Fund-Raising	Special Events	
	\$ 1,930,733	\$ -	\$ 148,608	\$ -	\$ 2,200,288
	35,949	35,950	24,227	-	156,302
	-	-	-	-	1,277,881
	145,474	145,473	145,474	-	3,780,052
	-	-	-	3,884,628	3,884,628
	476	475	476	-	4,757
	16,984	16,984	16,984	-	169,842
	-	245,420	-	-	245,420
	-	-	-	-	222,976
	11,284	48,694	10,201	-	82,182
	8,206	4,745	13,209	-	36,397
	510,149	-	15,463	-	525,612
	-	193,854	-	-	193,854
	46,437	46,438	46,437	-	689,764
	1,078,417	1,871,651	1,447,780	-	19,006,420
	-	-	-	-	877,356
	-	-	-	-	277,970
	-	-	-	-	235,218
	-	-	-	-	291,847
	-	-	-	-	325,022
	-	-	-	-	444,298
	46,603	46,601	46,603	-	466,690
	-	-	-	-	790,022
	284,033	-	-	-	284,033
	35,063	42,161	32,659	-	693,951
	323,384	131,864	156,789	-	854,287
	<b>\$ 4,473,192</b>	<b>\$ 2,830,310</b>	<b>\$ 2,104,910</b>	<b>\$ 3,884,628</b>	<b>\$ 38,017,069</b>



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