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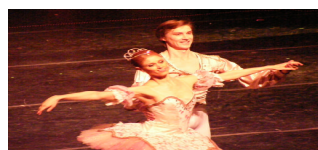
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# Oxford Ballet Sponsorship Brochure

*Striving for beauty & excellence in the arts*



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## Oxford Ballet Association

### Mission Statement

The purpose of the Oxford Ballet Association is two-fold. First, the Association will help to establish, foster, promote and support a professional ballet company. The Association seeks to increase public awareness of, interest in and appreciation of classical ballet in the Oxford/Lafayette County areas and surrounding counties of Panola, Yalobusha, Union, Calhoun and Pontotoc. The Association seeks to offer the community at large a cultural resource in the arts and its young dancers an opportunity to learn and develop an interest in classical ballet. The Association encourages audience development and appreciation for ballet with young people by maintaining visibility in educational settings in cooperation with the area school systems, introduces the art of dance to new audiences of all ages and backgrounds, solicits, collects, and raises funds to further these purposes, and maintains, promotes and develops the professional ballet company, also a non-profit organization.

Second, the Association will help students of the Oxford Ballet School II (OBS II). The Oxford Ballet School II is a program offered through Oxford Ballet School, a center of excellence for the instruction of classical ballet and a variety of other traditional dance forms. The Oxford Ballet School II seeks to provide an opportunity for personal growth and achievement by adhering to the highest standards of artistic training and choreography. The Oxford Ballet School II seeks to increase the number of students who possess a common desire to express their artistic experiences through the medium of dance.



## *Oxford Ballet Association History*

In the autumn of 2005, Genevieve Fortner, founder and director of Oxford Ballet School, shared her vision for starting a professional ballet company with three women highly involved in the arts, Sandra McCarty, Rose Spears, and Lynda Bodenheimer. These women caught the vision to begin an association to support a professional ballet company and to further training and performing opportunities to the students of the Oxford Ballet School II, a pre-professional program for the serious classical ballet student interested in pursuing a career in dance. The Association was incorporated with the state of Mississippi in February of 2006 as Oxford Ballet Association, INC. Less than a year later, the Association applied for and received the 501 (3)c non-profit status.

### Oxford Ballet Company

Oxford Ballet Company is Oxford, Mississippi's first professional ballet company. Established by the Oxford Ballet Association in 2009, the company began as Oxford Ballet Studio Company, a pre-professional program for the advanced ballet student which presented an annual Nutcracker performance and a spring story ballet to the community, as well as performances at local schools and events such as The Double Decker Festival. This year however, OBA is unable to support a full time administrative and artistic staff. The goal is to have the financial backing by the Spring of 2012 to hire dancers for a 32 week season. Currently, performances are danced by guest artists and OBS II students. Performances this season:

- *The Nutcracker Ballet* -December 11 & 12, 2010  
The Gertrude Castellow Ford Center for the Performing Arts
- *InterACTIONS- A Taste of the Arts*  
Friday February 4, 2011 7-9 pm  
Powerhouse Arts Center
- *The Fairy Doll Ballet-*  
Monday, May 2, 2011 7pm  
Powerhouse Arts Center

## **We hope you will consider sponsoring us!**

Our goal for 2011 is to hire a professional fundraiser to raise the needed \$25,000 in order to continue its annual performances of *The Nutcracker Ballet*. Our future goal is to raise funds for an administrative and artistic staff to be hired beginning Spring 2012

### **Administrative Staff**

Executive Director,  
Secretary,  
Marketing Director,  
Graphic Designer,  
Fundraising Coordinator,  
Wardrobe Manager,  
Stage Manager,  
Production Manager

### **Artistic Staff**

Artistic Director,  
Ballet Master,  
Choreographer,  
6 professional ballet dancers

