



BALLET ARTS ENSEMBLE

ESTABLISHED IN 1982

www.balletartsensemble.org



WHAT WE DO

Each year, dancers between the ages of 12-18 audition to become a member of this performing ensemble. Led by Artistic Director, Betty Kondo, dancers train and perform in two major public productions a season in Kalamazoo and the surrounding area along with exciting opportunities to partner with other local arts productions and community outreach programs. These dancers benefit from a variety of guest artists and choreographers throughout the year along with opportunities to dance with live professional music. BAE also offers dancers scholarship opportunities for extended dance education in summer programming during their time with the ensemble.

THE SEASON

We start our 2025-26 season with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra in the classic production of *The Nutcracker*, November 22nd at Miller Auditorium. This performance hosted by KSO brought over 4,000 audience members to Miller Auditorium in 2024. Live professional music, professional guest artists from Grand Rapids Ballet, and the inspiring talents of our young performers and community cast members come together to kick off the holiday season.

Our Spring Concert will be April 18th & 19th, 2026 at the Wellspring Theatre in Downtown Kalamazoo. This will be a mixed repertoire program with a little something for everyone. From ballet to popular songs you can sing along with, this program is sure to suit your fancy & have you levitating right out of your seat!

Plans are in place to participate in RAD Fest in the Spring of 2026 hosted by Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers. Other plans include a collaboration with Kalamazoo Valley Museum mid season and Bronson Children's Hospital.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

By partnering with BAE, you are directly benefiting these young artists and the Kalamazoo community. You are giving young artists an opportunity to participate in an activity that promotes physical and mental strength, dedication, musicality, group work, and once-in-a-lifetime collaborations with local and worldwide professionals. You will be helping to provide community enrichment in the arts for people of all ages through public performances, outreach programs, and discount ticket offers for students, seniors, and active/retired military.

**WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER
BECOMING ONE OF OUR SPONSORS.**



BETTY KONDO
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

THE MISSION

Established in 1982, Ballet Arts Ensembles is a nonprofit organization serving the Kalamazoo area with a mission to provide educational and performing opportunities for its members while perpetuating the art of dance with emphasis in ballet.



TO BECOME A SPONSOR CONTACT

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BALLET ARTS ENSEMBLE

2025-26 Season



BUSINESS & CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

SEASON SPONSORS \$2500-\$5000

Recognition

- Sponsorship recognition from stage at each 2025-26 season performance
- Name and/or logo in performance printed programs hosted by BAE
- Name and/or logo recognition on BAE website, Facebook, and Instagram with hotlink to the sponsor website
- Signage recognizing sponsors at performances
- Advertisements in printed programs hosted by BAE

Hospitality

- Complimentary tickets to performances in 2025-26 season. Sponsors will receive two (2) complimentary tickets for every \$500 donated in the 2025-26 season.
- Two (2) passes to Donor Lounge (if applicable for the current season)
- Behind the scenes experience. Donors at this level get a special invitation to a BAE rehearsal and/or backstage tour during dress rehearsal or performance day (if possible)

CONTRIBUTING SPONSORS \$500-\$2499

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