

Ballet Austin Begins Building Renovation

Ballet Austin's Box Office Moves to Temporary Congress Location

AUSTIN, TX – August 9, 2006 – Ballet Austin announced today the much anticipated start to renovation of its Butler Dance Education Center located at 3rd and San Antonio Streets. The project will take approximately 9 months to complete with grand opening ceremonies scheduled to take place mid-May 2007. The project management contract awarded to Harvey-Cleary will bring to fruition the beautiful design of The Bommarito Group with the support of Broaddus and Associates to complete the team.



Butler Dance Education Center

When complete the renovation will feature 7 new studios with fully sprung floors, including the 287-seat Austin Ventures Studio Theater. Other areas of interest are the 70-seat Community Board Room and a two-story "wall of windows," giving Austinites a view into the world of dance. The building's 34,000 total square feet will also house the entire Ballet Austin company including professional dancers, administrative staff and Academy and Box Office operations.

"We are excited to begin construction," said Ballet Austin Executive Director Cookie Ruiz. "This project is a significant milestone both for Ballet Austin and the new Arts and Entertainment District. "

Ballet Austin joins a number of important construction projects in a 3-block area. The AMLI residential tower, the 44 story 360' Condominiums and the soon to be renovated Austin Music Hall will surround the new building. All of these projects in this new urban residential and retail area are scheduled for completion in 2007.

Due to the construction, Ballet Austin has moved its Subscriber Services and Box Office operations to a temporary location in the historic IronStone Bank building at 710 Congress. IronStone Bank, located directly across from The Paramount Theatre, generously donated the use of office space to Ballet Austin for the period of renovation. All in-person ticket purchases and subscriber exchanges for the 2006/07 season will take place at the IronStone location.

Ballet Austin Company dancers, Ballet Austin II and all Academy classes will remain in their current facilities at the Guadalupe Firehouse and the Baker Center until May.

New Contact Information

Ballet Austin Box Office and Administrative Center
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Box Office (512) 476-2163
Business Office (512) 476-9151

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Ballet Austin

Under the leadership of artistic director Stephen Mills, Ballet Austin has uniquely combined classical dance with innovative style and movement. Ballet Austin presents five productions each year in Austin, tours nationally and is a financially stable \$4 million organization. The Company employs 21 professional dancers from around the world to live in Austin for 34 weeks each season. Ballet Austin II and the Ballet Austin Academy serve as educational arms that strengthen the organization's core purpose. The Ballet Austin Academy is the 4th largest classical ballet academy in the United States. Ballet Austin has established itself as a world-class company that makes ballet accessible to all and enhances Austin's reputation as a city that thrives in the arts.

2006/07 Golden Anniversary Season

Sept 23-24 ~ Not Afraid of the Dark

Oct 27-29 ~ Classic Beauty

Dec 9-23 ~ The Nutcracker

Feb 15-18 ~ Director's Choice/Golden

Apr 6-8 ~ The Taming of the Shrew

May 10-13 ~ A Special Evening with Stephen Mills

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