



Company Sponsorship 2023-2024

Civic Ballet is a pre-professional ballet company based in Tupelo, Mississippi. Civic Ballet strives to intensify the technical and artistic development for its members, and to provide a place to bond with peers having a similar passion for ballet. We inspire one's personal best in a positive, encouraging, yet rigorous environment.

Civic Ballet's vision is to excel in artistic standards and bring artistic awareness to our community and region. Here, young artists will develop the foundation skills necessary to pursue a life of learning, service and happiness.

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Civic Ballet Company Membership

Senior Company

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Lydia Averett
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Civic Ballet Trainees

Hannah Christian
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Civic Ballet 2nd Company

Vivian Creel
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Emma Claire Davis
Brooke Donaldson
Sally Foxworthy

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Cori Smith

Meet Thom Yzaguirre...

Civic Ballet's Artistic Director

Originally from Montana, Thom began formal dance training at Minnesota Dance Theatre and School where he trained in ballet and modern dance on scholarship and then as a Company 2 dancer. Thom also received scholarships with Tidewater Ballet Academy, Milwaukee Ballet, Joffrey Ballet and School of American Ballet. His teachers included Bonnie Mathis, Gene K. Hammett, Susan Borree, Robert Joffrey Michael Bjerknes, Stephen Jenkins, and Elaine Thomas.



Thom danced professionally with Duluth Ballet, Ballet Arizona, as a soloist with Louisville Ballet, and as a principal with Nevada Ballet Theatre and Nashville Ballet. He worked with directors including Loyce Houlton, Vassili Sulich, and Janek Schergen and danced masterworks including Antony Tudor, George Balanchine, Lynne Taylor-Corbett, Graham Lusting, Paul Vasterling, and Choo San-Goh.

Mr. Yzaguirre currently splits his time between Tupelo and Nashville. In addition to his Artistic Leadership of Civic Ballet and Master Instruction at North Mississippi Dance Centre, Thom is the ballet director at Franklin (TN) School of Performing Arts. He has been a guest teacher for the Academy of Nevada Dance Theatre, Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts and Tennessee Association of Dance (TAD) Tennessee Dance Festival. In addition to guest teaching each summer at Sierra Madre Dance Center in California, he guests as Herr Drosselmeyer in their annual "Nutcracker". He is an ABT® Certified Teacher, who successfully completed ABT® Teacher Training Intensive in Pre-Primary through Level 7 + Partnering of the ABT® National Curriculum (NTC). ABT® NTC is a breakthrough nine level program that embraces sound ballet principles and incorporates elements of the French, Italian, and Russian schools of training.

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*Why Should
You Sponsor
Civic Ballet?*

Your sponsorship is an investment in the youth of our region and will help enrich the cultural life of our community. Civic Ballet is an organization that brings people together in a meaningful way as we celebrate the hard work, determination and beauty gifted young artists can bring into our lives. Your investment in this company will demonstrate much needed support for the performing arts in North Mississippi.

Civic Ballet is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and a registered charity with the state, so of course your gift is tax exempt! One unique element of our ballet company is our arts outreach and community involvement. We host an annual fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital centered around our winter ballet, the Hope for the Holiday's ***Snow Queen***. The HFTH eleven-year cumulative total in direct donations to St. Jude is over \$125,000.00. We also support other arts and civic organizations including Tupelo Community Theatre, Junior Auxiliary, the Gum Tree Museum of Art and *Art & Wine Festival*, Sanctuary Hospice House's *Celebration Village*, Link Center, and the Tupelo Arts Council.

**We need YOUR help to keep our organization thriving
and no gift is too large or too small!**





2023-2024 CIVIC BALLET SPONSORSHIP FORM

Name: _____
*Your name or your company's name as you would like it to appear on all promotional materials.
Please forward any logos per the Sponsorship Level chart below to civicballet.ms@gmail.com*

Contact Person/Title if a Business Sponsor: _____

CB Dancer/Company Member who solicited this sponsorship (if applicable):

Mailing Address (required): _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email (required): _____ **Phone:** _____

Sponsorship Level	Shared on Civic Ballet Website	CB Social Media Promotion	Spring Ballet Production Program	No. of recognition tickets*
Platinum \$2500+	Listing & Logo	Yes	Listing & Logo	10
Gold \$1000 - 2499	Listing & Logo	Yes	Listing	8
Silver \$500 - \$999	Listing & Logo	Yes	Listing	6
Bronze \$250 - 499	Listing & Logo	--	Listing	4
Family \$100 - 249	Listing	--	Listing	2
Friend <\$100	Listing	--	Listing	--

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