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NORTH POINTE BALLET

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Making classical ballet accessible to everyone in our community.

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A Letter from North Pointe Ballet's Executive Artistic Director



Dear Patrons and Supporters,

This past year has been one of reflection and renewal for myself and for our organization.

We began the year with the return of *Peter Pan,* a favorite of artists and audience members, which allowed us to reflect and celebrate the growth of our organization in many ways. It was followed by a summer of introspection, where our leadership stepped back to carefully assess our existing programs and identify areas for improvement. This valuable time allowed us to develop a stronger internal infrastructure, including the formation of a new vision statement, organizational chart, and functional committees that will play a crucial role in streamlining our operations and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our company.

In addition to significant administrative work, I am incredibly proud of our artistic and programmatic accomplishments. Throughout the year, we have not only delighted diverse audiences with traditional and non-traditional productions and community engagement performances, but also provided valuable opportunities for all types of dancers.

As we move forward, we are filled with excitement and optimism for the future. The 2025-2026 season marks the beginning of our 10th anniversary year, a significant milestone for our company. We are confident that the foundation we have built over the past 9 years will serve the community and take us one step closer to realizing our vision of a future where ballet flourishes as an art form, celebrated for its timeless traditions while evolving beyond its limitations.

Thank you for your continued support of North Pointe Ballet. We invite you to explore this report further and learn more about our achievements and aspirations.

Janet L. Dziak
Executive Artistic Director

Our Mission

North Pointe Ballet's mission is to make classical ballet accessible to our community. NPB provides high-quality professional ballet productions that are entertaining, affordable, and inclusive of audiences and performers of all abilities. NPB is committed to increasing access to ballet for underrepresented populations through enriching community engagement programs.

Our Vision

North Pointe Ballet envisions a future where ballet flourishes as an art form, celebrated for its timeless traditions while evolving beyond its limitations.

Our Values

PASSION & POSITIVITY
We recognize the transformative capabilities of ballet and strive to share it with enthusiasm and joy.

COLLABORATION & TEAMWORK
We believe in the power of working together as a team to inspire and engage with both audiences and fellow artists.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
We celebrate the diversity of our community and strive to create inclusive programming that welcomes everyone.

INTEGRITY & RESPECT
We approach everything we do with honesty and respect, valuing ourselves, each other, and those we serve.





A Chance to Dance

Our A Chance to Dance program grew to include an additional rehearsal in its schedule as well as an added performance. Dancers participating in this program performed at the Sensory-Friendly performance of both our Cuyahoga County and Lorain County weekends and were so excited to have the increase in their rehearsal time and stage time!

For more information about upcoming performances, performance opportunities for dancers of all abilities, and other information please visit **www.northpointeballet.org.**



On-Site Education

In 2024, our On-Site Education team grew to include more instructors: lead instructors at each of our three programs now have assistant instructors. This allows for students at Douglas MacArthur Girls Leadership Academy, El Centro de Servicios Sociales, and Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center to receive more direct assistance as they learn ballet technique in their classes.

As always, a highlight for our on-site dance education programs at Douglas MacArthur and Julia de Burgos is the on-site performance we present, and 2024 was no exception. These abbreviated versions of our ballets had students dancing alongside our company members for their families and community when we presented *The Nutcracker* at Julia de Burgos and *Peter Pan* at both locations. Students from El Centro joined our company onstage for our outdoor performance of *Peter Pan* at Lakeview Park in Lorain.



NPB in the Community

NPB presented 20 total workshop performances at schools, senior residences, and other community sites in Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties between the spring's *Peter Pan* and the fall's *The Nutcracker* tours. These workshops exposed over 2600 Northeast Ohio residents to ballet.

Between numerous community events, NPB shared ballet via performance excerpts and ballerinas to pose for photos. Major events included Lorain's FireFish Arts Festival and Cuyahoga County's "Night to Shine," a national prom night for individuals with disabilities. Nearly 2,000 community members had ballet presented to them in spaces accessible to them. Additionally, NPB presented its inclusive summer dance camps at five community sites, bringing ballet to nearly 100 community children.

2024 PRODUCTIONS

"The field trip production was exquisitely executed. We had an excellent time and our students were engaged. Most of them have never been inside a theater or even seen a dance production. Our students' families would not be able to afford this [without NPB's opportunity]. I truly believe this was transformative for all of our kiddos."

- Kelly Berick, Lorain City Schools





"Having Special needs adult sons, I love these performances. We enjoy the performances, inclusion, and not having to worry if we need to be loud or stim."

"We suspect my daughter has autism.
We get out her headphones when things are too loud for her, but being at the sensory-friendly show, I knew those around me would be understanding. I knew no one was mad when we had to leave a few minutes early because she was just a little overwhelmed after a long performance. **Thank you for making the arts accessible for all and creating this inclusive experience!"**





Nutcracker Highlights

NPB's annual tradition of *The Nutcracker* featured the largest cast in NPB history with 23 professional artists and 150 Youth cast dancers. NPB added 2 performances to its *Nutcracker* season: 9 performances over 2 weekends, up from 7 performances in 2023. Other updates to this year's production included new costumes for the Chocolate and Lemon Drop variations as well as some new party scene costumes. ASL interpretation was offered at all shows, and access to an adult changing table was provided for the Sensory-Friendly performance in Cuyahoga County, provided by Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. NPB continues to serve not only the local community of artists by bringing together dancers and artists from over 25 local dance studios.

Peter Pan Highlights

Peter Pan featured a cast of 14 professional artists and 96 youth cast dancers. NPB artists and staff were grateful to once again work with ZFX Flying effects to fly 6 characters for this magical production. Artistic directors updated concepts and choreography from NPB's 2018 version to replace the roles of Tiger Lily and natives with four elements of fire, water, wind, and earth to better reflect NPB's values and highlight the technical strength of the professional dancers and youth cast.

NPB concluded its 2023-2024 performance season by presenting a condensed version of *Peter Pan* at Lakeview Park in a continued partnership with Lorain County Metroparks. The performance featured NPB's signature narrations with ASL interpretation and 33 participants in NPB's On-Site Education program at El Centro performed alongside 14 professional artists. Approximately 275 members of the community were able to experience this production for free.







Operational Refinement Update

NPB recognized the need to make some assessments in order to maintain the integrity and excellence it has upheld for so long for its productions, programs, and operations. This reflection in 2024 allowed leadership to clarify the vision for the organization which helped position NPB as a part of something greater than itself. The newly articulated vision statement for NPB is as follows: North Pointe Ballet envisions **a future where ballet flourishes** as an art form, celebrated for its timeless traditions while evolving beyond its limitations. Stepping back to allow for perspective-taking was crucial in guiding future courses and framework for not only our own programming and operations, but relationships within the community.

In addition to the implementation of a vision statement and organizational chart, NPB's reflection period resulted in changes to committee structures and responsibilities, setting capacity limits on different programs, and implementing workforce management systems. We are thrilled that despite taking a step back for this assessment period, NPB continued to experience growth in 2024.



Advancement Committee Highlight

In March 2024, the North Pointe Ballet Advancement Committee was established with the purpose of serving as an intermediary between the community and the NPB Board of Directors and Staff to cultivate meaningful relationships with the community at large as well as other nonprofits, corporations, and foundations. Chaired by Stefanie Radachi, the Advancement Committee strives to promote North Pointe Ballet's mission. Committee members are active in other NPB committees, attend performances, communicate with donors, make generous contributions to NPB, and share their community and professional connections to further our mission and expand NPB's reach.

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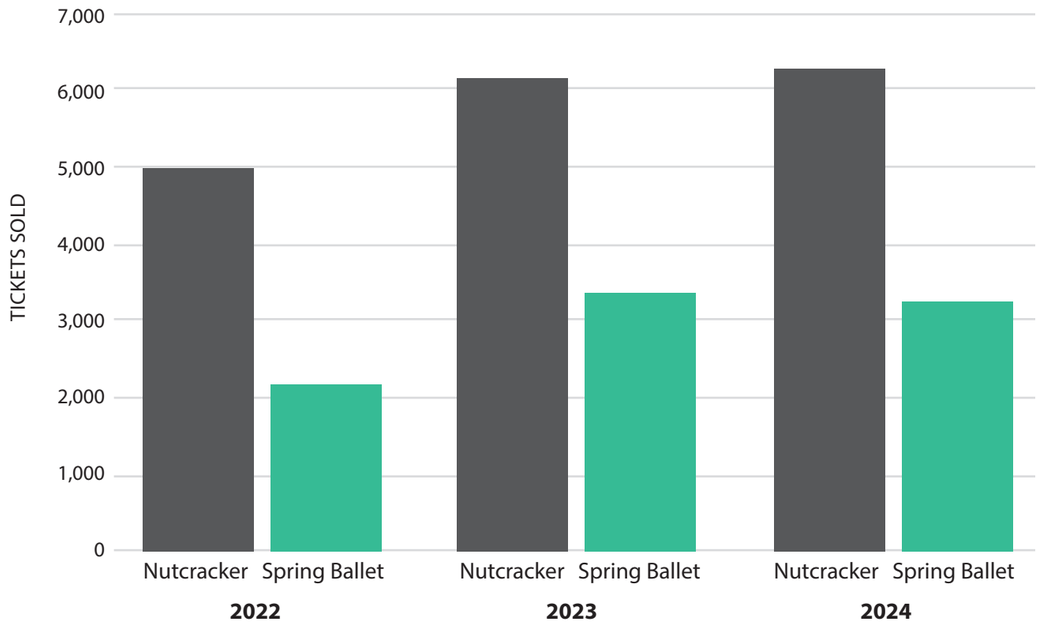
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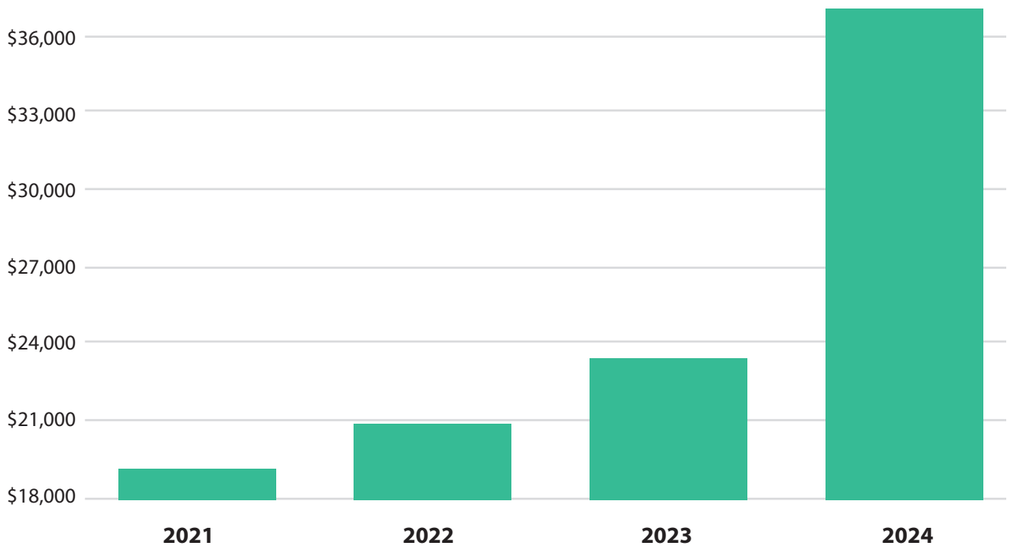
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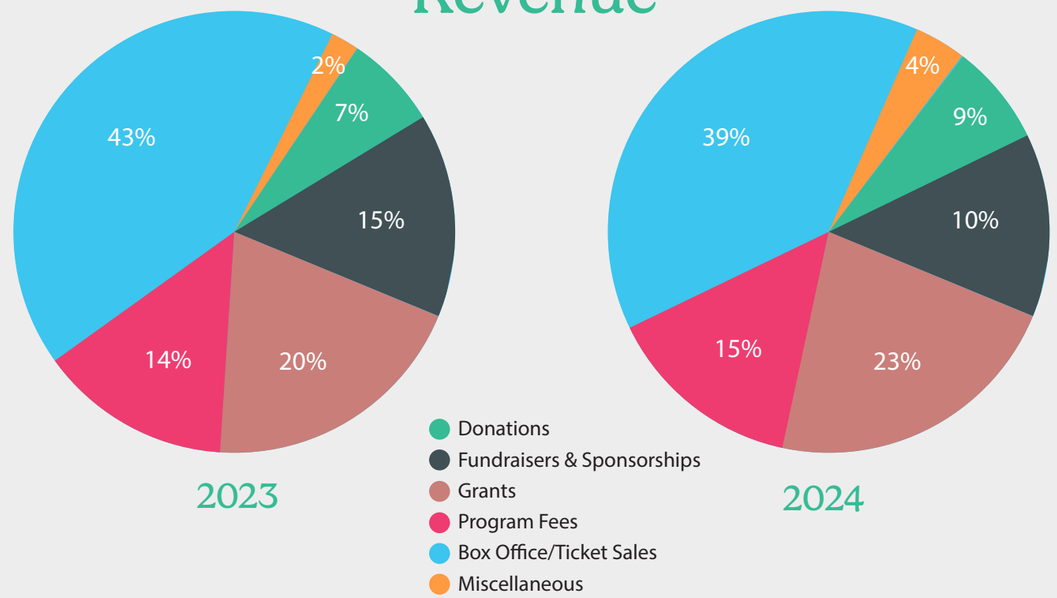
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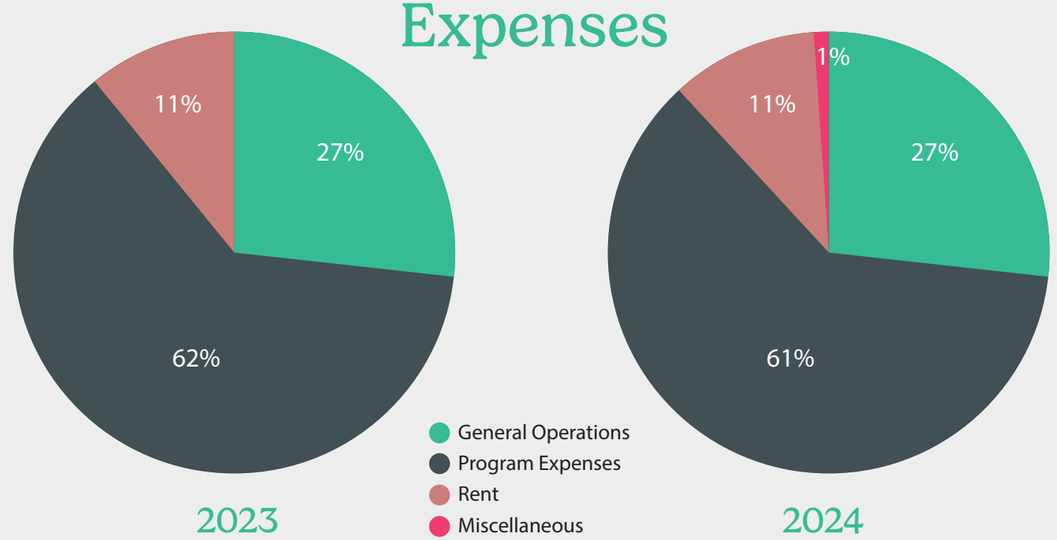
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as of December 31, 2024

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Total Fixed Assets	$2,588
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