

# Ballet Renaissance at the Detroit Opera House

**What keeps us strong in the midst of adversity? What enables us to endure through the hardest of times? What gives us hope in the midst of our greatest challenges?**

Ballet Renaissance has a long history of building bridges, sustaining hope and empowering young people through life's ups and downs. This fall is no exception.

One of our youngest students lost her father unexpectedly. One of our ballerinas is struggling with her mother's new breast cancer diagnosis and surgery. Two of our little ballerinas, recently forced to move with their mother and brother into a local homeless shelter, continue to attend classes regularly, working patiently and performing beautifully alongside their classmates.

**What keeps these children dancing? What does ballet bring to their lives?**

If they are like us, it provides an opportunity to focus on that which is bigger than our own human experience. It gives us the opportunity to channel our emotion and experience into something that transcends our own pain and struggle, and results in a beautiful artistic offering that inspires others and opens our hearts to a rush of gift and fulfillment. It teaches us discipline, focus, patience, endurance. It empowers us with grace, confidence and poise, and underscores the importance of mutual respect and cooperation. Are these not tools we all need as we move forward together through life's challenges?

**How can you help?** This December you have the opportunity to assist a child by supporting Ballet Renaissance. Your tax deductible gift provides costumes for children to perform. It supports theatre rental to give a child the exceptional experience of performing before family and friends in a full theatrical production. It provides tuition assistance for children experiencing particularly challenging financial hardship, who exhibit special talent and commitment to train with our program.

This holiday season, as we remember that which is most important: family, friends, endurance, hope ....please consider making a gift to a program that brings so much to so many, right here in the heart of our city?  
Happy Holidays from Ballet Renaissance.

Ms. Brianna Furnish & Mr. Radoslaw Kokoszka, Co-Directors

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Please direct my gift to go toward:

- Costume Costs**
- (\$75-100 per child per season)  
 (\$225-300 per child per year)
- Theater Rental**
- (\$4,500 per season)  
 (\$13,500 per year)
- Scholarship Assistance**
- (\$80-160 per child per month)  
 (\$320-880 per child per season)  
 (\$3520-9680 per child per year)
- Area of greatest need**

Thank you for your generous support