Our Mission

The mission of Saint Louis Ballet is to provide the metropolitan St. Louis region with a resident professional ballet company that performs classical and contemporary works of the highest quality for the cultural enrichment and enjoyment of the entire community.
Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present this report of Saint Louis Ballet’s programming and activities during the 2017-18 season. In many ways, the year just completed was a watershed in our company’s history, and I am very excited to share our accomplishments with you, our valued supporters.

As you review this report, I hope you will notice a number of exciting ‘firsts’ for Saint Louis Ballet. For the first time we produced a full-length ballet in the Fall at the Touhill Performing Arts Center. We hired our first Managing Director, an important step toward growth and stability. Two of our repertory concerts featured live music, something we have dreamed of doing for many years. Our dancers performed at the beautiful Grandel Theatre for the first time. And we presented original choreography by our very own company members – another first for Saint Louis Ballet!

Finally, I am happy to report an accomplishment that is thankfully not a first - we ended the season with a balanced budget! Each year this feat becomes more challenging as the philanthropic and economic landscapes shift around us. However, with the continued support of so many generous individuals, corporations, funding agencies and foundations, I feel encouraged and hopeful about this organization’s future.

On behalf of our staff, board of directors, volunteers and dancers, I express my deepest gratitude to you for the many ways you invest in our company, and for your ongoing commitment and devotion to the art form we all hold dear.

With sincere appreciation,

Gen Horiuchi
Executive and Artistic Director

APPOINTMENT OF MANAGING DIRECTOR

In late 2017 Valerie Miller joined the staff of Saint Louis Ballet as Managing Director. In creating this full time role, SLB leadership has made a clear commitment to the future of the ballet company. Ms. Miller comes to SLB with many years of experience in non-profit management, fundraising and program development. “It has been exciting to watch this beautiful ballet company blossom over the past 18 years. I look forward to working closely with the board, staff and our valued supporters to continue to nurture this cultural jewel in our community.”
THE YEAR IN REVIEW

30 DANCERS AND MUSICIANS
27 PERFORMANCES
18 INDIVIDUAL BALLETS
13 CHOREOGRAPHERS
5 MEET AND GREET THE ARTISTS
150 VOLUNTEERS
17,020 AUDIENCE MEMBERS

FOUR WORLD PREMIERES

Head Over Heels
Choreography by Gen Horiuchi
Music by Dr. Barbara Harbach

Moonlight & Sonatas
Choreography by Kevin Jenkins
Music by Beethoven and Chopin

Night Rise
Choreography by Lori Wilson
Music by John Adams

Regen
Choreography by Elliot Geolat
Music by Max Richter

THREE ST. LOUIS PREMIERES

Fasi d’Amore
Choreography by Nilas Martins
Music by Puccini, performed by vocalists Gina Galati and Scott Kennebunk and pianist Kimberly Werner

Fauré Fantasy
Choreography by Tom Gold
Music by Fauré

Reflections on the Water
Choreography by Michael Uthoff
Music by Debussy, performed onstage by pianist Daniel Schene

2017-2018 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
**Giselle**  
November 3-5, 2017  
The season opener marked a major expansion of our programming, bringing the number of full-length classical ballets produced annually to three.  
**Attendance:** 1900  
“Giselle was absolutely lovely. We are looking forward to next season!” - Audience Member

**GO! Good as Gold**  
November 19, 2017  
In Collaboration with the Jewish Book Festival  
SLB celebrated the work of choreographer Tom Gold, along with other contemporary artists, including Amy Seiwert and Christopher D’Amboise.  
**Attendance:** 200

**The Nutcracker**  
December 14 – 23, 2017  
The holiday family favorite wowed enthusiastic crowds with its interactive choreography, opulent sets and costumes and beautiful dancing.  
**Attendance:** 9,700  
“....thank you for your dedication to the art and to the community. We appreciate you. BRAVO!”  
-Audience Member

**Love Stories**  
February 10-11, 2018  
For the first time SLB dancers performed to live rather than recorded music. Vocalists Gina Galati and Scott Kennebeck, accompanied by pianist Kimberly Werner, performed Puccini’s *Love Songs*.  
Choreography by Nilas Martins.  
**Attendance:** 920

Performance Photos by Pratt Kreidich, Gerry Love (“Other View”), Carly Vanderheyden (“Put It Into Words”)
GO! at the Grandel  
March 2 & 3, 2018  
Our first time at the beautiful Grandel Theatre in Grand Center, this concert featured the work of two long-time company members, Elliot Geolat and Lori Wilson. Work was also featured by guest choreographers Michael Uthoff and Kevin Jenkins.  
Attendance: 400  
“The big shows are fantastic, but the intimacy of the smaller concerts is really incredible. Thank you!”

New Dance Horizons  
March 31, 2018  
Presented by Dance St Louis at the Grandel Theatre  
SLB dancers were thrilled to work with New York choreographer Greg Dolbashian as he created a new piece specifically for them, which incorporated humor and complex physicality in its exploration of relationships. SLB shared the program with MADCO and Big Muddy, who also performed commissioned works by nationally known guest choreographers.  
Attendance: 500

Cinderella  
April 13-15, 2018  
With its majestic score, lavish costumes and impressive sets, Cinderella drew families and children to the theatre for the final, triumphant production of the season.  
Attendance: 3,400  
“Cinderella was fantastic.......I wish you could see the joy on the faces of my grandchildren.”  
-Audience Member
In 2017-18 Saint Louis Ballet’s outreach program *Pointe to Succeed* was in residence at St. Louis Catholic Academy, an archdiocesan school that embraces the arts as essential to a complete education. SLB Education Director CiCi Houston conducted the multi-phase program, which consists of storytelling, interactive seminars, ballet appreciation and talent development. We served 60 students, providing a holistic, engaging and thorough introduction to ballet for these young people. Our two-year old program now includes four students studying on scholarship at Saint Louis Ballet school, and embraces a goal of serving many more young people in the coming years. *Special thanks to our lead sponsor Heartland Coca-Cola.*

**IN THE COMMUNITY**

“It is a great gift to have such a beautiful company that is so invested in the community.” ~ Audience Member

Saint Louis Ballet’s cast members of *The Nutcracker* made the rounds at *St. Louis Children’s Hospital.*

Dancers were happy to take a moment away from rehearsals to give back and brighten the day of the children.

**THE CINDERELLA BALL**

Over 300 people came together with a common purpose - to support our city’s only professional ballet company. A major fundraising success, the *Cinderella Ball* netted $130,000 for Saint Louis Ballet! This represents more than twice the amount the Gala has historically generated, and we owe this success to our hardworking co-chairs, Jennifer Cunnane, Sharon Leve and Patricia Whiteside, led by the tireless advocate for Saint Louis Ballet, Laurie Lock. We also owe a debt of gratitude to all of our incredibly generous donors, volunteers and supporters.

**Special Thanks:**

*To our Gala Presenting Sponsors:* Centene Charitable Foundation, Cheree Berry Paper, Emerson, Heartland Coca-Cola, Neiman Marcus, Novus International, Palm Health and PLNK STL

*To our Gala table sponsors:* Rebecca & Jeff Cook, Michelle & Michael Curtis, Mark Eggert & Julie Tang, Francois & Francoise Fraudeau, David & Sarah Glasser, Virgil & Joan Hill, Peter & Theresa Karutz, David Morris & Joey Neal, Jim & Amy Schwetz, Tom & Carol Voss, Leo & Patricia Whiteside

SAINT LOUIS BALLET

Statement of Activities
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

REVENUES AND SUPPORT

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Change in Net Assets 6,339

Net Assets, Beginning of Year 24,001

Net Assets, End of Year 30,340

2017-2018 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 2017-18 we welcomed three new members to our Board of Directors. Carol Voss, Tom Voss and Susan Bindler bring a wealth of experience, insight and wisdom to our organization.

Cathie Hernandez, President
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Inez Ross
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William and Karen Matteuzzi
Trina McMahan
Jill and Nancy Myers
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Jennifer Schneider

Listing as of:
July 1, 2017 through August 15, 2018
We apologize for any errors or omissions.