



## Company Sponsorship 2024-2025

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

Ivey Kate Brand

Sara Grisham

Lyra Kate Lentz

Caroline Buse

Maddox Harris

Maynor Malone

Ella Grace Ramels

## Corps de Ballet

Lydia Averett

Hannah Christian

Kahlan James

## Apprentices

Abigail Davis

Aria Hall

Yancey Harbour

Wesley Russell

Cori Smith

## Civic Ballet Trainee

Vivian Creel

Brooke Donaldson

Zoey Herndon

Emma Claire Davis

Sally Foxworthy

Lucy Lentz

## Civic Ballet 2<sup>nd</sup> Company

Maeda Arnold

Draya Jones

Emma Riley

Addyson Tackett

Sara Beth Bryant

Sara Evelyn McCord

Maddie Steele

Sam Thompson

Harper Young

Chloe Foxworthy

Lily Miller

Avery Stevens

Maggie Yielding

## Meet Thom Yzaguírre...

### **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 dancer with Nevada Ballet Theatre and Nashville Ballet. He worked with directors including Loyce Houlton, Vassili Sulich, and Janek Schergen and danced masterworks by Antony Tudor, George Balanchine, Lynne Taylor-Corbett, Graham Lusting, Paul Vasterling, and Choo San-Goh.

Mr. Yzaguírre currently splits his time between Tupelo and Nashville, TN. In addition to his Artistic Leadership of Civic Ballet and Master Instruction at North Mississippi Dance Centre he has been a guest teacher for the Academy of Nevada Dance Theatre, Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts and at the Tennessee Association of Dance (TAD) Tennessee Dance Festival. Thom is an intensive instructor each summer at Sierra Madre Dance Center in California, and he performs as a guest artist as Herr Drosselmeyer in their annual "Nutcracker" ballet. 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 9-level program that embraces sound ballet principles and incorporates elements of the French, Italian, and Russian schools of training.

### Meet the Civic Ballet Board of Directors & Community Liaisons

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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 regional arts outreach and community involvement. For example, we host an annual fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital centered around our winter ballet, *The Snow Queen*. This event's cumulative total in direct donations to St. Jude is over \$135,000.00.

We also support other arts and civic organizations including Tupelo Community Theatre, Junior Auxiliary, the Gum Tree Museum of Art, Fortnightly Musicale, Sanctuary Hospice House's *Celebration Village*, Link Centre, and the Tupelo Arts Council.

**We need YOUR help to keep  
our organization thriving...**

***and no gift is too large or  
too small!***





# 2024-2025 CIVIC BALLET COMPANY 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 [civiballet.ms@gmail.com](mailto:civiballet.ms@gmail.com)*

**Contact Person/Title if a Business Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Mailing Address (required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email (required):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*Civic Ballet, Inc. is a 501c3 and registered as a Mississippi Charitable organization. Remember to deduct the value of any sponsor tickets used by family or friends for your tax reporting purposes.

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