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First Pirouette

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NATIONAL BALLET THEATRE OF ATLANTA



◆ WELCOME TO NBTOA ◆

◆ A NOTE FROM OUR ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

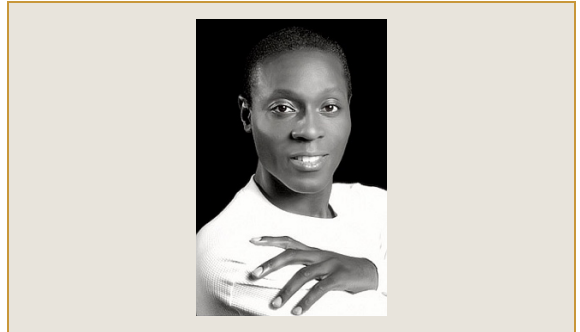
Something extraordinary is taking shape right here in Gwinnett County. The **National Ballet Theatre of Atlanta** believes world-class ballet belongs to everyone — not just those who can travel to a big-city venue or afford premium tickets.

By planting our roots here, we are bringing professional dance to your schools, parks, performing arts centers, and families.

Our official debut season launches in **2028**. The time to be part of history is right now.

— **Willie Anderson**

Artistic Director, NBTOA



◆ WHO WE ARE ◆

Professional Artists

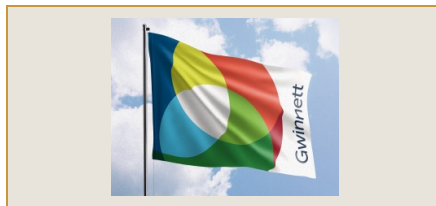
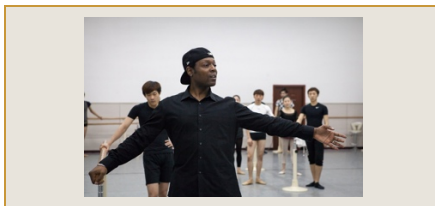
Classically trained dancers with credentials from leading conservatories and companies worldwide.

Rooted in Gwinnett

We live, work, and teach here. Our artists are your neighbors, your children's teachers, and your fellow residents.

For Everyone

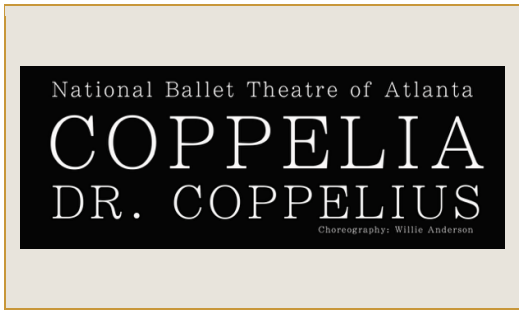
From free community performances to full scholarship youth programs, we remove every barrier between you and ballet.



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◆ OUR DEBUT: THE 2028 INAUGURAL SEASON ◆



The curtain rises in **2028**. Our inaugural season brings classical ballet to thousands of Gwinnett residents for the first time — from a breathtaking new rendition of *Coppélia* to an electrifying contemporary showcase featuring emerging local choreographers.

Our **Student Series** will bring thousands of Gwinnett County Public School students to their very first live ballet performance.

“Watching a child’s face light up when the curtain rises — that is why we do this.”

— Tia Anderson

◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR — 2028 EVENTS ◆

Spring 2028	Inaugural Spring Showcase	Location TBA
Spring 2028	Student Matinee Series	Location TBA
Summer 2028	Summer Intensive Begins	Location TBA
Summer 2028	Midsummer Benefit Gala	Location TBA
Summer 2028	Community Open Class	Location TBA

Many events are free or pay-what-you-can. Locations TBA. Visit www.nbtoa.org for details.

◆ SUPPORT THE DREAM ◆

Make a Donation

- Artist salaries & rehearsal costs
- Youth scholarship programs
- Free community performances
- Costumes, sets & production

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Become a Sponsor

- Brand visibility at all productions
- Exclusive gala tickets & VIP access
- Recognition in programs & press
- Community goodwill & partnership

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MORE WAYS TO JOIN THE BALLET FAMILY

Attend a Show

Fill those seats in 2028 — every ticket supports the arts in Gwinnett.

Volunteer

Usher, assist at events, or help in the community. Email artisticdir@nbtoa.org.

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