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At the heart of everything we do at Miami City Ballet, is our central belief in the ballet's power to uplift, unite, enchant, and transform. The ability to transform lives is our raison d'être at the Miami City Ballet School.

Each year, thousands of students receive high-quality dance instruction at Miami City Ballet School – from children to adult beginners, to our elite Pre-Professionals. The school has become a leading training academy, preparing students from diverse backgrounds to be versatile dancers. This ballet training helps them develop lifelong skills they will use in their everyday lives, such as focus, self-discipline, and delayed gratification, which are great predictors of success, both inside and outside the studio.

When Lourdes Lopez assumed the artistic directorship of Miami City Ballet in 2012, less than one-third of the dancers had trained in our School, and fewer still were being hired outside of Miami. We had to search everywhere for talent, but now the school attracts dancers from all over the world – including Argentina, Brazil, Italy, Mexico, Paraguay, and Uruguay, and we have also had students from Poland and Australia.

These students are eager to receive the high-quality dance training that MCB School offers, and many of them sacrifice so much to get here. The Summer Intensive Program, a five-week training program, also caters to students who have a serious passion for dance and a desire to become professional dancers.

THE NEED

International students who train at MCB School, but have no family in South Florida, find it extremely challenging to secure accommodation while they are here. Additionally, there are some need-based students that require subsidized housing to train with us. Although our school is the first choice for many, MCB often loses students to our national peer dance companies who can offer a better package that includes dormitory housing.

The operating costs of the school are covered in part by Miami City Ballet's annual operating budget. Did you know that tuition covers just a portion of dance education at Miami City Ballet School, and doesn't even begin to cover the expenses of offerings outside of the studio? That is why investments at any level in the school will set the course for the academy's future success. The generosity of our donors helps to provide more scholarships for promising young local and international dancers, as well as ensures our preprofessional students have the support they need with medical care, food, and transportation. Access to better housing is also key as we strive to get our students ready for their careers in the world of dance.





MCB School has long recognized the urgent need for a dorm to provide these talented students with a home away from home. Creating a safe and supportive environment that will bring out their best as they strive for artistic excellence, is of the utmost importance to the school.

Having just celebrated its 30th birthday, MCB School is delighted to announce that our dream has finally become a reality. We will be breaking ground on a new dorm in 2023. What an incredible milestone for the school.

- The dorm will be located in the Collins Park neighborhood on 22nd and 23rd Street, Miami Beach.
- MCB School students will reside in a 30-bed dormitory on the second floor, with the option for double occupancy during the Summer Intensive Program.
- A Residential Director and Residential Assistant will be hired to manage the dormitory and will live onsite to ensure their safety and overall well-being of the students.
- Costs per calendar year:

\$600,000 Rent and Utilities

\$150,000 Salaries and wages

YOUR INVITATION

This project will truly be transformative for the school as it will be able to offer merit tuition, housing, as well as some stipends and travel expenses to attract talented youth, promote gender diversity, and foster tomorrow's most promising dancers.

The future looks bright, and we are excited about the next 30 years for MCB School. There are naming opportunities available to recognize transformative investments in creating this safe home away from home for generations of MCB School students. All gifts are appreciated and will be prominently recognized in the new facility. Please join us and become a part of our first new dormitory story and success.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dena Liston, Director of Development, at 305-929-7000, Ext 1400 or by email at Dena.Liston@miamicityballet.org.

You are helping MCB School to make history, and we thank you in advance for your kind and generous support.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DIRECTOR'S SUITE - \$500,000

KITCHEN/LOUNGE - \$500,000 SOLD

RESIDENT ADVISOR'S SUITE - \$300,000

STUDENT ROOMS -

Three (3) 6-bed suites - \$150,000 per suite Three (3) 4-bed suites - \$100,000 per suite



SITE MAP



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