



**"Dance is more than an art form-
it is a powerful tool for personal
growth and empowerment."**

**-Noel Pipkin
Barre Belle Founder**





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STATE OF THE ARTS

92%

of Americans agree every student should have access to arts education.

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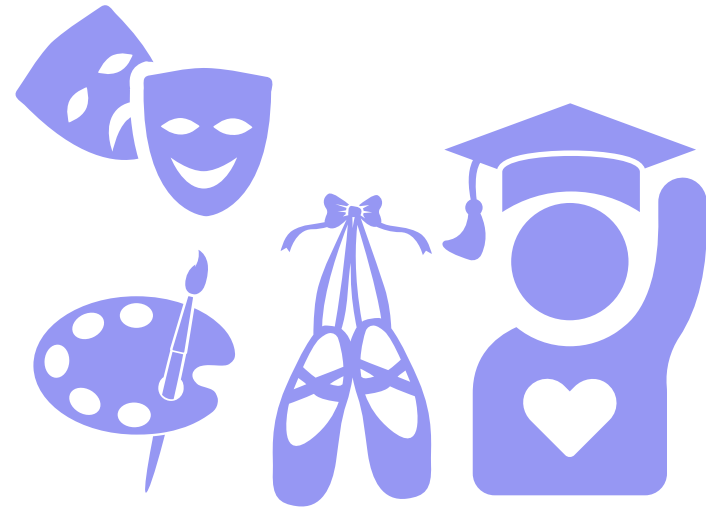
51%

of Americans believe everyone in their community has equal access to the arts.

Source: Americans Speak Out About the Arts, a national public opinion survey

Research from the Arts Education Data Project reveals there is a disproportionate number of students without access to music and arts education who are:

- concentrated in public schools in major urban or very rural communities.
- in public schools that have the highest percentage of students eligible for free or reduced price meals.
- in public schools with a student population that is majority Black, Hispanic, or Native American.



Low-income students with access to cultural resources score higher in English and Math. Low-income students with a high level of arts experience in school are more likely to attend college, vote, and volunteer in their community.

Source: The Social Wellbeing of New York City's Neighborhoods: The Contribution of Culture and the Arts, 2017

THE ARTS FOR ALL

Barre Belle is dedicated to making arts education accessible for every child, especially those in under-resourced communities. Through our innovative mobile model and strong community partnerships, we bring high-quality ballet and yoga instruction directly to where students are—removing the barriers of cost, attire, and transportation.

Our inclusive and culturally-rich programs spark creativity, build confidence, and create safe spaces where every child feels seen, supported, and inspired to move. In a world where access to the arts is too often limited by zip code or income, Barre Belle shines as a joyful force for equity, expression, and opportunity.





It's a great day for **BALLET!**



WE ARE BARRE BELLE

OUR MISSION

Barre Belle's mission is to provide free, high-quality ballet and yoga instruction to youth in under-resourced communities—empowering every child to move, express, and thrive through the transformative power of the arts.

OUR VISION

Our vision is a world where every child, regardless of background or circumstance, could experience the life-changing power of dance, unlocking their confidence, creativity, and limitless potential.

WHY DANCE & YOGA?

Creating safe spaces where students can learn how to manage stress, work well with others, and express their creativity to build their confidence allows them to thrive at home and academically.



OUR PILLARS

Confidence

Creative Expression

Mindfulness

Wellness

OUR PROGRAMS

ABC AFTERSCHOOL BALLET & CREATIVE MOVEMENT

Designed to inspire and uplift young dancers, ABC is a tuition-free ballet and creative movement class series offered during the school year. Students receive ballet attire and shoes, participate in an end-of-season performance showcase, and enjoy an exciting field trip to experience a live pre-professional dance performance— all at no cost to families.

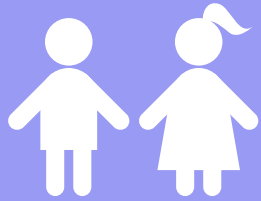
DANCE EXPOSURE

The Dance Exposure program is a vibrant summer workshop series held at community partner sites, introducing youth to the fundamentals of ballet and creative movement. Rooted in culturally relevant themes and curriculum, this program celebrates self-expression, builds confidence, and brings the joy of dance to life in the heart of the community.

DANCE EXPOSURE RX

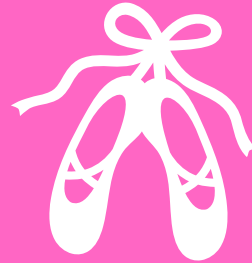
Dance Exposure RX is a dynamic summer experience that blends themed creative movement classes with enriching workshops in dance, art, and healthy cooking for youth. While students explore movement and creativity, parents and caregivers are invited to participate in simultaneous workshops focused on financial literacy and healthy cooking. This holistic program nurtures the whole family—supporting wellness, self-expression, and lifelong learning, all in one inspiring space.

OUR IMPACT



1054

**STUDENTS
SERVED**



1566+

**TUITION-FREE
CLASSES TAUGHT**



17

**PAID
INTERNS**



2349+

**HOURS OF
INSTRUCTION**



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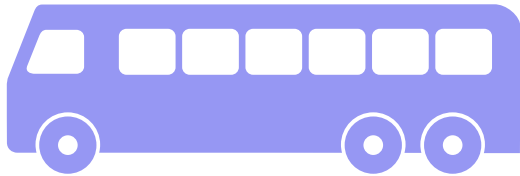
**COMMUNITY
PARTNERS**



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**ZIP CODES
SERVED**

OUR APPROACH



MOBILE

We bring the studio to our students, eliminating transportation barriers.



TUITION-FREE

Our tuition-free model for participants ensures families can access the arts regardless of resources.



PREMIUM PARTNERSHIPS

We align with community partners who share our passion for underserved communities.



HIGH-QUALITY TRAINING

We offer high-quality dance instruction led by passionate instructor interns from the UNC

Charlotte Dance Department who bring fresh energy and the latest teaching methods to every class. Their training in current dance pedagogy ensures our students receive engaging, effective, and inspiring learning experiences.



WELLNESS FOCUS

We deliver age-appropriate yoga programs and infuse mindfulness, discipline, and positive thinking into our dance programs as well.



ALL-INCLUSIVE

We cover the cost of dance attire, ballet shoes, and pre-performance field trips.

OUR FOUNDER

MEET NOEL PIPKIN

From the very first plié at the Abington Arts Center and Cheltenham Center for the Arts in Pennsylvania, Noel Pipkin fell in love with the language of movement. Her passion blossomed as she trained in the Vaganova technique under the graceful guidance of Mary Geiger at Geiger Ballet Studio in Michigan. There, she became a vibrant member of the Michigan Classic Ballet Company, dancing her heart out in timeless productions like *Coppélia*, *The Nutcracker*, and *Giselle*. Her talent led her to the stage of the Detroit Opera House, where she performed in American Ballet Theatre's *Le Corsaire*—a dream moment for any young dancer.



Noel's classical training continued with the Cecchetti method at The Mt. Zion School of Dance under Carmen D. Wade, where she shined as a featured soloist—gracing roles such as Clara and the Snow Queen with elegance and emotion. She earned a scholarship to Eisenhower Dance Detroit, deepening her artistry and technique.

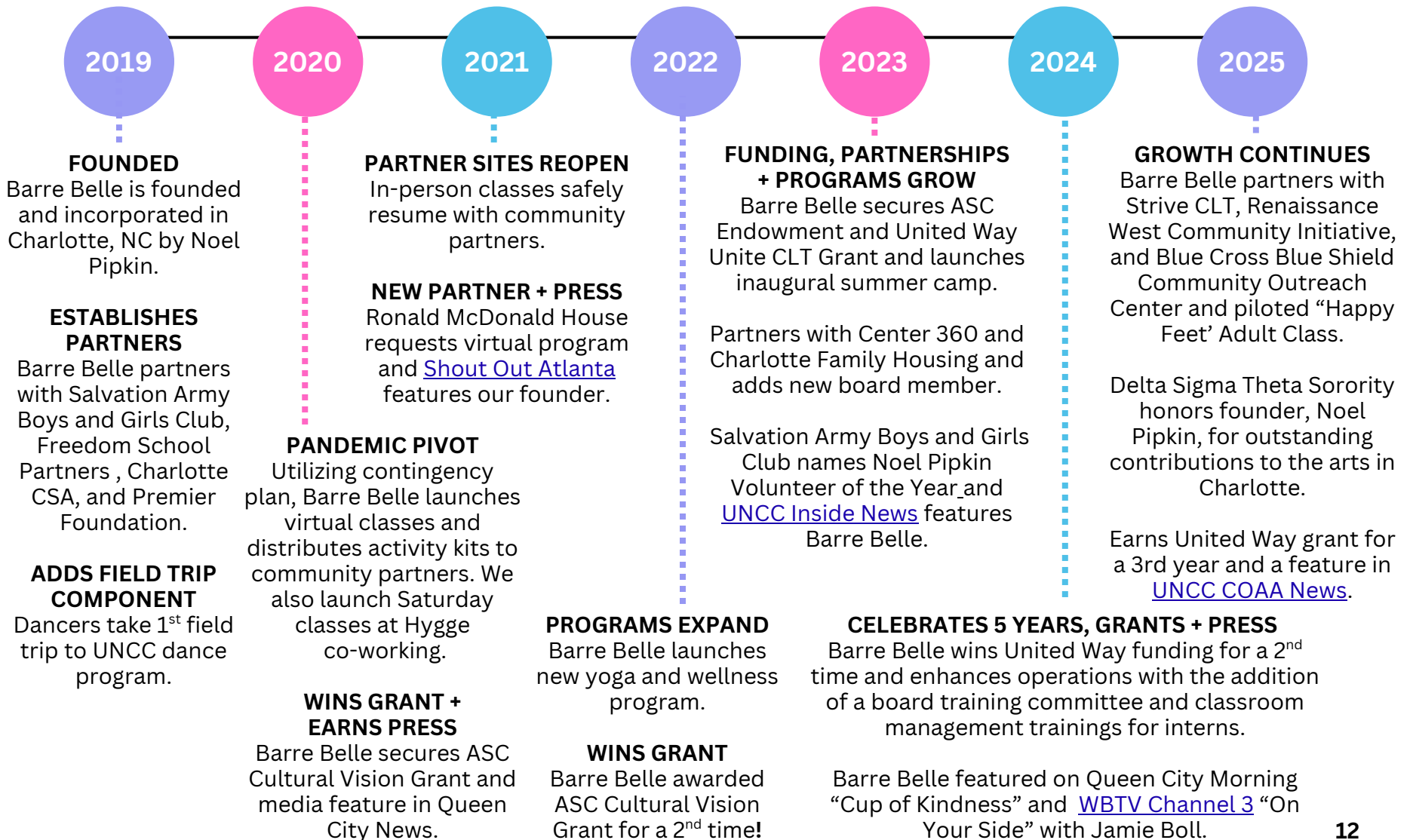
Her dedication to dance carried her to pre-professional summer intensives at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, and Atlanta Ballet. A proud competitor in the Youth America Grand Prix, Noel earned high honors and was invited to master classes in New York—an experience that expanded her worldview and refined her craft.

Noel holds a Bachelor of Arts in French with a Dance minor from Bowling Green State University, where she also shared her gifts as a guest ballet instructor at The Beat Dance Studio. She's been a passionate educator through Barre Belle, using dance to uplift students and spark conversations about self-worth and mental health.

While her pointe shoes carry stories of artistic devotion, Noel's brilliance extends beyond the barre. She holds a Master of Business Administration in Marketing from Saint Joseph's University and brings her strategic acumen to her role as a Sales Development Manager at BASF Corporation. In every space she enters—whether the boardroom or the ballet studio—Noel leads with heart, grace, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

With Barre Belle, Noel continues to live out her mission: to inspire, to empower, and to share the transformative joy of dance with every child who dreams of leaping beyond limitations.

OUR GROWTH





A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARTNER

“We engaged with Barre Belle pre-covid. During Covid, Miss Noel did virtual classes for us. Since then, we offer classes in the fall and spring semester.

We limit the class size to a manageable number and students love the classes! We have boys and girls that take classes. It introduces the arts, a sense of belonging, and helps with their mental health and physical fitness.”

T. Lewis
Branch Manager
Boys and Girls Club,
Milton Road



DANCER TESTIMONIALS

"I learned how to do ballet and how to teach my mom ballet. I also taught my dad."

-Malaysia

"Thanks for taking us to the performance. I love Barre Belle."

-Antionette

"I love ballet because it is the only time I get to dance like I like to. Ballet day is the day we can have fun. When I listen to the music, it makes me want to dance to the beat."

When I dance in front of an audience, I feel nervous. But I don't let nerves take control of me. All I do is get it done. Then I'm proud of myself- really proud. Dancing makes me happy- really happy."

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-Blake



LOVE FROM OUR INTERNS

"The experience has been incredibly rewarding, allowing me to grow both personally and professionally while working with Barre Belle. I can't wait to continue working with this nonprofit that introduces ballet and yoga to underserved students in Charlotte."



Joshua Hayes, UNCC Intern

WAYS TO SUPPORT



VOLUNTEER

Donate the gift of time or talent to Barre Belle. From grant writing and fundraising to marketing and public relations support, there are a number of ways to further our mission of art accessibility for all.



DONATE

Make a monetary contribution to Barre Belle as often as weekly, monthly, or annually. Your donations directly support our mission and programs.

Online Donations Accepted via
www.barrebelleballet.org



SPONSOR

Cover the cost of program delivery for all dancers or one dancer enrolled in a single program.

Cover the cost of an intern to provide instruction or social media support.

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