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Barre Belle is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization designed to expose and provide universal access to the art of dance by way of local community centers and schools.

Barre Belle is a portable dance studio for elementary students to introduce ballet fundamentals. Classes are geared towards those with little to no previous ballet or dance training. Students will have an opportunity to learn, perform and attend a professional dance performance to reinforce what is learned during their session.

Our aim is for students to achieve an increased level of self-awareness, self-esteem and encourage movement through the art of dance whether it is ballet or any other form.

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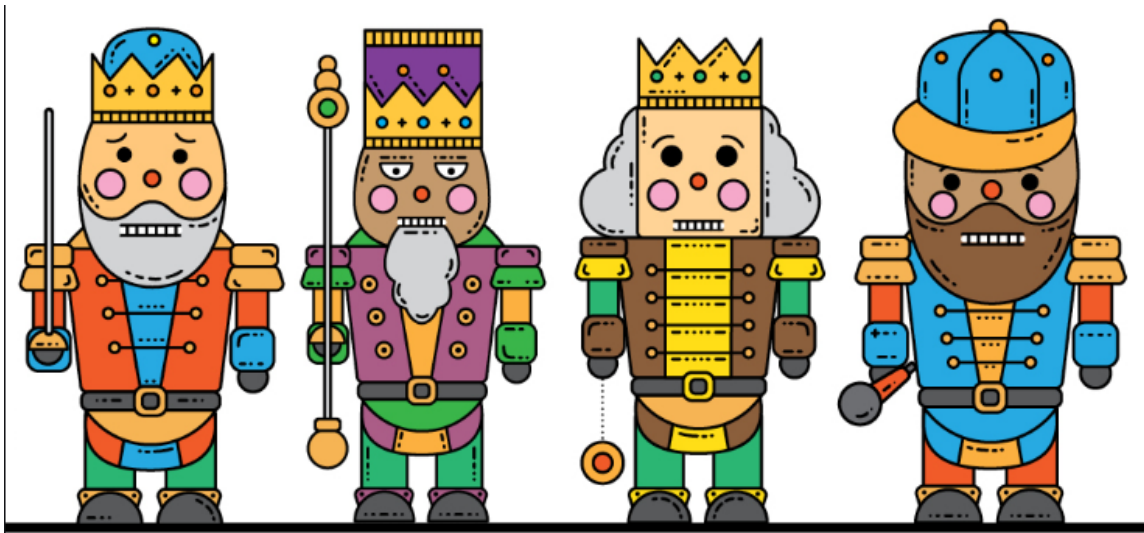
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Happy Holidays!



The inaugural year of Barre Belle has been active and exciting. As 2019 comes to an end, I am pleased to share how your support contributed to the success of Barre Belle Ballet.

Because of you, Barre Belle:

- Partnered with 3 community organizations to host classes and workshops; **Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, Freedom School Partners and Charlotte Community Services Association.**
- Introduced over **100 students** to ballet through classes and workshops. This number reflects total participants at all workshops and regularly scheduled classes.
- Provided **ballet slippers** to participants; students were fitted for slippers to use for workshops and classes.
- Sponsored a **field trip** to a dance performance at University of North Carolina at Charlotte Fall Works dance concert.
- Gifted ballet tights and leotards for students with limited resources to use for weekly ballet classes.
- Shared in the **laughter** and **smiles** of participants as they explored a new activity.

Without you, we would never have achieved so much. Thank you for your giving. We wish you and your loved ones a safe and joyous holiday season!

Juanita Pipkin

Meet the Founder

Noel Pipkin

Noel Pipkin was introduced to dance at the Abington Arts Center and Cheltenham Center for the Arts in Pennsylvania. As her interest in the art grew, she began studying the **Vaganova** technique under Mary Geiger at Geiger Ballet Studio (MI). While training at Geiger Ballet she became a member of the Michigan Classic Ballet Company and performed in noted works such as Coppelia, The Nutcracker and Giselle. During that time, she auditioned and performed in **the American Ballet Theatre's** Le Corsaire at the Detroit Opera House (MI). Noel later studied the Cecchetti technique at **The Mt. Zion School of Dance** (MI) under Carmen D. Wade. Noel was a featured soloist and performed several roles in the Nutcracker including both Clara and Snow Queen. Shortly after, Noel was awarded a scholarship at Eisenhower Dance Detroit.

Her additional training came from pre-professional summer intensives at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, **Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre** and the **Atlanta Ballet**. She has competed in the **Youth American Grand Prix**, a juried competition for young dancers receiving high honors and an invitation to attend master classes in New York.

Noel received a minor in Dance from **Bowling Green State University** (OH) and was a guest ballet instructor at The Beat dance studio during her time at school. She most recently taught at the Premier Foundation's Movement and Motivation , a program to educate students on self esteem and mental health awareness through the arts.



Upcoming Events & Announcements



Special Thank You to Rose Wuertz

Barre Belle would like to thank **Rose Wuertz** for all her assistance this fall! Rose, a graduating senior at **University of North Carolina at Charlotte** volunteered her time with our students at the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club on Wednesday evenings. Rose helped to build our **curriculum**, taught class and **choreographed** for our Winter Showcase. We are so grateful for her commitment and dedication in our infancy. Wishing her **best wishes** in her future endeavors!

Freedom School Partners

Our first official partnership was with **Freedom School Partners** during the summer, an organization committed to preventing summer learning loss. Barre Belle volunteers organized classes for over 50 level one students at two of the 18 locations around Charlotte. To learn more about Freedom School Partners, visit freedom-school-partners.org!

Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club

We've thoroughly enjoyed the fall semester at the **Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club** and look forward to continuing this partnership in the spring. In our first semester we registered 12 students that attended class weekly and learned **ballet fundamentals** at the barre while performing **Waltz of the Flowers** from **The Nutcracker**. This group was able to attend a pre-professional performance at University of North Carolina at Charlotte for further exposure in the local dance community. To learn more about the Boys and Girls club visit salvationarmycarolinas.org/bgccharlotte/.



Charlotte Community Services Association

Our most recent partnership is with the **Charlotte Community Services Association**. This program shares a similar mission, to expose students to fine arts including **chorus, brass, strings and dance**. Barre Belle is leading the dance portion of this program and is looking forward to our weekly sessions! To learn more about the Charlotte CSA visit charlottecsa.org.

Barre Belle & Brews Fundraising Event

Stay tuned for our upcoming fundraiser at **Birdsong Brewing Co**. Come support Barre Belle while enjoying **local beer, cider and wine**! Tickets will include two pours, complimentary glass and **raffle** entry! All proceeds will go directly to Barre Belle and our students. More information to come!

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