

# BALLET ARIZONA

IB ANDERSEN ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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## Ballet Arizona Broke Ground on New Home: October 9, 2012 at 9am



(Phoenix, Ariz.) - Ballet Arizona “broke ground” on their new building on Tuesday, October 9 at 9am at 2835 East Washington Street, Phoenix.. Company dancers, staff and Ballet Arizona’s strongest supporters stood by while listening to triumphant words spoken by: Kenneth Van Winkle, Jr., Chair of Board of Directors of Ballet Arizona; Alison Johnston, Executive Director; Ib Andersen, Artistic Director; Jacquie Dorrance, co-chair of The Next Step Campaign; Dr. Dwight D. Walth, D.M.A., Director of Grants Services and Community Initiatives for Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture; James Brignall, President of Brignall Construction; and Thomas Durkin, AIA, Principal

Architect of durkin + durkin architects, llc. The new facilities for Ballet Arizona will include upgraded, spacious rehearsal studios, additional studios and classes for more students and expanded curriculum for the School of Ballet Arizona, and a Black Box Theater with a capacity of 299 people for community lectures and demonstrations, new choreography workshops, and open house events. “It’s been quite a ride, and we are more than ready to take the next step. This building will mean more support, more exposure, more of everything. That we can actually stand here is a bit of a miracle to me.” – Ib Andersen

\*Photos available upon request\*

About Ballet Arizona:

**Ballet Arizona**, in its 33rd season, is dedicated to preserving and celebrating classical dance while creating new and innovative works. Under the artistic direction of internationally acclaimed choreographer Ib Andersen—a former Principal Dancer with The New York City Ballet and The Royal Danish Ballet—Ballet Arizona follows his lead to the future of dance in Arizona. The School of Ballet Arizona, under the direction of Carlos Valcárcel, promotes access to the art form of ballet through dance education, with a focus on excellence in the form, directing each student to a life-long love of dance. Following this vision, Ballet Arizona connects to more than 25,000 children and families every year through its free and low cost outreach programs.

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