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Ballet Arizona Welcomes New Board Member

Steven Douglass Joins the Board with Nearly Two Decades of Nonprofit and Banking Experience.

PHOENIX – <u>Ballet Arizona</u> is honored to welcome its newest board member, Steven Douglass, to the Ballet Arizona family. Douglass has 19 years of banking experience and currently serves as vice president and private banking relationship manager at the <u>National Bank of Arizona®</u>.

As a board member, Douglass will utilize his corporate and financial experience to help Ballet Arizona advance its mission of preserving and celebrating classical dance, creating and commissioning innovative new works and serving the people of Arizona through education and community engagement programming. The board currently consists of 25 members with four directors, all dedicated to fostering the arts in Arizona.

"I joined Ballet Arizona because I'm fascinated by the extraordinary human performances and drawn to the artistic, graceful and fluid body movements and expressions performed at the ballet," said Douglass. "I am excited to work with an organization dedicated to expanding the arts here in the Valley."

Douglass is an active member of the Emerging Business Group of Phoenix and a past member of the Arizona Town Hall Leadership Forum and Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce. He has a passion for aiding nonprofit organizations across Arizona.

"We are exceedingly grateful for the board members who go above and beyond to extend their skillsets to Ballet Arizona," said Samantha Turner, Ballet Arizona executive director. "Steven is a valuable addition to our board and we are excited to see the future goals he accomplishes."

Douglass earned his Bachelor of Science in Advertising from NAU, and later earned his Masters of Business Administration from University of Phoenix. Additionally, he holds series seven and 66 security licenses through LPL Financial along with being licensed as a mortgage loan officer.

For more information on upcoming performances and how to support Ballet Arizona, please visit balletaz.org.

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Ballet Arizona 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 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 35,000 children and families every year through its free and low-cost outreach programs. For more information, visit balletaz.org.

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