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“When I have a room
full of dancers...”



Utah Metropolitan Ballet's Founder and Artistic Director Jacqueline Colledge shares the touching and personal journey which led her to create this beautiful company!

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...I have every possibility.”

- Jacqueline P. Colledge

UMB FOUNDER & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR





Announcing our 2022-2023 Season
A Season of Favorites

LEGEND OF TIMPANOGOS

**October 6-8 - An Original
Signature Favorite**

NUTCRACKER

**December 10-21 - A Holiday
Favorite**

PETER PAN

**March 2-4 - A Family
Favorite**

TRIBUTE

**April 7-8 - Honoring
Favorites**

More information on season
ticket benefits and availability
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2022 -23 SEASON SUBSCRIPTION

THE BEST SEATS, PRICES, AND PERKS

ALL THE PERKS

Priority Seating: Choose the best seats before single tickets go on sale to the public.

Save: Your season subscription saves you 20% over single ticket prices

Free Exchanges: Exchange tickets to a future 2022-23 season performance (with 48 hours' notice)

Additional Nutcracker Tickets: Purchase additional tickets for Nutcracker before they go on sale to the public.

Exclusive Give-away: Entrance into the "Sweetest Seats in the House" giveaway

Optional Add-on Event: Kick off your holiday with Utah Metropolitan Ballet when you add-on a ticket to Clara's Nutcracker Tea Party (special pricing exclusively for season subscription members)



**SEASON
SUBSCRIPTION
ON SALE JULY 13!**

Congratulations Sylvie Squires!

Sylvie Squires became an Ambassador for Youth America Grand Prix and moved to New York City in February to dance with JKO American Ballet Theater School. Sylvie is the newest member of the American Ballet Theater's Studio Company for the 2022-2023 season! We are so excited to see what's next for her!



Youth America Grand Prix Highlight

Congratulations to Jacqueline's School of Ballet, the official school of Utah Metropolitan Ballet, on their amazing accomplishments at this year's Youth America Grand Prix competition! The dancers were recently invited to the final round of the prestigious ballet competition in Tampa where their ensemble, "Appearance of Light" choreographed by Heather Gray, placed in the Top 12.





Hallie Jo Johnson was offered a position in the trainee program at Kansas City Ballet, as well as scholarships to the Orlando Ballet School and Patel Conservatory.

Lily Stephenson was awarded scholarships to Kansas City Ballet School and the Patel Conservatory.

Hannah Vernon was awarded scholarships to Sarasota Ballet and the Patel Conservatory.

Hallie Jo, Lily, and Hannah will be joining Utah Metropolitan Ballet's professional company for our 2022-2023 season.

In addition, we want to highlight the JSB Graduating Seniors: Courtney Feilbach, Catherine Debry, Alayna Kirkham, Grace Miller, Lily Stephenson, Sylvie Squires, and Hannah Vernon.

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Summer Intensive

2022

Classical and Contemporary Workshop

June 6-17

JSB 5 week Summer Intensive

June 20th-July 1st and July 11th-29th

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THAT'S A WRAP - LOOKING BACK AT A STELLAR SEASON

TRIBUTE



"I absolutely loved that Utah Metropolitan Ballet honored amazing people in our community with the beautiful choreography and dancing that was presented. Just as each honoree was unique in what they have contributed to the world and who they are, each piece that UMB presented was powerfully unique and beautiful! We were completely entertained from start to finish! Thank you for putting this incredible night together!" - Benjamin J.

"I went to Tribute last night and was blown away by the beauty, power, and creativity of this company! In one performance, they took out all of the side and back curtains so it had a really raw look to it. The music was incredible and played live by four members of their orchestra who were onstage toward the back. I thought that was a really powerful effect. The couple that danced were so connected and had so much control and portrayed this intense mysterious emotion. I just love everything about this night." - Danna

NUTCRACKER



“This was a fabulous gift to our family. My son connected to the music and performance. We lucked out sitting in the front where he could watch the smoke and try to touch it. He was fascinated by the snow. And when connected to the music he was jumping up and down completely engaged. My daughter wanted to dance with the dancers on stage. Afterward our children loved seeing the dancers up close. It was such a great experience and a fabulous family memory. Both our kids talked about it all the way home. “ - Kathryn

“The night at the nutcracker has become one of our favorite holiday traditions through the years with our kids. Being able to enjoy this performance together, especially during the chaos of the holidays means more to us than you guys could possibly comprehend. We have nutcrackers for each year that we let the kids pick out, and it wouldn't be Christmas anymore without the amazing night you give us every season. Thank you so so very much.” -Barbara Mauss

“I have seen several professional versions of the Nutcracker and this one is the best I have ever seen! This production was energetic and fresh. It had numerous humorous touches. The costumes were absolutely stunning and the dancers superb. It was so well choreographed by Jacqueline Colledge. She, too, is world-class.” -Royal Skousen

COPPÉLIA



“Beautiful performance! Captivating storytelling and talent. Entertaining for all ages. The dancers were spectacular and the orchestra was amazing!”
- Amanda Lemmon

“It was beautiful - the dancing, the costumes, the music! The scenery was just lovely! I felt like a little girl seeing it for the first time with my Mom and Dad!” - Karen L.

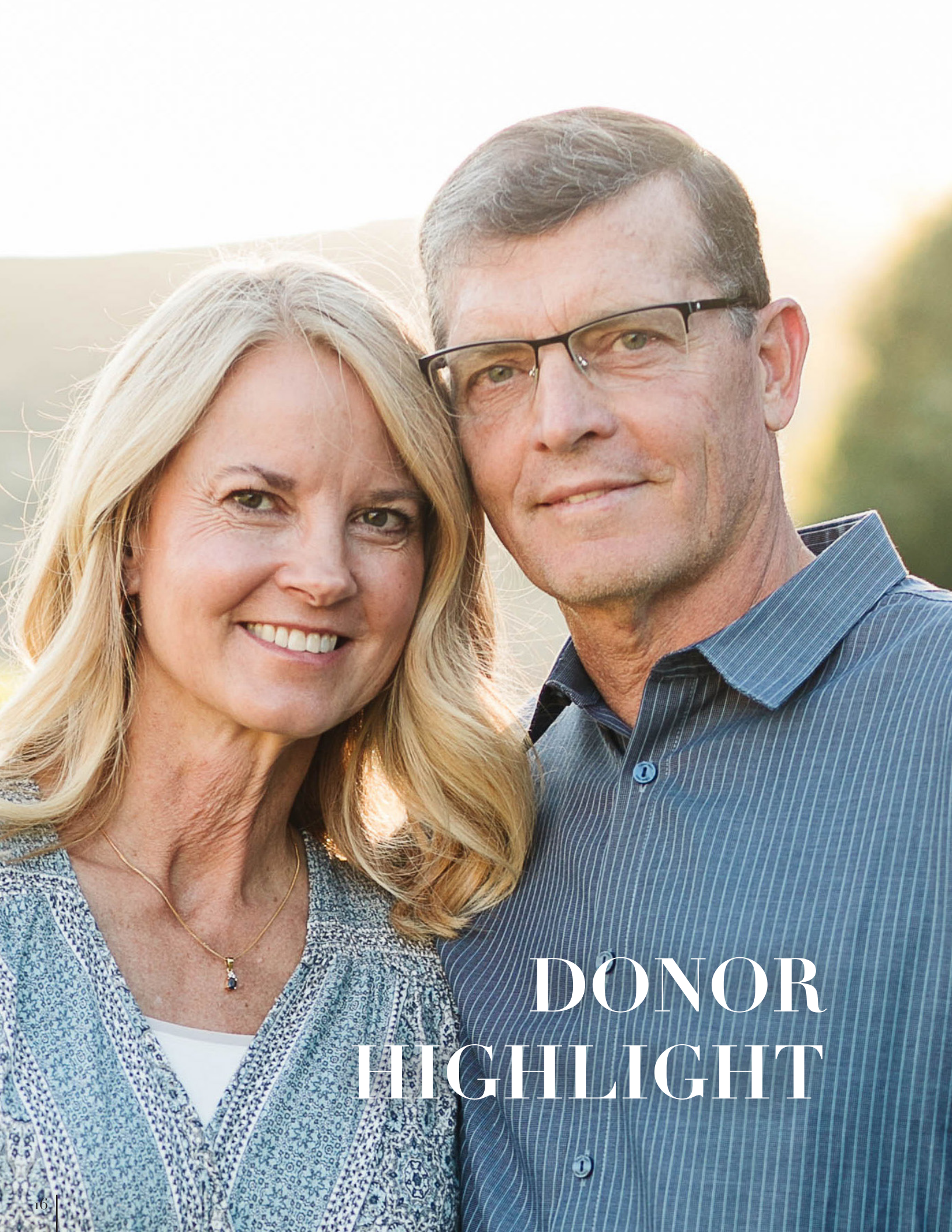
“AMAZING! I absolutely loved the dancing and impressive acting the dancers were able to do with their body language and faces!! I don't attend ballets often and this performance made me want to go to more! Phenomenal job from dancing to sets to music, to entire atmosphere and experience!”
- Anonymous

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM



“I had a wonderful experience watching the ballet with my son and little granddaughter who is taking ballet lessons. The production values were tremendous with splendid scenery and costumes. I was astonished at the artistry of the dancers. Everything was professional and of high quality. It was comparable to any ballet I have seen in Salt Lake City and New York City.” - Anonymous

“I loved it!! And so did my daughter. It was the first time for both of us attending a ballet production, and I have to say we were not disappointed. We loved the music, the performers, the story, the backgrounds, everything. We will definitely look for more opportunities to attend future performances.”
- Diana



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TIM & LAURA BRIDGEWATER

Laura Clarke Bridgewater was one of the original members of Utah Regional Ballet, the predecessor of Utah Metropolitan Ballet. She danced principal roles with the company throughout high school and while earning a degree in microbiology from Brigham Young University. In 1988, she married Tim Bridgewater of West Jordan, Utah. In 1989, she retired from ballet to begin a doctoral program in molecular biology at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

While Laura earned her Ph.D., Tim built an international financial advisory firm, Interlink Capital.

The couple's four children (Chelsea, Nathan, Brandon, and Lily) were born during Laura's graduate schooling. The family then moved to Houston, Texas, where Tim expanded his international finance business and became involved in national political campaigns, and Laura worked as a postdoctoral fellow at the M.D.

Anderson Cancer Center. They returned to Utah in 1999 when Laura was hired as a professor of molecular biology at BYU. Delighted to associate with the ballet once more, they joined the board and Laura served as chair of the URB Board of Trustees from 2000-2003. Over the last two decades, Tim's work has evolved to include development and finance of renewable energy and natural resource projects in the U.S. Laura has taught molecular biology to over 5,000 students, mentored dozens of graduate and undergraduate students in her research lab, served as an associate academic vice president, and is now the dean of the College of Life Sciences at BYU.

Tim and Laura have been fans and supporters of Utah Metropolitan Ballet and its predecessor for decades, considering it one of Utah Valley's greatest cultural treasures.



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Form the all new Utah Metropolitan Ballet Orchestra under the direction of Bryce Rytting who performed at every UMB production during our 2021-22 season

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Hire professional artists locally and from around the world

PRODUCTION

Create a full length production with all new sets, costumes, and stunning new choreography

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Provide a free performance of Nutcracker to 670 individuals through our Families Affected by Autism outreach

EXTENDED OUTREACH

Sponsor 6 months of speech therapy and speech technology for children with autism

Sponsor an institutional membership for a year with all of the technology for a special needs school

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Provide over 350 children the opportunity to participate in professional full length ballet productions

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Provide over 800 collaborative opportunities for artists, contractors, professionals, and community volunteers

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