

ATLANTA BALLET PRESENTS

SHEER EXHILARATION

*Celebrate the Past.
Ignite the Future.*

On behalf of Dorothy Moses Alexander, I would like to welcome you to a shindig, a blowout and high-spirited celebration of eighty years of dance with Atlanta Ballet. Miss Dorothy would not have said it quite like that; however, if she were with us, she would share a similar sentiment. Today we venerate and honor her vision and her generous gift to our community: Atlanta Ballet.

Robert Barnett, Artistic Director Emeritus, joins me in thanking you with an enthusiastic hug. He guided Atlanta Ballet into a new era of dance and enlightened us with repertoire that represented the most creative voices in the field. Bobby presented the first full-evening production of the Nutcracker and staged many ballets by Balanchine who was considered the most creative choreographer of his generation.

It takes a committed family of many individuals to sustain an arts organization for eighty years. We thank the hundreds of Trustees who have been plucky, resolute and enduring in their commitment to support us now and into the future. Atlanta Ballet is your Ballet. We share our passion and love for what we do with you and ask you to join us tomorrow and for the next eighty years.

John McFall
Artistic Director
November 11, 1994 - present