

BalletROX

Dear Friends,

November 10, 2016

Following a successful year in which we expanded our BalletRox Dance! Program at Spontaneous Celebrations and taught over 600 Boston Public School students at the Curley, Mather, Kenny and Hennigan Schools, we began a new program year in September.

The first day of class was full of excitement and energy from both our staff and students. But before I share more about the start of this year's programs, I want to take a moment to say thank you. Everyone at BalletRox, from the staff to our students, are deeply grateful for your past support and encouragement. Simply put, without your help our students would not have access to high quality free, or low cost, dance education.

Looking ahead, the 2016-2017 year promises to be even better than last year. **We have added new dance classes, more levels, and extended class times to reflect the growing needs of our students.** You'll now find ballet, tap, creative movement, hip hop soca, latin dance, and special autism classes among our offerings. Plus multiple recitals, performances, and a very active Youth Council!

But we have challenges to meet.

To fully fund our programs, which support over 700 students with weekly dance instruction, we need to raise \$150,000 this year. We have already raised nearly three-quarters of the cost it takes to operate our programs—including \$43,000 in secured grant support, \$45,000 in school and student fees, and \$17,000 in individual donations— **but we still need to raise \$40,000 before the end of the year.**

Your support can make a huge difference in the life of a child in our community. Will you give one child a chance to dance? A gift in any amount will help.

- \$25 gives one child a pair of tap shoes
- \$75 provides one child with dancewear and a recital costume
- \$150 supports one child in a BalletRox Boston Public School Program for a year
- \$500 enables one child to attend BalletRox Dance! for a year

Gratefully Yours,

Carol Knox, Executive Director

P.S. Your donation is fully tax deductible. Donations may be made by mail to: **BalletRox, PO Box 301334, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130**, or on line at: www.firstgiving.com/balletrox.



My dance teachers inspire me every day. I am so lucky, and I hope more kids will be able to experience BalletRox.

– Katherine, Age 12

COME SEE OUR
PROGRAM IN ACTION!

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 19TH
9 TO 11 AM
45 DANFORTH ST.
JAMAICA PLAIN

Meet BalletRox students, families, staff and Board, enjoy some light refreshments, and watch our kids rehearse for the January recital.

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