



Kansas City Ballet is in residence at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts' Muriel Kauffman Theatre.

Founded in 1957 and nationally recognized as one of the country's leading companies under the leadership of Artistic Director Devon Carney and Executive Director Jeffrey J. Bentley, the Ballet enriches the cultural landscape of the Kansas City region through exceptional performances, touring engagements, community engagement and education activities, and Kansas City Ballet School. The 30-member professional ballet Company performs a variety of full-length story ballets and mixed repertory programs per year with a focus on the rich history of American ballet. Eclectic programming ranges from classics to contemporary ballets, as well as *The Nutcracker*—completely reimaged with new sets by Alain Vaes, costumes by Holly Hynes, lighting by Trad A Burns, and choreography by Mr. Carney in 2015 to critical acclaim. The company was invited to perform this production of *The Nutcracker* in 2017 at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in D.C.

Kansas City Ballet is also home to Kansas City Ballet School with an enrollment of 2000+ children and adults offering professional training for the career-minded student as well as for those simply seeking a healthy lifestyle.

Through the professional company, second company (KCB II & Trainees), and community education programs such as Reach Out and Dance (ROAD), we seek to nurture and develop our artists, audiences and students in the values inherent in the creativity, diversity and joy of dance.

Kansas City Ballet is making good on its mission to establish Kansas City Ballet as an indispensable asset in its community through exceptional performances, excellence in dance training and quality community education programs for all ages. Our home, the Todd Bolender Center for Dance & Creativity, in conjunction with our Resident Company status at the world-class Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, truly has positioned Kansas City as a destination for dance.

More information on Kansas City Ballet is available at [www.kcballet.org](http://www.kcballet.org).