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Ballet Elects new Trustees

The corporate membership of Canton Ballet has elected six new trustees to board membership at its recent annual meeting. Serving three-year terms are Ruth Bazzoli, Tim Belden, Rodney Conrad, Ardis DeHoff, and Belinda Musat. Dave Rausch is serving a one year unexpired term. A sampling of Canton Ballet company dancers performed a short program in the ballet studio.

Following the annual meeting the Canton Ballet board met briefly to elect its officers for the fiscal year. They are Tim Barta, president; Karen Flynn, vice president; Penny Hare, secretary; and Ed Cutcher, treasurer. In an earlier action restructuring the organization's administration, the trustees redesignated longtime ballet artistic director Cassandra Crowley artistic and executive director. Office manager Deby Barath subsequently was named manager of the ballet.

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Canton Ballet is located in the Cultural Center for the Arts at 1001 Market Avenue N. in Canton.

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With an annual budget of over \$600,000 Canton Ballet comprises Ohio's largest preprofessional ballet company and a school which ranks among the three largest preprofessional dance training centers in the state. Since its inception in 1965 Canton Ballet has produced over 130 premieres and held honor company status in Regional Dance America since 1983. It has developed a series of educational and outreach programs serving 5,000 school children annually and a comprehensive financial assistance program which includes the Kerri Hunter Minority Scholarship for talented and underserved youth. Canton Ballet holds membership in national and state dance service organizations RDA and OhioDance and receives funding support from county arts council Arts in Stark and the Ohio Arts Council.