

XIV. CANTON BALLET BARRE ASSOCIATION

A membership organization committed to support of the dancers and families of Canton Ballet. The Barre Association is a committee of Canton Ballet Board of Trustees. The bylaws state that the purpose of the association shall be:

1. To render volunteer service and financial assistance, through fundraising, etc. to the Canton Ballet through projects, purposes and means approved in advance by the Trustees of the Canton Ballet and in keeping with the policies of the Canton Cultural Center for the Arts.
2. To provide educational opportunities for Barre Members, students, parents, and guardians, and interested community members relating to the Canton Ballet, its school and company.
3. To advance the art of dance, and support, as appropriate, the artistic, instructional and administrative staff of the Canton Ballet.

How funds are spent

The funds of the Canton Ballet Barre Association are held by the Canton Ballet and used as the Barre directs, with the approval of the Board of Trustees

Some activities of the Barre Association include:

Garment Sales

Held in the fall with delivery for the holidays, the garment sale is a perfect way for students, parents, and others to show their pride in their ballet school with the Canton Ballet logo on some really great clothing and other items!

Boutique

A special Barre Boutique Shoppe is available at every performance and at specific times during the year at the studio. Members of the Barre are asked to help make magic wands and halos and to help sell Boutique items.

Flower Sales

The Barre makes flowers available for parents to order and pick up at the performance.

Video Sales

The Barre videotapes all performance and offers pre-orders as well as sales afterwards.

Scholarships

The Barre is pleased to assist company level dancers with some scholarships for their summer intensive study through an audition by an outside authority.

Board Fund-raiser

The Barre provides volunteers to help with the Canton Ballet board of trustees' annual fund-raiser for general operating expenses of Canton Ballet.

Ushering

Ushers are always needed for school and public performances.

Performance Snacks and Meals

During theatre week for all productions, the Barre provides healthy snacks, water and juice for the dancers. Between matinee and evening performances, the Barre assists with the meal for the dancers, crew and staff who must remain at the Palace.

Senior Scrapbooks

Throughout the year, the Barre gathers mementos such as program books, tickets stubs, photos, etc. which are compiled into a scrapbook and presented to all graduating seniors.

Educational Programs

Throughout the year, the Barre presents various programs of interest to our students and parents.