

BalletROX



ANNUAL 2017 REPORT

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

A Letter from the BalletRox Board of Directors

The other night our Board members talked about why we believe so strongly in the mission of BalletRox.

When I first brought my daughter to BalletRox more than 17 years ago, I wanted her to have a chance to dance—and a community in which to grow. I had no idea that I would join the Board, and 12 years later, continue to be inspired by the joy and opportunities this amazing organization gives to hundreds of youth every year.

What makes BalletRox so special?

For me, it was seeing my daughter's joy and blossoming self-confidence when she was at BalletRox. Through BalletRox dance, my daughter made lifelong friends, gained lifelong skills, and became part of a lifelong community.

For all of us on the board, it comes back to that one thing – wanting all Boston children to have their chance to dance and feel whole.

We are thrilled to be celebrating our 25th anniversary: 25 years of empowering thousands of children to have that chance to dance and grow. We are so excited that you have found us.

With deep gratitude for your generous support,

Julie Sutherland

On behalf of the BalletRox Board

“BalletRox is more than a dance studio. BalletRox is a community in which to grow.”



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Ballet Rox is proud to be a 2017 NEA ArtWorks recipient!

Here's what you have helped make possible



Community Dance

BalletRox Dance! provides dance opportunities for **75 Students**, taught by **8 Dance Teachers** speaking **5 Languages**. **175 Students** attended **4 Field Trips** to see professional dance performances. Our Creative Youth Arts Development model of dance education enables us to provide holistic, meaningful experiences for young people and their families.

Performances and Recitals

Performing on stage is a highlight for our participants. Students performed in **5 Arts and Dance Festival Performances** and **7 Dance Recitals**, gaining confidence as they perform in front of audiences of friends, family, peers, and the greater community.



Volunteer Spotlight: Northeastern University

150 Northeastern University Volunteers help BalletRox annually as teaching assistants, administrators, and mentors. Mady Hahn-Smith, NU Class of 2020, has volunteered with BalletRox for **3 years**. *"I love being able to engage with the BalletRox community. Everyone is so friendly and passionate about what they do, and linked by a mutual love of dance. Volunteering has given me the opportunity to improve my leadership skills and I am thrilled to return for my 3rd year as a BalletRox volunteer."*

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Boston Public Schools

10 Years of Partnership with Boston Public Schools help make the BPS Arts Expansion Initiative a success! **600 BPS Students** at **4 Schools** dance each week. **16 Grant Awards** enabled us to offer **30 In-School Classes per Week**, including **10 Classes for Students with Autism**, and supported **2 Days of Adaptive Dance Training** for BalletRox dance teachers.



Youth Development

Youth are the heart of our organization. **15 Teenagers** work, dance, and have fun together on Youth Council. BalletRox teens spend **10 Hours per Week** at BalletRox, and most participate for **6 years**, remaining involved throughout High School years. BalletRox Youth Dancers are **Friends for Life!**

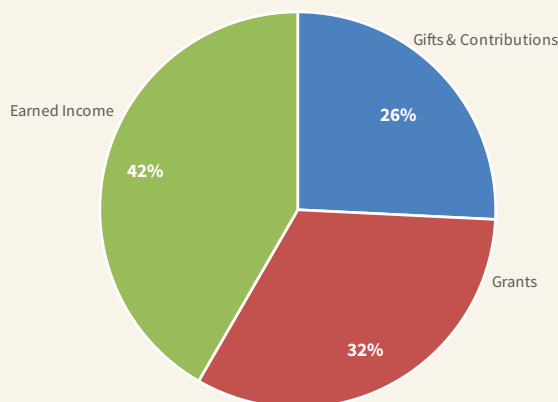


Alumni Spotlight: Meet BalletRox Alumna Extraordinaire ANA BUESO

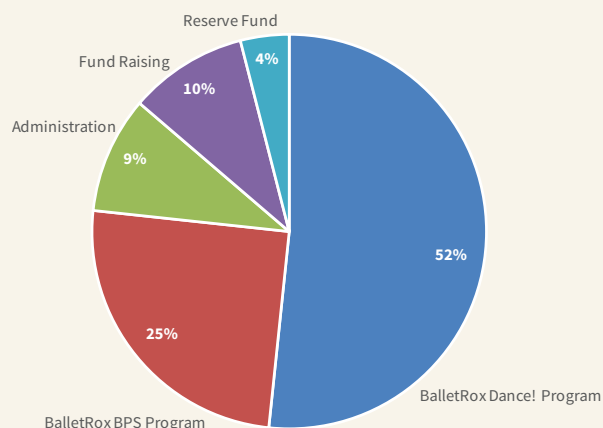
Ana began dancing at **4 years old** as a BalletRox scholarship student and continued throughout high school. Ana is currently a senior in college, studying Psychology and working part-time with BalletRox as administrator and dance instructor. *"I love BalletRox and am glad that I am still part of this amazing community. I learned confidence as a child dancer, and I continue to grow through my work as a dance instructor. I'm so glad I can continue to share my passion for dance with the BalletRox community."*



BalletRox 2017 Income Total \$250,631



BalletRox 2017 Expenses Total \$250,631



For detailed Financial Reports, please go to: <https://balletrox.info/about/history/financials-and-reports>

OUR SUPPORTERS

Thanks to our many generous funders, donors and supporters, BalletRox was able to meet our financial goals for 2017 and fulfill our mission to make dance accessible to nearly 800 students!

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

BalletRox can't do it alone!

Your support can make a huge difference.

Will you give one child a chance to dance?

\$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

\$500 pays for one child to attend BalletRox Dance!

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