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Dear Los Angeles Ballet Guild Friends:

About a year ago we took on the challenge of overseeing LABG's function in supporting the non-performing aspects of Los Angeles Ballet at each performance. What an exciting and rewarding year it indeed has been! As the result of the dedicated leadership of the Guild's Executive Council and the generous support of each and every member of the Guild, we had a successful year and stayed true to our mission, being the supporting arm to Los Angeles Ballet Company. We provided volunteers for each and every scheduled performance working back stage, at the box office, boutique, and concession bar. We had fun and enjoyed the spirit of the art community it inspired.

As Season 6 approaches we are renewing our commitment to focus our efforts to work side by side with LAB as they will once again dazzle us with *The Nutcracker* production this December, *Swan Lake* (LAB's second full length ballet) in March 2012, and their work with established choreographers Josie Walsh, Sonya Tayeh and Stacey Tookey to produce the *NextWave LA* in May of 2012.

The Guild seeks members with an interest in spreading the exciting news about Los Angeles Ballet in their communities, who want to participate in supporting cultural outreach and education in ballet, and to ensure that Los Angeles Ballet, the only professional classical dance company in Los Angeles, continues to grow and prosper.

The Guild's membership is currently limited to 100 members. Once we reach this goal we will accept new members by invitation only. I have summarized the two levels of membership below and have attached an application with mailing instructions:

Sustaining members will accept the responsibilities of volunteering for activities that support the performances. The sustaining members will be assessed annual dues of \$75.00.

Supporting members will be relied upon to provide support through event and performance attendance, and promoting Los Angeles Ballet amongst their circle of influence. Dues for supporting membership are \$250.00 annually.

The Guild members will be recognized in performance programs, on LAB's website, and feted at an annual reception given by LAB.

All dues are tax deductible (tax ID 20-1819852).

We look forward to your involvement and support of Los Angeles Ballet. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
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### **Executive Council**

Marcy Nellans	Vice President
Michelle Katz	Treasurer
Ann Haskins	Secretary
Irene Thomas	Acting Performance Director
Open	Patron Outreach Coordinator
Open	Special Events Director

### **Council Appointments**

Jean Hutchinson	Props
Ann Haskins	Historian
Michelle Katz	Box Office
Marcy Nellans	Boutique
Leslie Podolsky	Nutcracker Boutique
Irene Thomas	Flowers
Open	Concessions

