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BALLET MAGNIFICAT! FEATURED IN THE WASHINGTON POST



WASHINGTON, DC—Ballet Magnificat!, the internationally recognized Christian ballet company founded by Kathy and Keith Thibodeaux, is the subject of an extensive feature in The Washington Post. Titled “Religious Conviction Powers Ballet Magnificat, Nation’s First Christian Ballet Company,” the story written by Washington Post Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Sarah Kaufman appeared in the Arts & Living section Sunday, May 23. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/21/AR2010052101658.html?sid%3DST2010052103261&sub=AR>

Kaufman writes, “There’s no denying the emotional power of this company.... These dancers have the kind of lit-from-within presence rarely seen outside the premier companies, and even there the radiant projection of feeling can be spotty....

... It may be an exaggeration to say that Ballet Magnificat is single-handedly keeping the fading narrative tradition of ballet alive, but I don’t know of any other company that exclusively performs original works, most of them full-length story ballets. And Ballet Magnificat’s dancers live their ballets ...

... It’s easy to see why this company inspires such passion.... But the greater secular ballet world could learn from the commitment of Ballet Magnificat’s dancers—and from its steady production of original material.”

Since its inception in 1986, Ballet Magnificat! has performed before an estimated 12 million people around the world. Today Ballet Magnificat! has grown to include two troupes performing more than 200 programs annually across the US and internationally; the Summer Dance Intensive, where students and instructors receive training at Ballet Magnificat’s Jackson, Mississippi, studio; and the School of the Arts, providing ongoing instruction for students ages 3 to adult within a nurturing Christ-centered environment.

For further information, visit www.balletmagnificat.com.

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