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BalletNova Announces Grant Awards for 2014-2015 Largest Grant of \$25,000 Received From Anonymous Donor

Falls Church, VA: BalletNova is proud to announce the receipt of the following grant awards for the 2014-2015 Season:

Anonymous Donor - \$25,000

An anonymous donor, who declined to be mentioned, has given BalletNova \$25,000 toward the expenses of mounting the annual Nutcracker Ballet production. Included is \$2,700 to be used to provide free tickets to underserved students and families in Arlington County. Additionally, the funds will be used for new costumes, dancer's fees, theater fees, and improvements in sets and props. Six performances of [The Nutcracker](#) will be performed at the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre in Arlington on December 4 – 7, 2014.

Arts Council of Fairfax County

General Operating Support - \$22,817

BalletNova received a General Operating Support Award in the amount of **\$22,817**. [Arts Council of Fairfax](#) President and CEO Linda Sullivan says –

“Across Fairfax County, arts and culture are helping to build stronger communities, improving the quality of life, and fostering economic growth. The Arts Council’s grant programs provide vital funds for basic operation of local arts organizations and recognize the valuable programs and services they provide to Fairfax County.”

Review panel comments included: “Model application for dance...full range of classes offered, beyond ballet...critically acclaimed and awarded – speaks to the artistry of their program.”

Project Grant - \$6,000

The Arts Council of Fairfax also awarded **\$6,000** to support the build-out of the **Fredgren Studio Theatre**. BalletNova has turned its largest studio into a multi-use studio theater designed for dance, complete with sprung floors, professional lighting and sound systems, and tracked curtains, and seating for 150. The Fredgren was launched in September 2014 and is now available as a performance venue to local dancers, musicians and dramatic artists.

Virginia Commission for the Arts- \$3,500

The [VCA](#) awarded a Project Grant for a series of performances highlighting local dance artists in the new Fredgren Studio Theatre.

Arlington Commission for the Arts – Space and Services Grant

Arlington Cultural Affairs, a division of Arlington Economic Development, and the [Arlington Commission for the Arts](#) Space and Services Grants provide space in County-managed facilities for an organization's performances. BalletNova utilizes this grant to perform in the Thomas Jefferson Community Theater for its two major performances each year – The Nutcracker in December, and the Spring Concert (a mixed repertoire performance) in May.

BalletNova wishes to thank all of these organizations for their generous support!

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***BalletNova Center for Dance**, founded in 1981, is dedicated to educating and mentoring dancers in a positive, nurturing environment and preserving the traditions of classical ballet through quality dance productions and education. Formerly Arlington Center for Dance/The Center Dance Company, the organization moved to a beautiful six-studio 20,800 square foot state-of-the-art facility in July 2008, and offers classes in ballet, modern, tap, jazz, and hip hop for children, teens and adult dancers. The award-winning pre-professional ballet program is recognized as one of the best in the Metro Washington DC area, and BalletNova also has an extensive Adult Dance Division with classes in several levels of Ballet, Contemporary, Tap, Jazz and Theater Dance. The new Fredgren Studio Theatre, a 150-seat black box theatre designed for dance, opened in September 2014.*

BalletNova is supported in part by the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Arlington County through the Arlington Cultural Affairs Division of Arlington Economic Development, the Arlington Commission for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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