



## The Friends of The Sarasota Ballet's President's Letter

Dear Friends,

This Thanksgiving, we are reminded of just how grateful we are for your enthusiasm and unwavering support of the Friends and The Sarasota Ballet.

Many thanks to all members and their guests who attended our first Showcase Luncheon of the season on October 30th. We were treated to a wonderful program, "Behind the Scenes - The Development of the Season Wardrobe", presented by Jerry Wolf, Head of Wardrobe for The Sarasota Ballet. He did not disappoint! His charismatic interaction with the attendees and display of costumes that he created as well as costumes prepared in England and then fitted to our Dancers, was a real crowd pleaser.



Fun Fact: Jerry told us that we can make a solution of 50% vodka and 50% water to remove odor from clothing, who knew?? He uses this solution to freshen up costumes. I think we all made a note of that tip!

Jerry is starting his 8th season with The Sarasota Ballet and beginning his 48th year as a Costumer. I think we all can agree, we are so fortunate to have such a gem in our organization.

Be sure to make your reservations soon for our Holiday Luncheon on December 11th. This special Friends event is being brought back by popular demand. Last year's Holiday Luncheon was so much fun and enjoyed by all. For reservations, contact Amy Wensley by phone 941-225-6513 or reserve online at the link below:

## Luncheons Sign Up



In this season of giving, please consider "Friendsgiving" by inviting a guest to the Holiday Luncheon so they can see, first hand, the enthusiasm of our Ballet enthusiasts and perhaps become a member of the Friends. For renewal updates and new member information, contact Betty Ferguson, Membership Chair, by email at [bcamarest@yahoo.com](mailto:bcamarest@yahoo.com) or call 941-497-7841.

After a very long hiatus because of COVID restrictions, we are happy to announce the return of the ever-popular Backstage Tours. Please watch your emails for an announcement coming soon! In the meantime, if you are interested in volunteering as a tour guide, please contact Rosalyn Ehrenpreis, Volunteer Coordinator, at 941-400-1584 or email: [rosalyn.ehrenpreis@gmail.com](mailto:rosalyn.ehrenpreis@gmail.com).

Wishing you all the joys of the season and the opportunity to stop and give thanks.

Warm Regards,  
Pat Golemme  
President of The Friends of The Sarasota Ballet

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