



Founded in 1981, Florida West Ballet is a scholarship program for talented young dancers interested in furthering their education in classical ballet. The members are selected each year through auditions and represent several counties in the Tampa Bay area.

Florida West Ballet operates under the direction of our Artistic Director Mr. Pavel Fomin. Mr. Fomin received his training at the Odessa Ballet School and the Kirov Ballet, Leningrad. He graduated with honors from the Russian Academy of Theater Arts. In addition, to his own vast experience, Mr. Fomin works with Darya Fedotova. Darya trained at the Kiev Ballet Academy. Under their tutelage, all of the young dancers in Florida West receive the finest training available. Florida West Ballet provides its members a scholarship opportunity they otherwise simply would not have.

Florida West Ballet's scholarship dance program is a premier dance program. Many alumni of this program continue to pursue their dance careers with prestigious professional companies such as the New York City Ballet, the Pittsburgh Ballet, the San Francisco Ballet, the Rock School of the Pennsylvania Ballet, and the Joffrey Ballet. Others join exclusive full year training programs such as the Harid Conservatory and the No. Carolina School of the Arts, and major university dance programs.

Florida West Ballet raises the funds required for its scholarship program through a variety of means; an annual Board fundraiser is held in the spring, public and private monies, and from dancers' various fund raising events throughout the year. These funds alone, however, are not enough to completely support this marvelous scholarship program.

Florida West Ballet invites you to participate as a Pas de Deux. In return for your tax-deductible donation, you will receive a photograph of the dancer you sponsor and invitations to our performances, during which you can see firsthand the exceptional talent of these young dancers. Additionally, the Spring Performance Program will carry your name as a donor contributing to the success of Florida West Ballet. Finally, your donation will help to ensure the continued health of a vibrant arts environment in our community.

Florida West Ballet thanks you for your support. We look forward to seeing you at our Spring Performance to be held at 2:00 P.M., Sunday May 3rd 2009 at the Palladium Theater in St. Petersburg.