



# ATLANTA BALLET

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## **ATLANTA BALLET CENTRE FOR DANCE EDUCATION NOMINATED FOR “BEST ARTSY CLASS FOR TEENS” IN ATLANTA AS PART OF NICKELODEON’S PARENTSCONNECT’S PARENTS’ PICKS AWARDS**

*Nationwide Online Poll Allows Parents to Nominate Favorite Family Resources through  
June 30*

**Atlanta, May 28, 2008** - Atlanta Ballet Centre for Dance Education has been named a nominee for “Best Artsy Class for Teens” as part of Nickelodeon's ParentsConnect's First Annual Parents' Picks Awards. ParentsConnect.com, which now encompasses the award-winning GoCityKids.com, has introduced the Parent’s Picks Awards to allow parents to honor the best of their communities.

Atlanta Ballet Centre for Dance Education offers teens the opportunity to participate in the Centre’s Student Division, Pre-Professional Division, Open Division, and Community Outreach Programs. The Student Division strengthens teens’ dance technique with ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, hip-hop, and modern dance classes. Teens who participate in the Pre-Professional Division train six days per week to develop ballet technique at a professional level, to appear on stage with the Atlanta Ballet in performances, and to present performance pieces at national festivals and competitions. The Centre’s Open Division welcomes teens sixteen years and older for various levels of ballet, flamenco, hip-hop, jazz, and modern dance classes. Through strong partnerships with local high schools and the Latin American Association, the Centre also provides in-school and after-school dance instruction to Atlanta teens that may not otherwise be exposed to dance.

### **How to Vote**

Nickelodeon's ParentsConnect (<http://www.parentsconnect.com>), the online resource for parenting advice and community, is allowing parents to pick the best of their local areas with the Parents' Picks Awards. The First Annual Parents' Picks Awards will identify winners in 52 major U.S. cities. Categories include: best kids' museum; best toy store; best playground/park; best green space; and many more. Users can vote for nominees online at <http://www.parentsconnect.com/parentspicks> until June 30 to help determine which nominees are "top picks" in their city. On July 15, the ParentsConnect.com site

will publish the Parents' Picks winners and the winning venues' information will remain featured on the site for a year. All Parents' Picks businesses are nominated based on recommendations from ParentsConnect.com local city editors that live and work in the cities they cover, in conjunction with ParentsConnect users' feedback. Users' votes and rankings ultimately determine which venues are selected as winners in their respective categories.

### **About Atlanta Ballet**

Founded in 1929, Atlanta Ballet is the longest continuously-operating ballet company in the United States. Atlanta Ballet's eclectic repertoire spans ballet history, highlighted by beloved classics and inventive originals. Among Atlanta Ballet's proud and unique 75-year history are its three Artistic Directors, Miss Dorothy Alexander, whose vision brought dance to the South; Robert Barnett, who turned Atlanta Ballet into a professional company; and currently, John McFall. Under McFall's leadership, Atlanta Ballet continues its commitment to share and educate audiences on the empowering joy of dance. Atlanta Ballet opened the Centre for Dance Education in 1996 and is dedicated to nurturing young dancers while providing an outlet for adults to express their creativity. With diverse class offerings and student population, the Centre serves over 150,000 people in metro Atlanta each year. Atlanta Ballet's roots remain firmly grounded in the Atlanta community and continue to play a vital role in the city's cultural growth and revitalization.

### **About Nickelodeon's ParentsConnect.com**

Featuring the tagline "We're not perfect, we're parents," Nickelodeon's ParentsConnect strives to celebrate the reality of parenthood and make parents' lives easier. Geared towards parents with kids of all ages, from newborns to teens, the site offers unique features like the ParentsConnect Local city guide for family activities; personalized profiles that help parents connect with each other; a digital multi-media scrapbook; daily tips for all ages and stages; expert parenting advice; a weekly meal-planner for quick and healthy meals; and guest celebrity editorials. Each age-related section on the site provides users with daily content to help them through both large and small parenting challenges.

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