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Charlotte Ballet Announces Partnership with Novant Health

Novant Health to provide comprehensive healthcare to dancers. Services include Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Team Physicians, a Certified Athletic Trainer, Physical Therapists and allied healthcare support.

Charlotte, NC (Nov. 15, 2024) – Charlotte Ballet is proud to announce Novant Health as its official healthcare partner, providing world-class care for performing company dancers.

Novant Health has designated a Company Orthopedic Team Physician and Primary Care Sports Medicine Team Physician within its employed provider network to provide services for Charlotte Ballet artists.

Additionally, the partnership includes:

- One full-time athletic trainer, based at Patricia McBride and Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux Center for Dance, Charlotte Ballet's home on North Tryon Street
- Two part-time physical therapists on-site
- Quarterly group education for company dancers and Charlotte Ballet Academy students

"Our dancers are athletes who rely on their bodies to express their art and to do work they are passionate about," said Alejandro Cerrudo, artistic director for Charlotte Ballet. "We are thrilled by this partnership with Novant Health and how it will enhance care for our dancers and support their athleticism and artistry."

"Arts and culture, like medicine, are vital to the health and wellbeing of our community. Charlotte Ballet and its talented dancers help make Charlotte a vibrant and thriving city full of unique experiences," said Saad Ehtisham, DHA, FACHE, senior vice president and president, Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center and Novant Health's greater Charlotte market. "Novant Health is proud to provide remarkable healthcare to the dancers so they can continue to inspire the audiences they perform for."

About Charlotte Ballet

Founded in 1970, Charlotte Ballet's mission is to provide artistically excellent programming to diverse audiences in its home city of Charlotte, the Southeast region and the varied communities it serves while on tour across the nation. The company performs classic, contemporary and cutting-edge dance with virtuosity, energy and artistic excellence. In 2022, Alejandro Cerrudo became Charlotte Ballet's fifth artistic director. For more: www.charlotteballet.org.

About Novant Health

Novant Health is an integrated network of more than 850 locations, including 19 hospitals, more than 700 physician clinics and urgent care centers, outpatient facilities, and imaging and pharmacy services. This network supports a seamless and personalized healthcare experience for communities in North Carolina and South Carolina. Novant Health is nationally recognized for our unwavering commitment to safety and the highest quality care, and we serve as a catalyst for healthcare transformation through clinical trials, leading-edge research, innovative care delivery models and robust virtual care networks. The expertise and empathy of our 40,000 team members along with more than 8,300 independent and employed clinicians are at the heart of Our Cause as industry leaders caring for communities across the Carolinas. In 2023, Novant Health provided more than \$1.6 billion in community benefits, including financial assistance and services.

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