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TULSA BALLET HOSTS FUNDRAISING EVENT IN HISTORIC PHILCADE LOBBY & PENTHOUSE

TULSA, OK – Tulsa Ballet announces a new fundraising event inside the historic Philcade featuring a pop-up piano bar, access to the Philcade penthouse, and emcee from News on 6 anchor LeAnne Taylor.

A new and unique fundraiser for Tulsa Ballet will be held at the legendary Philcade building downtown, giving Tulsans a unique chance to see the interior of one of Waite Philip's pride and joys. *La Notte in Cucina* teases a unique interactive musical experience where event goers will sing along with a live piano player to their favorite piano tunes, dance all night long, sip custom cocktails made just for that evening, plus attend an after party at the very top of the Philcade in the penthouse. One exciting element of the night will be the appearance of News on 6 anchor LeAnne Taylor, who will be emcee for the entire evening.

Hosted by Philcade penthouse owners Lissa and Jim Shaw, tickets will directly benefit non-profit organization Tulsa Ballet, helping fund programs such as Hope for the Holidays that give free *Nutcracker* tickets to underserved communities through local social service agencies. *La Notte in Cucina* is part of a fundraising series called *Bella Cucina*, a collection of evenings throughout Tulsa Ballet's season hosted inside some of the most beautiful homes throughout Tulsa featuring some of the best local chefs. Over 50% of Tulsa Ballet's total revenue comes from generous donors in Tulsa and surrounding areas, making fundraisers like *La Notte in Cucina* a vital role in protecting arts in Tulsa.

In choosing a venue for this event, Bella Cucina Chair Dirk Peterson says, "The Philcade offers a unique experience for a pop-up piano bar as an icon of Tulsa's proud tradition of Art Deco architecture. Well into its ninth decade, the Philcade lobby remains an architectural masterpiece, offering an almost cathedral-like environment for music, singing, and community fellowship. The building's roots are very much part of Tulsa's history and a legacy to one of Tulsa's original and most noted philanthropists, Waite Phillips."

Tickets for this event are \$250 and include the party in the lobby along with the penthouse after party. Black tie optional.

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