

Ballet Bus Students Shine in The Nutcracker



During the 2018/19 season, 15 Ballet Bus students were selected to participate in 22 performances of MCB's professional production of *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*®. In 2017, Ballet Bus students also got a one-of-a-kind insider's perspective on costume design when powerhouse artistic couple Isabel and Ruben Toledo held costume fittings for our brand-new Nutcracker production. Exposure to MCB's world-renowned artists, as well as the confidence and bravery required to step onto the stage of some of the country's prominent performing arts centers further enhances the enrichment of classical ballet study through Ballet Bus.

To see a behind-the-scenes video of the Toledos' vision, featuring Ballet Bus students, click here: <https://bit.ly/2l8zuSU>



Students Unveil Confidence and Artistry in a Culminating Performance



Ballet Bus students are immersed in the professional standards of performing arts as they develop skills that are fundamentally important to their success in the classroom and beyond. Showcasing their ballet technique and artistry, Ballet Bus students perform in professionally-produced, culminating performances in MCB's 200-seat theater each year. Performance experiences such as these are critical to those who wish to someday work as a professional artist, but are also key for the development of social-emotional skills such as confidence, teamwork, and critical thinking.

To see a message about how Ballet Bus transforms lives from Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent, Alberto Carvalho, who was recently honored at our 2019 gala, click here: <https://youtu.be/G4TusA3f5Yo>