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The Alabama Ballet Announces the Selection of New Executive Director

October 13, 2011 - The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Megan Cottle has been named Executive Director of the Alabama Ballet.

Ms. Cottle comes to the Ballet from the Alabama Symphony Orchestra where she served as Associate Director of Development for three years. Prior to that, she held development positions at Better Basics and other Birmingham agencies.

“Megan’s past fundraising experience and knowledge of the nonprofit world made her an ideal candidate. We are very excited to have her join us at the Ballet,” said Teresa Shufflebarger, Alabama Ballet board president.

Megan holds a Masters Degree of Public Administration and Certificate of Nonprofit Management from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a Bachelors Degree in Art History from the University of Alabama.

The Alabama Ballet is the state’s premiere professional ballet company. The company has achieved national prominence as one of only seven ballet companies in the world permitted by the Balanchine Trust to perform Balanchine's *Nutcracker*™. The Alabama Ballet promotes the development of classical and contemporary ballet through high quality performance, dance education and community outreach. Education and outreach activities include CityDance, which provides 16 weeks of dance training for youth from the city of Birmingham and Jefferson County. The Alabama Ballet is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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