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PROGRAM

MISTY COPELAND

*Principal Dancer with American Ballet Theatre  
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Interviewed by

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Tonight we welcome Misty Copeland, the first African American woman selected as a principal dancer for the prestigious American Ballet Theatre.

Misty's accomplishments extend well beyond the world of ballet. She's a bestselling author, a philanthropist, advocate and so much more.

She joins a long list of accomplished history makers who have been featured in The New Albany Lecture Series over the past 11 years.



We are so proud of the series and the caliber of speakers we have been able to bring to New Albany and central Ohio through the generosity of our sponsors and donors.

This lecture series is one of the best in the country thanks to forward-thinking visionaries and our sponsors.

We also are proud that more than 33,000 students representing 50 area schools have interacted with some of the most influential thought leaders of our time.

We've hosted Nobel Prize winners, Pulitzer Prize winners, respected diplomats, military leaders, economists, mental health advocates and more.

They have helped us fulfill our mission to promote lifelong learning and to provide a platform for civil discourse and community dialogue on important issues facing our society. Perhaps never has this mission been more important than now.

Earlier today, Copeland met with thousands of area students who had the unique opportunity to ask questions and engage in a discussion with her. It was inspiring and impactful. She also interacted with local dance students and members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Ohio, an organization that was critical to supporting her aspirations as a young person growing up in San Pedro, California.

The Foundation is grateful to all of the sponsors and donors whose generosity makes this important programming possible. Please take a moment to peruse the program where all of the sponsors are listed.

We look forward to seeing you for the final program of the 2023-2024 season on March 12th.

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Craig Mohre, President  
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## MISTY COPELAND

*Principal Dancer with American Ballet Theatre  
New York Times Bestselling Author*

MISTY COPELAND is a Principal Dancer with American Ballet Theatre, the first Black woman to be promoted to the position in the company's 75-year history in 2015. She has performed some of the most iconic classical ballet roles, including

*Odette/Odile in Swan Lake; Juliet in Romeo & Juliet; Giselle; Manon; Coppelia; Kitri in Don Quixote; and Firebird, to name a few.*



Misty has been featured in several publications, including the cover of *Time Magazine* for the Time 100, as well as the covers of *ESSENCE*, *Self*, *ELLE South Africa*, *Oxygen* and *Women's Health*. She has also appeared on CBS' 60 Minutes, CBS Sunday Morning, ABC's Good Morning America, NBC's The Today Show and the talent show Little Big Shots, celebrating extraordinary young people.

She made her first awards season guest performances in 2019 with Taylor Swift at the American Music Awards and at the 2020 Grammy Awards alongside Camilla Cabello, Common, Ben Platt, and dancers from the Debbie Allen Dance Academy, as well as the televised Prince Grammy Tribute

performing with award-winning recording artist H.E.R. Misty made her Broadway debut in *On the Town* in 2015 and her major motion picture debut in Disney's *The Nutcracker and the Four Realms* in 2018.

Misty started her own production company called Life in Motion Productions and recently completed her first project, *Flower*, a silent arts activism film using dance to raise awareness about homelessness. She is also featured in an episode of *MasterClass*, the online series.

Misty is an avid philanthropist and is an ambassador of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, of which she is also an alum. In 2022, Misty launched The Misty Copeland Foundation, with its first signature program BE BOLD, which aims to bring greater diversity, equity and inclusion to dance, especially ballet.

Misty Copeland is the author of several *New York Times* bestsellers, including the memoir, *Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina*; the lifestyle book, *Ballerina Body*; and the children's book, *Bunheads*. She is also the author of the award-winning children's book, *Firebird*. Her latest books are *Black Ballerinas: My Journey to Our Legacy*, which published in November of 2021 and *The Wind at My Back: Resilience, Grace, and Other Gifts from My Mentor, Raven Wilkinson*, which published in November of 2022. ~

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## EDWAARD LIANG

*Artistic Director, BalletMet*

*Incoming Artistic Director (Spring 2024), The Washington Ballet*

Born in Taipei, Taiwan and raised in Marin County, California, Mr. Liang joined New York City Ballet in 1993.

In 2001, Mr. Liang joined the Tony Award® winning Broadway cast of Fosse. His performance in Fosse was later televised nationally on PBS’

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In 2002, Mr. Liang was invited to become a member of Nederlands Dans Theater 1.

Mr. Liang has built an international reputation as a choreographer. He has created works for the Bolshoi Ballet, Houston Ballet, Joffrey Ballet, New York City Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Shanghai Ballet, and Washington Ballet. He has won numerous awards for his choreography including the 2006 National Choreographic Competition.

In 2013, Mr. Liang was named Artistic Director at BalletMet where he continues to choreograph new works for companies both domestically and abroad.

In 2017, he received an Emmy® Award for his short dance film, “Vaulted.”

In 2018, he created a new ballet with Roberto Bolle for the opening of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland.~





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## STUDENT DANCERS MEET MISTY



Through the support of New Albany Lecture Series Sponsors and New Albany Community Foundation donors, high school age students from area dance organizations were able to attend the Student Lecture earlier today. These same students attended a Meet Misty gathering to hear Misty's words of advice and encouragement based on her remarkable journey to become a principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre.

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Earlier today, Misty was introduced at the student lecture by Tiara Bell, a New Albany High School student leader and by the Club's local Youth of the Year, Shonn Tucker, a junior at Whetstone. In addition, members of the Boys & Girls Clubs attended the student lecture, met Misty and got a photo to celebrate the impact of the Club on their lives.



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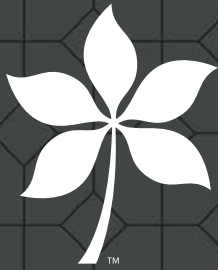
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Misty Copeland's philanthropy and dedication to her causes, as well as her art, are an inspiration to anyone who aspires to have a positive role in the world. We are excited to welcome her to our community!

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Grants to the community recently surpassed \$23 million since the Foundation's inception, thanks to generous donors who give annually or have established more than 70 funds at the Foundation.

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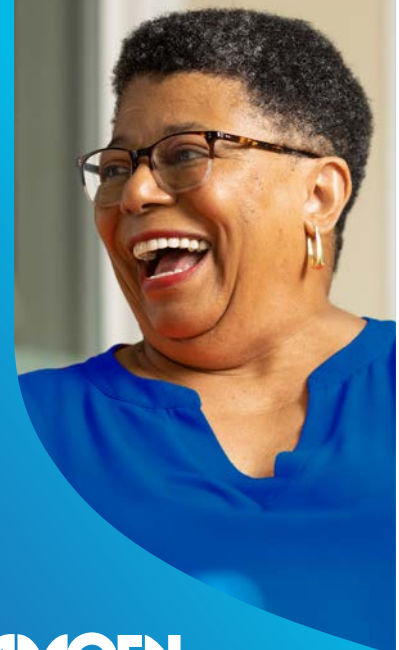
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# THE STUDENT LECTURE SERIES

More than 33,000 students from New Albany and 50 other central Ohio schools have interacted with Foundation speakers as part of **The New Albany Lecture Series**.

In October the Foundation hosted students at a lecture featuring actress and cancer advocate, Laura Linney, interviewed by NPR's Neda Ulaby. And in January, students participated in a lecture featuring Jonah Goldberg and Ezra Klein in a discussion moderated by NPR's Leila Fadel. This afternoon, at the final student lecture of the season, the Foundation hosted Misty Copeland, Principal Dancer with American Ballet Theatre, interviewed by BalletMet Artistic Director Edward Liang. The lectures are live streamed allowing hundreds of additional central Ohio students to participate virtually from their schools.

In response to its donors' desire to support The Student Lecture Series, The New Albany Community Foundation established **The Lifelong Learning Circle**. Visit [newalbanyfoundation.org](http://newalbanyfoundation.org) to become a member of The Lifelong Learning Circle and help the Foundation underwrite the cost of the series so that central Ohio students can benefit from these programs.

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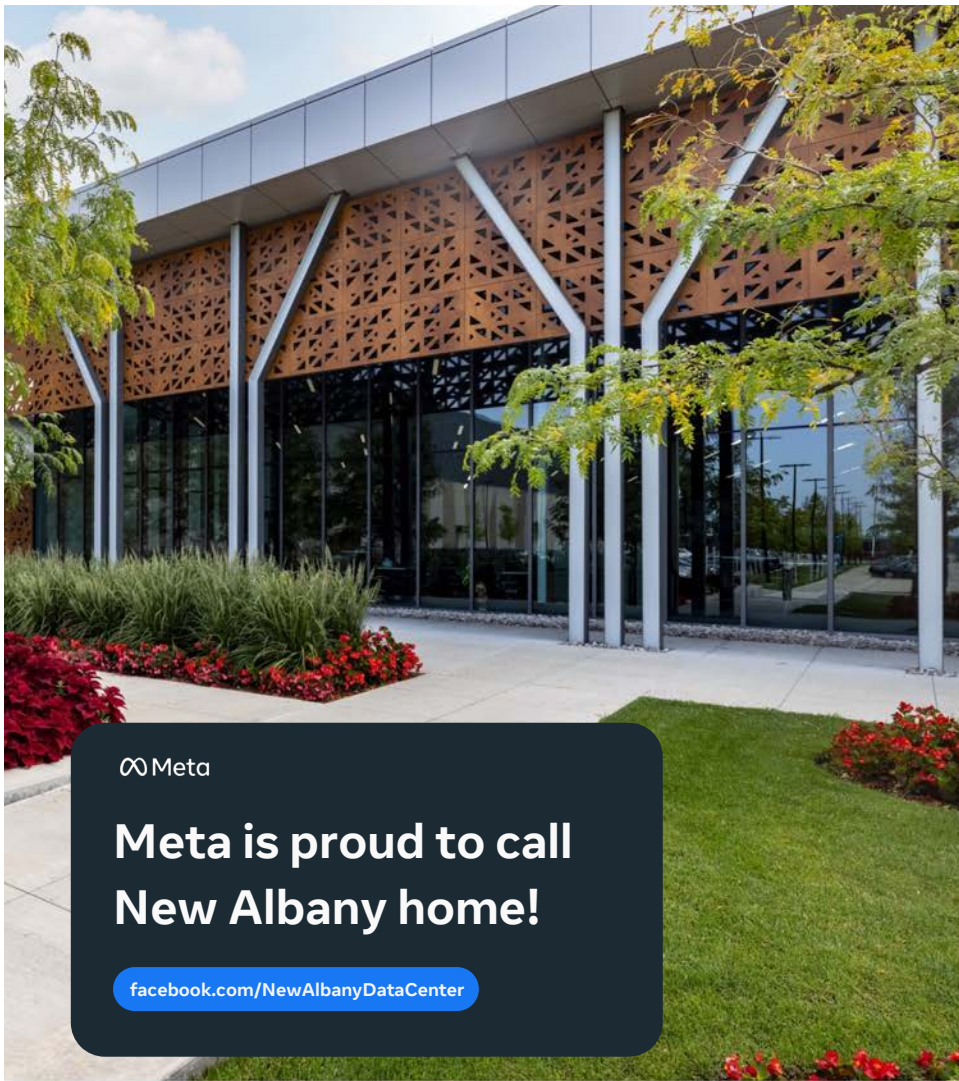
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A priority for the Foundation moving forward is to endow The New Albany Lecture Series. This will enable the Foundation to continue to present high-quality speakers while keeping lectures accessible to the entire community, including students, senior citizens and veterans. Additionally, endowing The New Albany Lecture Series would allow the Foundation to continue to invest in other transformative projects and initiatives in the community. Already, several families have established endowment funds to support the series.

If you are interested in establishing a fund or simply making a contribution to The New Albany Lecture Series Endowment Fund, please contact Craig Mohre at 614-939-8150 or [craigmohre@newalbanyfoundation.org](mailto:craigmohre@newalbanyfoundation.org) to support The New Albany Community Foundation's programming.





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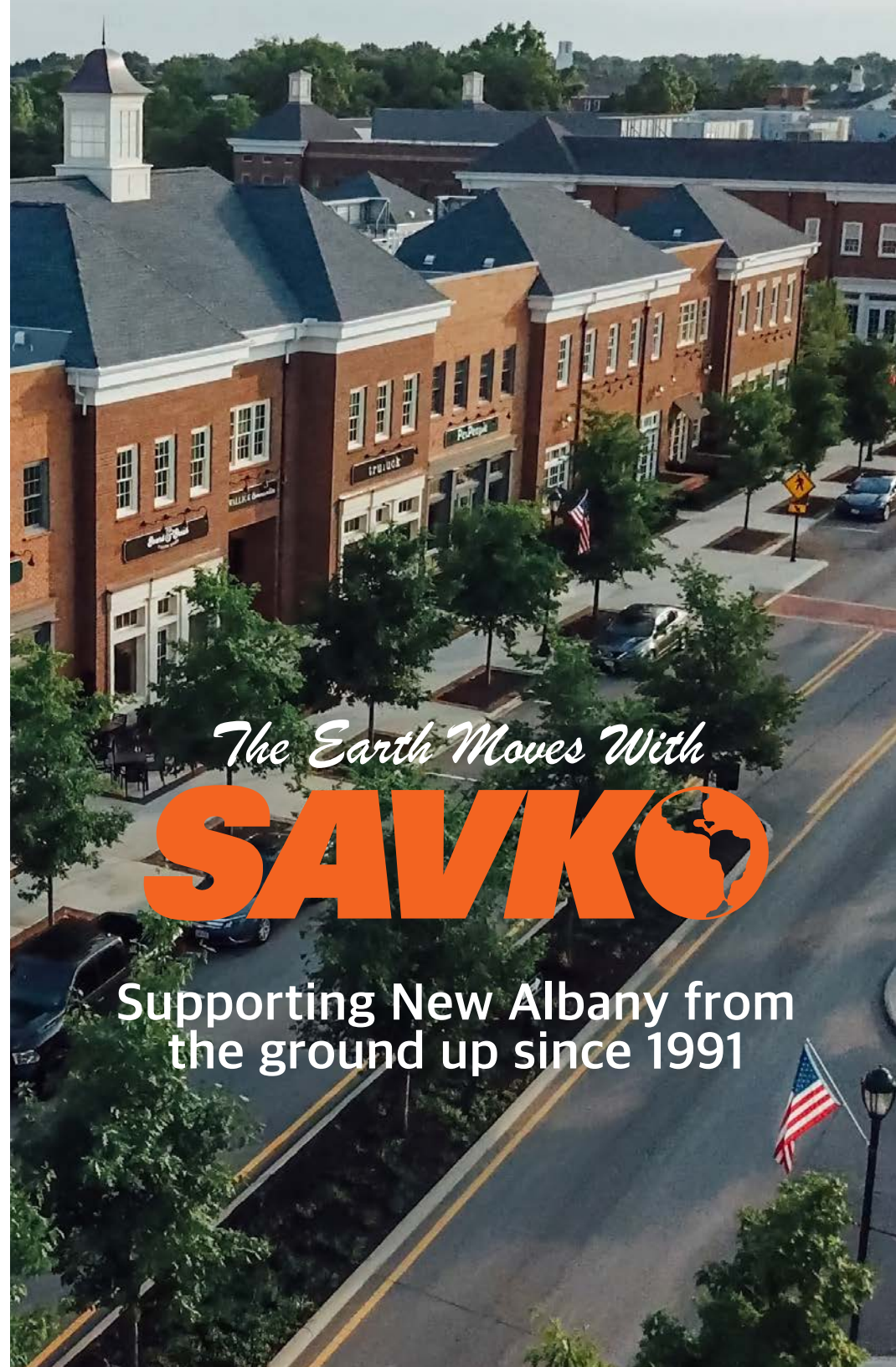
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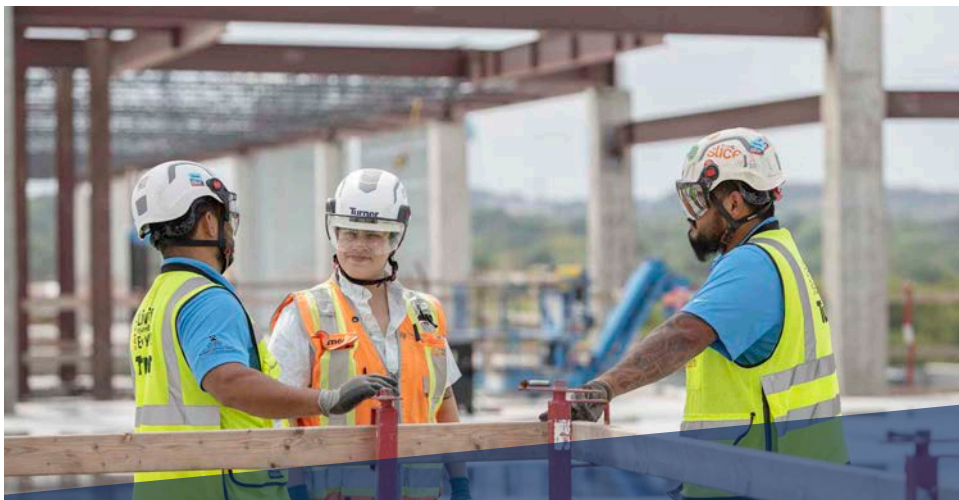
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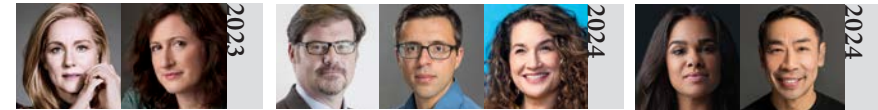
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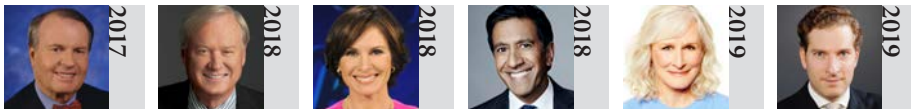
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