

# NEWS

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## Alexandra Ballet names New Board President

The Board of Directors of Alexandra Ballet has named Greg Chastain the new President of the Board upon retirement of long-time board member and president, David Lucas.

Chastain has served on the board for two years, and brings with him a dynamic appreciation for the arts. Employed by Bemis Company, Inc., as Director of Sales, Paper and Packaging Division, he is a long-time supporter of Dance St. Louis, Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, and Repertory Theatre, and brings with him considerable understanding of the arts scene here in St. Louis.

Eager to spread his enthusiasm for the arts in general, and for ballet in particular, Chastain has authored an article entitled, "**Ballet for Daddies**," an entertaining and informative comparison of the world of ballet to the world of professional sports, intended to help teach sports-oriented fathers an appreciation for the art form.

Alexandra Zaharias, Artistic Director of Alexandra Ballet, had this to say about Chastain, "Greg is a knowledgeable, approachable, leader," she says, "and will certainly make a wonderful president for our board. He knows how to communicate effectively, and believes in the team approach." "On top of that," she continues, "He's a lot of fun to be around. That enthusiasm of his is contagious."

"We have a dedicated core group of volunteers at Alexandra Ballet," said Chastain, "And I'm excited to lead the Board of Directors of this fine organization." "The board will be tightly focused on development and marketing," he continued. "We need to retire the debt we took on last season in order to host the Regional Dance America MidStates ballet festival so that it doesn't constrain the artistic vision of the company." "We have a great product to offer, and need to get the word out to the community about it."

**PHOTO OF MR. CHASTAIN IS ATTACHED TO THE PRESS RELEASE EMAIL.**

**PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF "BALLET FOR DADDIES" by GREG CHASTAIN**

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