

*Stepping Ahead Across the Nation*



## **ZENETTA S. DREW**

Executive Director



Ms. Drew has been with the company since 1987. She works with its 50 member Board of Directors and Artistic Director to formulate and implement the company's vision and mission.

During her tenure, the company's annual performances have grown from 30 to over 400 and now consistently include national and international venues. Audiences have grown from 20,000 to over 150,000 persons annually and the company's operating budget has increased from \$175,000 to over \$1,700,000.

Prior to joining Dallas Black Dance Theatre in 1987, Ms. Drew's professional background included twelve years of accounting and management experience with ARCO Oil and Gas Co.

She is a graduate of the 1990-91 class of Leadership Dallas, 2003 Recipient of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus Outstanding Texan Award in Arts/Entertainment, 2004 Recipient of the Dallas Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Alumnae Chapter's Outstanding African American Women in the Arts Award and was named 2009 Woman of the Year – St. Paul Baptist Church.

Ms. Drew currently serves on the Board of Downtown Dallas, the Advisory Board of the Booker T. Washington High School for Performing and Visual Arts, the Executive Advisory Board of the College of Business and Technology at Texas A & M University – Commerce and as Treasurer for the Dallas Development Fund. Ms. Drew is also a member of the 2010 Class of Leadership Texas.

Her past Board volunteer involvement includes serving on the boards of the Central Dallas Association and the Advisory Board for Booker T. Washington High School, Dallas Coalition for the Arts, Friends of WRR, Dallas Arts District Friends Foundation, the Creative Learning Center, Mark Twain Elementary and W. H. Atwell Middle School PTA Boards, Marketing Committee for the Dallas Museum of Art, and the Dallas Women's Foundation.

She has also served on the Special Events Advisory Council for the Dallas West End Association, the advisory Boards of Dallas' Thanksgiving Square, TACA, the Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Magnet High School, and as a Founding Board Member of Southwest Black Arts Festival.

At the national level Ms. Drew has served on advisory panels for the National Endowment for the Arts and President Bill Clinton's Americans for the Arts Strategic Planning Committee.

She holds a degree in B.B.A. Accounting from East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas and a Management Certificate in Non-Profit Leadership from Brookhaven College. Ms. Drew is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and St. Paul Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. She has two daughters, Antoinette, a 2006 MBA graduate of Florida A&M University School of Business and Industry and Ferrell, who is a 2008 MBA graduate of Florida A&M University (SBI) in Tallahassee, Florida; both reside in Atlanta, Georgia.