

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Concerning Musicians' Protest of ATT/PAC-Texas Ballet Theater Canned Music Policy

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- The Musicians' Union has for many years provided professional musicians for the ballet company's main stage productions under agreements with The Dallas Opera Orchestra for Nutcracker shows in Dallas, and with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra for shows at Bass Hall in Fort Worth.
- Texas Ballet Theater is a resident company of the new \$350 million AT&T Performing Arts Center.
- AT&T PAC's world-class acoustics, designed for live performance, will be squandered on canned music.
- In August 2008, the "financially strapped" ballet company cancelled live music for its 2008/09 season.
- In June 2008, a few weeks before dumping live music, TBT paid the Chinese government \$30,000.00 for a recording used to replace musicians March 27-29, 2009 at Bass Hall in Fort Worth.
- On February 10, 2009, the company announced it would dance to canned music in 2009/10, including shows at the new \$350 million AT&T Performing arts Center in Dallas.
- The ballet company says it saved \$700,000 annually by eliminating live orchestra.
- Mark Nerenhausen reportedly earns \$660,000 per year as AT&T PAC President and CEO.
- *The Dallas Morning News* reported that one AT&T PAC executive committee member, Jean Marie Clossey, was one of two TBT board members who received six figure annual sums totaling more than \$700,000 prior to August 2008, which went unreported in the company's IRS filings.
- Board members of non-profit organizations are generally expected to serve without compensation.
- TBT financed a Fort Worth home for Artistic Director Ben Stevenson in 2006, with no repayment terms.
- AT&T PAC and TBT continue to advertise, promote and sell tickets to canned music shows with images of live orchestra, failing to disclose that consumers are paying for a live orchestra, but won't get one.

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