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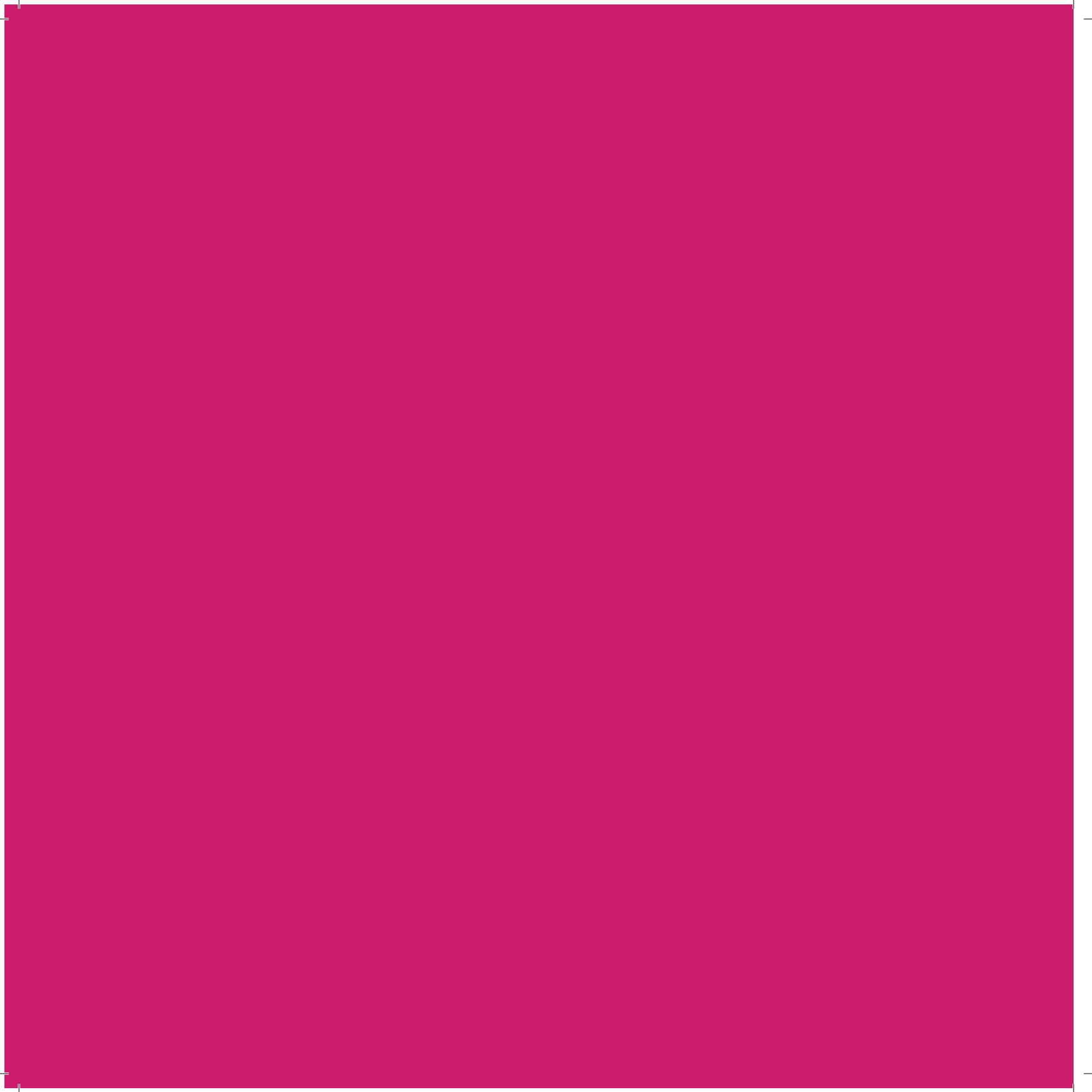
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# FOREWORD

Hello, dear teachers, parents, and students. I wanted to share the story of my ballet education with you; so I could inspire children and help them love ballet and art.

Since the beginning of human history, art has always been a way for people to express themselves. From ancient drawings, rhythms, and dances to today's forms, every culture has used art to tell its story. Music, painting, theater, ballet, dance, and design have helped people show their feelings, create lasting works, and even shape the future.

Literature, poetry, philosophy, sociology, psychology, and faith have always walked side by side with art and artists. To tell stories about people, we must first understand them. And to understand, we need to read, learn, and experience many things. Often, listening to the experiences of our elders and ancestors is the best way to learn and save time.

To me, art is a very special part of life. It belongs to people who think deeply, have something to say, and want to tell a story. Ballet and dance education help children grow in a fun and beautiful way, while also teaching them strong personal skills. Of course, every kind of art comes with its own challenges, but ballet is a very special form of art. To continue in ballet, a person must learn to manage their time, take care of themselves, and stay disciplined.

When a person dreams of reaching a goal, they must always think about the next step. Working hard with a clear plan helps students become stronger - so strong that they begin to compete with their own best selves. When children grow up with universal values, modern ideas, and their own cultural and spiritual roots, their journey becomes truly special. They grow not just for today, but also for the future. This is how we raise the teachers, performers, and leaders of tomorrow.