

School of Dance, Theater, and Art Administration *Lucinda Lavelli*

As the director of the School of Dance, Theatre, and Arts Administration, I have many wonderful memories of the school, The University of Akron, and the love of the art forms that pulled us together. The Ballet Center was filled morning to night with dancers of all ages in class and rehearsal, accompanied by talented musicians. The degree-granting dance program, the professional company-in-residence, Ohio Ballet, the pre-professional program, and The Dance Institute filled the studios with creative life. The undergraduate dance program grew to be the largest in Ohio and attracted the necessary funding to move from the former Firestone Chapel to the new

dance building fully equipped to be state of the art.