

# Irina Kolpakova

People's Artist Of Russia

I, Irina Kolpakova, lend my full support to Open World Dance Foundation, its endeavors, programs, and founders.

OWDF founders Ekaterina Shchelkanova and Anton Boytsov are knowledgeable, well-qualified teachers that preserve the true Vaganova method as it was intended by Agrippina Vaganova herself. They are one of the few people left in the world who not only possess expert knowledge of the Vaganova method, but are able to pass it on through their demonstrations, explanations, and teaching. I entrust OWDF to preserve the same Vaganova schooling that has greatly shaped my own success, along with the the success of countless ballet stars throughout history.

It is my sincere hope that as many people as possible can be a part of OWDF and its programs, projects, and performances, that they may be equipped with the knowledge to preserve ballet as an art form.

Sincerely,



Irina Kolpakova