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AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE

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*General Manager* JOYCE A. MOFFATT

Friday  
November 16, 1979

Senator Claiborne Pell  
4230 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

*May 4, 1980*

On ~~January 13,~~ 1980, American Ballet Theatre will celebrate its fortieth anniversary with a special performance at the Metropolitan Opera House. On that night, Lucia Chase will celebrate her fortieth year as a member of the company and her 35th year as its director. This evening will be a celebration both for the company's extraordinary history as the nation's premier dance company as well as a celebration of one of the nation's most distinguished artists.

Livingston Biddle, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, has placed Miss Chase's name in nomination for the Medal for Freedom and we would urge you to write to President Carter in support of his nomination.

Miss Chase is a long-time summer resident of Rhode Island and has brought unique honor to the nation as a whole through her trail-blazing contribution to the arts in America.

I have enclosed a copy of Miss Chase's biography for your inspection. If we can be of any help to you, please let us know.

We certainly hope that you will be able to attend this special occasion, and we hope that President Carter will accept Mr. Biddle's nomination.

Sincerely,

Charles France  
Director of Press and Public Relations

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