

38th Annual Ballet Ball

Co-Chairs



Dr. Viviana A. Lavin is a bilingual pediatrician at Heritage Medical Associates in Hermitage, Tennessee, who trained in pediatric hematology-oncology. She has a special interest in sports medicine, particularly swimming and is committed to improving care for children in underserved communities. Dr. Lavin believes sports and the arts are essential to a healthy life. An avid triathlete and master's swimmer, she most recently swam island to island in Costa Rica. She spends her time mostly between Nashville, Florida, and Spain.

She is so excited to serve as Co-Chair of this year's Ballet Ball for Nashville Ballet, an organization close to her heart as the sister of two ballerinas. She and her husband, Dr. Luis Fernandez, have three children.



Mrs. Robinette Gaston is a native Nashvillian who grew up in Historic Edgefield. After graduating from Harpeth Hall, she earned a B.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Georgia Tech and began her career as a software consultant with NCR in Atlanta. She returned home in 2002 and spent the next 20+ years as a project manager and Vice President at agencies including Finn Partners, Wunderman Thompson, Leo Burnett, Digitas, and Publicis Groupe, leading work for global brands such as Jack Daniel's, Bridgestone, Delta, Nissan and Visa.

Today she partners with Hugh, her husband of 26 years, as The Gaston Group at The Agency Nashville, providing relationship-driven real estate service. The couple also founded Vulcan Roofing, a family-owned Middle Tennessee business. In addition to serving as Co-Chair of the Ballet Ball, Robinette serves on the Montgomery Bell Academy Mothers' Club Executive Board. She previously served on the Harpeth Hall Young Alumni Council, the Swan Ball Public Relations Committee, and the Overbrook Parents Association board and she is a member of Hillwood Country Club. Robinette adores historic homes as she and Hugh live in a 1900 Victorian in Sylvan Park, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. She has two sons, Beau and Grey and two Havanese. When she's off the clock, you'll find her on 30A or the ski slopes.

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Honorary Chair

Mrs. Emily Stowe is a prominent Nashville-based philanthropist, arts advocate and retired IT sales professional. She is recognized for her leadership and financial support of the performing arts and cultural organizations in Middle Tennessee. She is a long-standing Board of Directors member for the Nashville Ballet and served as co-chair of the 2020 Ballet Ball, an annual black-tie ball that solely supports bringing educational programs to the Middle Tennessee community.



Emily also serves on the Executive Board of the Nashville Symphony and chaired the high-profile 2024 Symphony Fashion Show, an event dedicated to funding music education programs for underserved communities. In 2024, Emily co-chaired the Swan Ball Auction and is the co-chair of the 2027 Swan Ball Auction advisory committee. She previously served on the board of the King's Daughters Child Development Center in Madison. Before retiring in 2017, Emily worked as an executive sales manager for Lexmark Int., which at the time was a Fortune 500 technology company. Before entering the corporate technology industry, Emily was an anchor and reporter for ABC affiliates in Kentucky. Emily has two children who both live in New York city.