

FROM THE DESK OF
VICTORIA SIMON

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Director
USCIS Service Center

Dear Director,

I understand that you are considering granting an O-1 Visa Petition on behalf of Karina Elver. I am well acquainted with Ms. Elver as I have just observed her work at Indiana University. During the course of rehearsals and performances I had the opportunity to see her wonderful staging of Bournonville Variations. Before I say more about Ms. Elver a short synopsis of my career is in order.

Following a career as a dancer with the New York City Ballet I was one of the first dancers selected by George Balanchine to re-stage his ballets. Now as a Ballet Mistress for the George Balanchine Trust I have staged over 25 of the master's ballets for over 80 companies on every continent. I started my studies in New York City at the School of American Ballet. At the age of 17 I became a member of New York City Ballet and went on to become a soloist with the company before taking on the challenging role of Balanchine's representative around the world.

Karina Elver is one of the foremost staggers of the Bournonville ballets. Her attention to detail and musicality is phenomenal. She is a wonderful teacher and gives her students an incite into one of the worlds renowned choreographers. She draws praise from dancers, teachers and audience members alike. She is a wonderful asset to the dance world and would enhance the depth of the field in the United States.

I appreciate your time in considering this letter. If I can be of further service, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



Victoria Simon