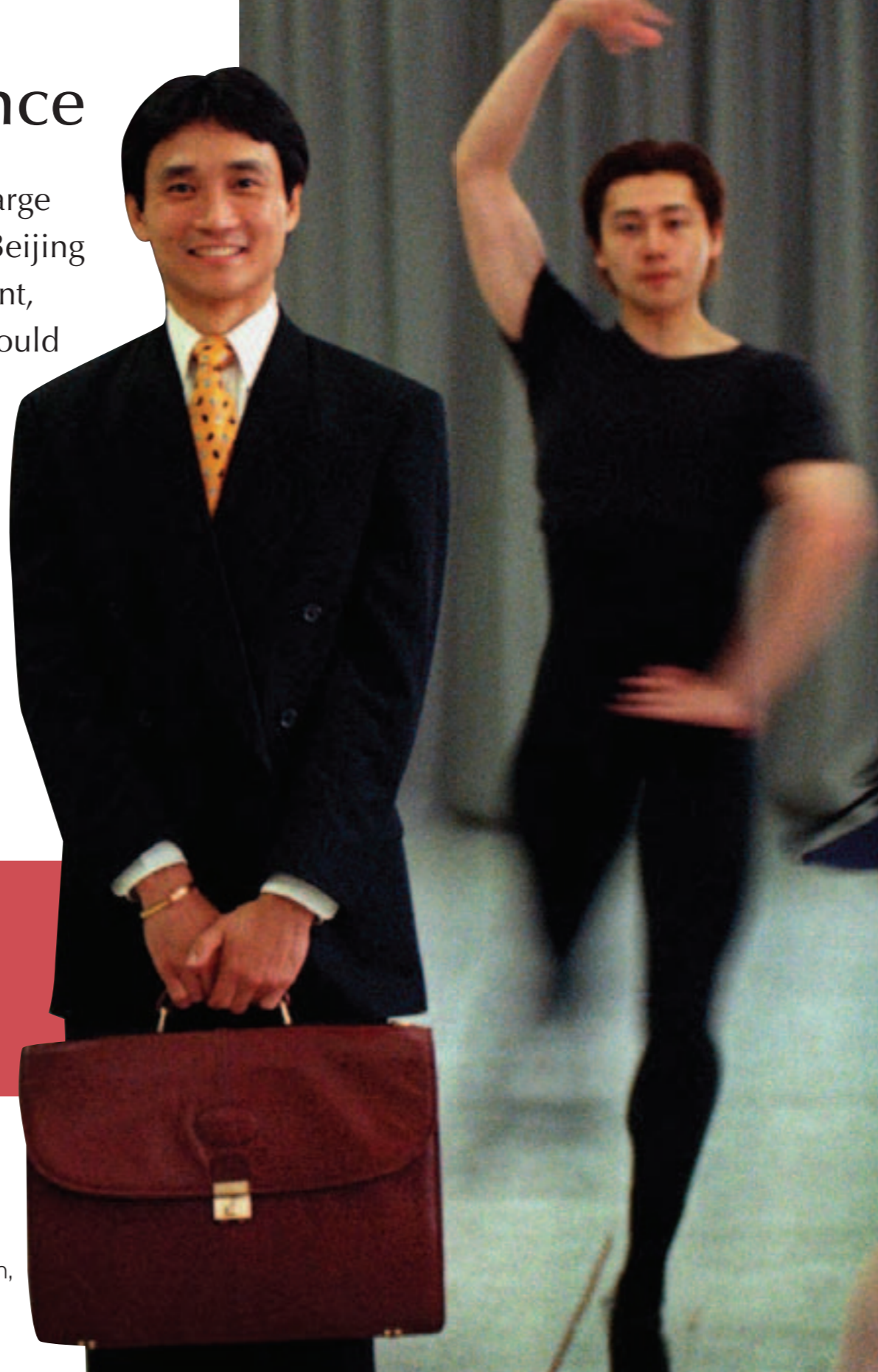


Chosen by Chance

Li was chosen by chance from a large classroom of children to join the Beijing Dance Academy. From that moment, he worked hard at a career that would last more than twenty years. When he found something difficult, he practiced even harder. He became a principal dancer for the Houston Ballet and then the Australian Ballet. He proved that hard work can lead to great success.

In 1999, Li traded his ballet shoes for a briefcase and retired from dancing. He now works in the business world in Melbourne, Australia.

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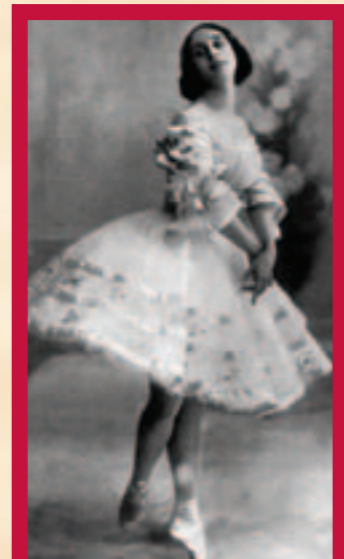


More Famous Ballet Dancers

Mikhail Baryshnikov (1948–) was one of Russia's and the world's leading ballet dancers. He danced in many principal roles and then formed his own company.

Dame Margot Fonteyn (1919–1991) was known as the greatest British ballet dancer ever. In 1962, she formed a partnership with Rudolf Nureyev, a famous Russian ballet dancer.

Anna Pavlova (1881–1931) was a small, gentle, Russian dancer known as the “Dying Swan,” after a dance she performed all over the world.



Anna Pavlova