



*Misty Copeland*  
Misty didn't start ballet lessons until she was 13. She took her first ballet classes on a basketball court at a Boys & Girls Club, wearing gym clothes and socks. But in just three months, she was dancing on pointe, and now she's the first African American principal ballerina at American Ballet Theatre. There is even a Misty Copeland Barbie, dressed in a tiny version of the real Misty's Firebird costume.