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Dear readers,

It's time to bring the year and 'semester' to an end with a wonderful spectacle of performances throughout the state. Just a quick glance through the issue will show you how devoted Arizona dancers are to performance, study, rehearsal, production, costuming, and bringing communities together in festive celebration. We applaud you. There is also an opportunity for a workshop December 9 with [EPIK Dance](#) and they are producing their BATTLE again - [EPIK Expressions II](#) - in January. See pgs 16-17, 19-20.

January awaits with a new [Phoenix Tap Festival](#) held in Scottsdale. [Jenefer Miller](#) is on a mission focused on making Arizona famous for tap dancers and tap events. See pg 27.

Charitable organizations rely on our support throughout the year, but even more so during the holiday season.

Consider [Free Ever After](#) in Tucson to donate your evening gowns and fancy dresses, bridesmaid and wedding gowns. They provide dresses to young women in need during the prom season, but also provide support for women who are at risk and victims of sex trafficking. I saw some beautiful dresses suitable for ballroom competitions and NYE parties. View pictures on pg 24.

Take in as many performances as your wallet allows, and then try to 'usher' to see the rest. Remember to go social dancing parties as well. There is a [Masquerade Ball Gala](#) fundraiser for [DanceSport Education](#) in Scottsdale on December 17 (pg 10). Time to 'dress up' in formal wear!

*Happy Holidays & Happy New Year !*

Krystyna Parafinczuk, Editor



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**Ballet Etudes** presents **The Nutcracker**  
at two locations

**December 1-3**, Chandler Center for the Arts

**December 8-10, 15-17**, Mesa Arts Center

**Fridays & Saturdays 7 pm**

**Matinees: Saturday 2 pm, Sundays 3 pm**

Experience "a royally entertaining show" (The Arizona Republic) and "...an East Valley tradition... and a heartfelt artistic experience," (The East

Valley Tribune) as Ballet Etudes presents its 31st annual production of The Nutcracker! Let Clara's magical journey surround you as she encounters life-size mice, swirling snowflakes, dancing confections and the Sugar Plum Fairy. A feast for the eyes and ears with colorful and imaginative costumes paired with Tchaikovsky's original score, Ballet Etudes' The Nutcracker is the perfect way to celebrate the holiday season with the entire family. Backstage tours are offered following most performances. A 20% discount is given to groups of 10+.

**Chandler Center for the Arts**, 250 N Arizona Ave, Chandler

Tickets: \$25, \$29. Click here or call 480.782.2680

(Note: All patrons, regardless of age, must have a ticket.)

<https://chandlercenter.org/dance/31-nutcracker>

**Dec 1 & 2 7 pm** (Dec 2 7 pm Patrons are encouraged to arrive an hour before show time due to the expected crowds for the Tumbleweed Tree Lighting ceremony in Downtown Chandler.)

**December 2 2 pm; December 3 3 pm**

**Mesa Arts Center**, One E Main St, Mesa

Base Price\*: \$25, \$29 (Lap child: \$6) | Click here or call 480.644.6500

<https://www.mesaartscenter.com/index.php/shows/resident-companies/the-nutcracker-2017>

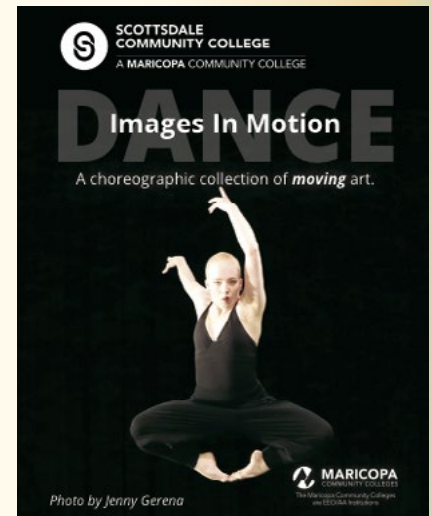
**December 8 & 9, 15-16 7 pm; December 9 & 16 2 pm; December 10 & 17 3 pm**

\*Additional venue fees apply



**December 1-3, Friday-Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2 pm.** Glendale Community College Performing Arts Center, 6000 W Olive Ave, Glendale. **GCC Dance Program** presents **GRACE**. Featuring VERVE Dance Company in choreographic works by Rebecca Rabideau, Artistic Director; Jenny Gerena, Jean Kelly, and Shauna Meredith, GCC Dance Faculty; and Guest Artists Sumana Sen Mandala and Alicia-Lynn Nascimento-Castro. GRACE will showcase choreography by GCC Dance Majors and graduating Dance major Stephanie Haskins, with special guest Convergence Ballet. For More Information 623-845-4905, [Rebecca.Rabideau@gccaz.edu](mailto:Rebecca.Rabideau@gccaz.edu)

**December 1-2, Friday-Saturday, 8 pm.** Scottsdale Community College Performing Arts Center, 9000 E Chaparral Rd, Scottsdale. The award-winning **Scottsdale Community College Dance Program** presents **Images in Motion**, a dance concert featuring SCC's three performing companies. The works of ten choreographers will highlight the artistic and physical excellence of SCC dancers in this all-ages performance. Come join us for this thrilling biannual SCC Dance tradition! Tickets are free and will be available at the door.



**December 1-2, Friday-Saturday, 3 & 7 pm.** Estrella Mountain Community College Performing Arts Center, 3000 N Dysart Rd, Avondale. **DancEstrella**, the student performing company of **Estrella Mountain Community College** (EMCC), under the artistic direction of residential dance faculty member Janaea Lyn McAlee, will present their latest production **The Door Within**. This event is open to the public and admission is free. The performance features projects by dance majors enrolled in Choreography 2; collaborative dances by DancEstrella members; a new work by Janaea Lyn McAlee and composer/pianist David Anderson with guest musician Judyta Murzyn; and a solo by guest artist Jazmin Parker, an EMCC dance

program graduate completing her BFA degree in Dance at ASU. Audience members are invited to a brief post-performance conversation with the company immediately after each performance. *"The starting point for our production this semester is the idea of entrances, exits and thresholds. The dancers were inspired to explore these ideas from an interior perspective and the title evolved from that focus,"* says McAlee. The company uses collaborative dance making techniques to develop original work on a theme each semester. Janaea Lyn McAlee at 623-935-8427, [janaea.mcalee@estrellamountain.edu](mailto:janaea.mcalee@estrellamountain.edu)



**December 2, Saturday, 9-4 pm.** Sunday Crossings, 21699 W Yuma Rd, Buckeye. **22nd Annual Hometown Holiday Boutique. Step's Junk Funk** will be performing from 11am-noon at this event. Be entertained while shopping for holiday gifts with pony rides, petting zoo, face painting, pictures with Santa, and more. recreation@buckeyeaz.gov; 623-349-6350.

**December 2-3, Saturday 2 & 7 pm, Sunday 2 pm.** Sedona Performing Arts Center, 995 Upper Red Rock Loop Rd, Sedona. **Sedona Chamber Ballet** presents **The Nutcracker** featuring **Phoenix Ballet**, under the artistic direction of Slawomir Wozniak, joined by dancers from Sedona. The great thing about The Nutcracker is that it transcends generations. Winifred Muench, Chair, Sedona Chamber Ballet says, *"Do not miss the opportunity to see the international award-winning dancers -- Madison Penney, Michal Wozniak, Slawek Wozniak, Zherlin Ndudi -- perform this timeless classic. It's a professional production not to be missed."* The magical story of The Nutcracker follows Marie and her Prince as they share the story of a magical gift, a suspenseful battle between soldiers and mice, and take us to the enchanted Land of Sweets.

**Tickets** \$30-45. Groups of 10 or more, contact sedonaballet@gmail.com or 928-554-4059. Ask about special talks with staff and dancers and dining options near the theater for your group.



**December 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, Saturdays 2 & 7 pm, Sundays 2 & 5 pm.** Herberger Theater Center, 222 E Monroe St, Phoenix. **Center Dance Ensemble (CDE)** presents **Snow Queen**. The holidays just wouldn't be complete without Center Dance Ensemble's the charming winter adventure Snow Queen. Based on the

Hans Christen Andersen fairytale and set to Prokofiev's lush score, CDE brings the wicked Snow Queen to life! Families will delight in the mystical world of sprites, gypsies and ice maidens while the young Gerda seeks to rescue Kai from the Snow Queen's Crystal Palace. CDE's principal dancers will be joined by over 150 children from all over the Valley to create this magical wintery fairytale for the holiday season!

**Lunchtime: Fridays, December 8 & 15, 12:10 pm.** Audience members may bring their own lunch. \$7 admission.



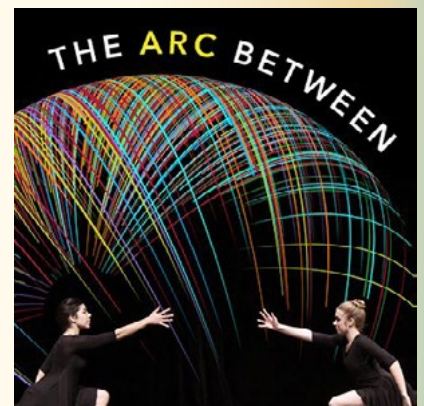
**December 3, Sunday, 3 pm.** Paradise Valley Community College Center for the Performing Arts, 18401 N 32nd St, Phoenix. **AZDance Group** presents their family-loved annual **A Joyous Christmas**. A fun filled, delightful professional production highlighting those with different abilities, AZDance's Movement E-Motion (MEM), a 12-year old outreach program with professional, pre-professional and student dancers from around the valley and beyond. Quirky, emotionally and entertaining jazz, neoclassical and modern dance works are set to inspirational, Christmas and other Holiday music, delighting all ages! A family tradition for many valley art goers. **Tickets** \$3.50 for children 12 and under to \$25\* adults. Seniors and Students \$15\*. Tickets available through PVCC CPA website or at the door in person! \*Service and other fees apply. Photo copyright AZDance/KLN; PC Patty Kaufman



**December 3, Sunday, 11:30 am.** Chateau Luxe, 1175 Lone Cactus Dr, Phoenix. **Scottsdale Ballet Foundation's "2017 Nutcracker Sweets Tea" Fundraiser.** Come and enjoy a traditional Tea Service, photo opportunities with the Nutcracker characters, holiday crafts for the young ones, and a special performance by the Scottsdale School of Ballet. Also, all adults will be welcomed with live piano accompaniment and a complimentary mimosa to kick off your holiday. Tea tickets are available at the Scottsdale School of Ballet or you can also purchase online at the [Scottsdale Ballet Foundation](http://www.scottsdaleballetfoundation.org).

**December 8-9, Friday-Saturday, 7:30 pm.** Ethington Theatre at Grand Canyon University, 3300 W Camelback Rd, Phoenix. **GCU's Winter Dance Concert: The Arc Between.** "Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy." (Psalm 126:5)

To move and inspire, contemporary dance artists explore love and hate, life and death, creation and destruction – and the Arc Between. Modern dance artists have never wavered from navigating the human condition in all its terror and beauty. What better way is there to observe the lives we lead than through dance, "the hidden language of the soul," as Martha Graham calls it. Come and share in the journey. For more information, contact Ethington Theatre Box Office at 602-639-8880 or email [ethington@gcu.edu](mailto:ethington@gcu.edu). If you are a GCU student, show your GCU ID for FREE tickets. <http://events.gcu.edu/event/winter-dance-concert/>





**December 8, Thursday, 3-4 pm.** La Joya at La Posada, 750 S La Canada Circle, Green Valley. In the days to come you will hear the ringing bells of the Salvation Army Santa Claus, the soft melodies of Christmas music played over the loudspeaker, and numerous people wishing others a Merry Christmas or a Happy Holiday and you will... WITNESS **The Rodeo City Wreckettes** singing their version of the 12 days of Christmas, 12 Blossoms in a Cholla, as well as dancing to your favorite

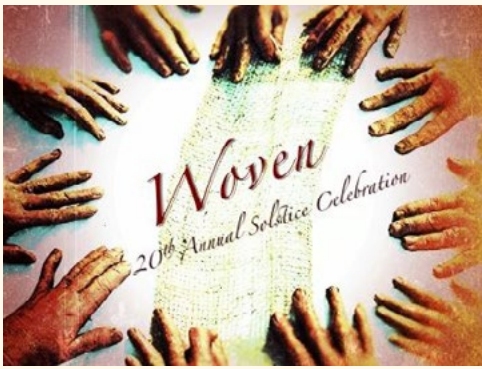
Christmas songs. The Wreckettes will be raising money for Youth On Their Own as well as bringing comfort and joy to others. Embrace the Christmas spirit, and peace and love to all.

**December 8-10, Friday-Saturday 7 pm, Saturday-Sunday 2 pm.** Snider Auditorium, 400 S 6th Ave, Yuma. **Ballet Yuma** presents **The Nutcracker**—a colorful production set to original choreography by Kathleen Sinclair, Jon Cristofori and Emma M.K. Cong, introducing audiences of all ages to the magnificent world of ballet. This holiday season experience the beauty and grace of Ballet Yuma's cast of dancers, and make "The Nutcracker" one of your family's favorite holiday traditions for years to come! **Tickets** \$15-25. Info Jenn Colman 928-446-6770.



**December 8-9, Friday 7:30 pm, Saturday, 11 am & 7:30 pm.** Clifford E White Theater, Flagstaff. **Canyon Movement Company** presents **The Nutcracker Suite in Modern Bare Feet**. Acro-Yoga, Aerial dance, updated choreography and costumes, along with fun versions of the music by Tchaikovsky! That's what you'll find at Canyon Movement Company's fourteenth annual production of the Nutcracker Suite in Modern Bare Feet this December. Partnering with Canyon Dance Academy, Velocity Dance Company, and Al Rakasaat, as well as Flagstaff Aerial Arts, this is a show you won't want to miss! Members of Canyon Movement Company and the cast are also presenting a lecture/demonstration for local School students as part of their community outreach and educational programs. Tickets \$17/general, \$11/child-student. Call 523-5661 for tickets or check our website [www.canyonmovementcompany.org](http://www.canyonmovementcompany.org).





**December 16-17, 20, Friday 12 pm, Saturday 2 pm, Sunday & Wednesday 7:30 pm.** ZUZI! Dance, 738 N 5th Ave in the Historic Y, Tucson. **ZUZI Dance** presents **"Woven" 20th Annual Solstice Celebration.** As the shortest day of the year, the winter Solstice marks the turning from the cold, dark days of winter to the warmer, lighter days of spring and summer. Historically, this season is a time of reflection, renewal, and community celebration. ZUZI! Dance production and local dancers, aerialists, musicians,

and from the Tucson performing arts community and the weaving community will host this show. This collaborative effort highlights the elemental qualities of weaving.

The art of weaving is a profound metaphor for understanding the workings of the universe and our place in it. Through the physical process of weaving, we gain a better understanding of this world and how we as human beings are woven into it. We are bound to our bodies with the fragile threads of earth. Our skeleton is a loom on which every system is strung and woven. The meeting of opposite elements woven into a whole is the quest of many seekers to find meaning in their life. The art of weaving is the essential art of creating the unified one of two opposites. Archaeological findings suggest that weaving is at least 20,000 years old, but because weavings are so organic and biodegradable, no physical evidence this old has been obtained. In this Solstice celebration we envision honoring the interconnectedness of our humanity as we move forward with the return of the sun.

"Woven" is directed/choreographed by Nanette Robinson, with special guest artist and choreographer Mirela Roza and Navajo weaver Marlow Kutoni. During the performance there will be lobby demonstrations by Tucson Handweavers and Spinners Guild. In addition to the dancers in the cast, ZUZI! Dance holds a youth aerial workshop and a community workshop that are open to anyone to learn a piece of choreography to perform in the show. This year woven into the community piece is the newly formed dance company, Dansequence, Karenne Koo, Director. These Solstice Community Workshops have been a long-standing tradition for ZUZI! to create a space and opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to work, move, learn and grow together. Participants have ranged in age from 7 to 72. This multi-generational approach to dance is rooted in ZUZI!'s belief that individual perspectives shared and shaped with others creates a healthy community. Gallery fiber arts display from local and regional weavers will be on sale. A portion of proceeds from sales will go to ZUZI! Dance. ZUZI! will be accepting donations for Sister Joses Homeless Shelter for Women of sweaters, scarves, socks, hats, gloves. Bring a donation and you will receive a \$2 discount for show. **Tickets** \$20, \$15 senior/student/military.







**December 15, Friday, 7:30 pm.** Fox Tucson Theatre, 17 W Congress St, Tucson. **Merry-Achi Christmas** extravaganza featuring **Mariachi Sol De Mexico De Jose Hernandez** and **Ballet Folklorico Arizona** from **Viva! Performing Arts Center**. **Tickets** \$26-\$60.

**December 15-17, 21-24, Fridays-Sundays**, times vary. Orpheum Theatre, 203 W Adams, Phoenix. Join **Phoenix Ballet** and internationally recognized dance stars Juliet Doherty, Avery Gay, Madison Penney, Tia Wenkman, Anthony Tette and more,



along with top students from the acclaimed Master Ballet Academy as they present Slawomir Wozniak's acclaimed *The Nutcracker*. Let the professional dancers awe you with their skill while they dance alongside renowned students who have brought home top awards and honors at major competitions including Youth America Grand Prix, the World Ballet Competition, International Dance Competition and more. Danced to Tchaikovsky's famous score and held at the enchanting Orpheum Theatre, let this magical, authentic production transport you back in time. Complete with dancing mice, a snowfall on stage and the beauty of the Sugar Plum Fairy, it's a sight to cherish. Let the holidays begin and see why audiences have been raving about Phoenix Ballet! **Tickets** start at just \$25! Call 602-534-5600 or order online. **ActOne:** Phoenix Ballet is proud to partner with Act One for our new Student Matinee program that enables students to learn about ballet and enjoy a special performance of *The Nutcracker*.

**December 16, Saturday, 1 & 6 pm.**

Paradise Valley Community College Center for the Performing Arts, 18401 N 32nd St, Phoenix. **Scottsdale Ballet Foundation** presents **Winter Festival 2017** with original choreography by **Scottsdale School of Ballet** director Donald Dadey. Mr. Dadey, noted for his works while directing Ballet Arizona, has presented original choreographed ballets in past performances of



Scottsdale School of Ballet featuring such wonderful works as "Exaltation of Angels", "Solstice", "Precipice", "Encanto" and "Water Dances". This year Mr. Dadey will present "Songs Without Words" set to the piano pieces by Felix Mendelssohn. As always, for the holiday treat of the evening, we present "The Nutcracker Suite" where the directors Sibylle Acatos-Dadey and Donald Dadey present 1st Act Party Scene, an enchanting Snow Scene, and the exciting and dreamy highlights from Act II. In this act you will see and be delighted by our interpretations of all of the traditional dances, culminating with the solo featuring the Sugar Plum Fairy and a rousing finale by the entire cast. Make this part of your Holiday tradition! **Tickets** \$20/25 reserved seating.



**December 17, Sunday, 5-10:30 pm.** Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch, 7700 E McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale. **Imperial Ballroom Dance Company** presents the **7th Annual Masquerade Ball GALA**. The GALA is a black-tie fundraising event benefiting 100% **DanceSport Education**, an Arizona not-for-profit organization. The mission of DanceSport Education is to impact the lives of children and youth through ballroom dance and support young and developing dancesport athletes.

Join us for an elegant evening unlike any other! Grab your mask and prepare for a beautiful GALA filled with activities and amazing dancing. The night begins with Champagne toast upon arrival, sit-down 3-course dinner and cocktails. Plenty of music and general dancing. Live band at cocktail hour. Live music by Alex Hristov during dinner. Extra special pro/am showcase, followed by an unbeatable US top professional show. Come to Scottsdale's largest ballroom party of the year! Celebrate the Holiday Season! Show your support for a worthy cause! Visit [MBGala.dance](http://MBGala.dance) for more information and to purchase tickets: \$50 kids, \$90 & 145 adults, \$155 VIP tickets SOLD OUT.





**December 20, Wednesday, 3 pm.** Villa Hermosa, 6300 E Speedway, Tucson. The **Rodeo City Wreckettes** will be donning their Western and holiday costumes for a non stop hour of tap and jazz dance. The holiday show will feature songs like Santa Baby and Winter Wonderland, choreographed by the talented Director Carol Ross. The dancers will even perform with candy striped canes! You won't want to miss this spectacular display of talent. Emcee Johnny Ross will portray Santa in the song Santa Baby. The

Wreckettes have their own Tucson version of the 12 Days of Christmas that will warm your heart. This show benefits The Alzheimer's Research and Prevention Foundation.

### **German Cornejo's TANGO FIRE COMPANY OF BUENOS AIRES**

Immerse yourself in the intoxicating passion of late night Buenos Aires. Direct from Argentina, **Tango Fire** combines authentic dancers, sophisticated choreography and sultry live music in one seductive performance.

**January 6, 2018, Saturday, 8 pm. Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts**, 7380 E 2nd St, Scottsdale. **Tickets** \$39+ / patrons 29 and under 50% off.

**January 7, 2018, Sunday, 7:30 pm. Del E Webb Center for the Performing Arts**, 1090 S Vulture Mine Rd, Wickenburg. **Tickets** \$35-45.



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**January 18, 2018, Wednesday, 7:30 pm.** Centennial Hall, UA Campus, 1020 E University Blvd, Tucson. **UA Presents MOMIX.** Student **tickets** start at \$20. Group discounts available, call 626-3870.

**January 20, Saturday, 7:30 pm.** **Del E Webb Center for the Performing Arts** presents **MOMIX**, 1090 S Vulture Mine Rd, Wickenburg. **Tickets** \$38-48.



*Celebrate dance not just today but every day – or as Rumi would say:  
“Dance, when you’re broken open. Dance, if you’ve torn the bandage off.  
Dance in the middle of the fighting. Dance in your blood.  
Dance when you’re perfectly free.”*

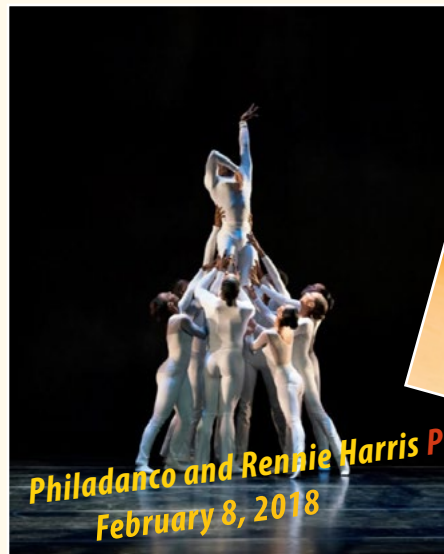




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**Free Tickets for Veterans, Students and Teachers:** The Center provides free tickets to selected events for eligible veterans, students and teachers. A valid student ID, teacher ID or proof of military service is required. Tickets are limited and must be requested by phone or in person at the box office.

**29 and Under Ticket Discounts:** Arts lovers 29 years and under enjoy 50-percent off tickets to selected events. All ticket prices (A, B and C) are available for the 50-percent discount (one ticket per eligible youth). Tickets are limited and may be purchased online, by phone or in person using promo code 29UNDER.



**2018 Dance Season**  
**The Tango Fire Company of Buenos Aires**  
 Saturday, Jan 6, 8 pm

**ODC/Dance**  
 Thursday, Feb 15, 7:30 pm



**Parsons Dance**  
 Friday, March 9, 8 pm  
*Photos by Lois Greenfield*



**Enmei (Long Life) ~ A Dance and Aging Project**  
 Friday, March 23, 8 pm







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### ASU GAMMAGE *BEYOND* 2018

Dance Theatre of Harlem, April 14, 2018  
Halau O Kekuhi, April 28



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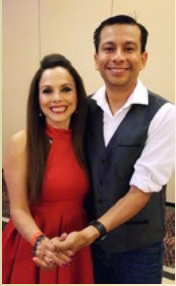
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### Attention Non-ADC Members

Your performances, workshops, and master classes are mentioned in the **Regional Section** of the *Arizona Dance e-Star*. We welcome your **announcements**: job postings, auditions, scholarships, awards & recognitions, new positions, reorganizations, and invitations to participate in FlashMobs & Festivals. Keep Arizonans informed!

*Consider becoming an ADC member, being a part of a statewide dance community and enjoying the member benefits and discounts offered by our members and more than 20 Merchants throughout Arizona ~ graphic designers, photographers, dancewear stores, dance studios, printers, costume designers, venues, etc. Review the benefits towards the back of this magazine.*

## Master Classes / Workshops



**December 3, Sunday, 2-8:30 pm.** Tranzend-Studio Fitness, 417 W Santa Fe Ave, Flagstaff. **Grand Canyon Salsa Festival** presents **Casino & Rueda de Casino Workshop** with Tucson's **Art Garcia**, co-director of TucSon Casineros. Workshop ends at 5 pm and the Sunday Social begins at 5:30 with a lesson with Art. \$25 advance purchase/ \$35. *Art pictured with co-director Virna Fratt.*

**December 9, Saturday, 11 am-4:30 pm.** 3130 E Union Hills Dr #104, Phoenix. **EPIK Dance Company** presents **The Winter Workshop**. The holidays are just around the corner and EPIK has a gift for you! Join us for a full day of master classes taught by some of your favorite EPIK Dancers! Classes range from hip hop isolations to modern. Spaces are limited so don't hesitate. All proceeds from this event will benefit our new stage show, "Don't Hold Your Breath." Thank you in advance for supporting EPIK Dance Company! Pre-register: \$40 full day // \$12 per class; Day Of: \$50 full day // \$15 per class. For the cheapest rate, pre-register now, please email [info@epikdanceco.org](mailto:info@epikdanceco.org) with the dancer's name as well as their class selection for each time block. We'll see you there! [www.epikdanceco.org](http://www.epikdanceco.org)

11 am	Check-in/Registration
11:30-11:45 am	Group Warm-Up
11:45-12:45 pm	Urban Choreography <i>Chase 'Zoom' Bell</i> <b>or</b> Contemporary <i>Anna Jones</i>
1-2 pm	Breaking <i>Emmanuel 'Kunta' Moore</i> <b>or</b> Jazz <i>Ashley Palma</i>
2:15-3:15 pm	Hip Hop Isolations <i>Terrance 'Hush' Eddings</i> <b>or</b> Modern <i>Chelsea Neiss</i>
3:30-4:30 pm	Jazz Funk <i>Ayanna Conway</i> <b>or</b> Contemporary Fusion <i>Jenna Lyn Myers</i>

*View the image on the next page.*



### **AzDEO Pink Tutu Flu Professional Development Day** **January 26, Friday, 9 am-3 pm.**

Wight Noise Dance Company Studios, 9800 N 91st Ave, Suite 120, Peoria. A great day of sharing curriculum ideas and methods from fellow educators including information from the NDEO annual conference last October. All are welcome- K-12 teachers, college students, studio teachers, Post-Secondary teachers. Coffee and Tea and lunch included. To register email Lynn Monson at [lmanson@cox.net](mailto:lmanson@cox.net). Send registration fee to: AZDEO, PO Box 60152, Phoenix AZ. 85082. AzDEO Members: Free, Non-Members: \$20. Certificate of hours awarded.





EPIK DANCE COMPANY PRESENTS

# THE WINTER WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 9TH 2017

**PRE-REGISTER: \$40 full day/\$12 per class**  
**DAY OF: \$50 full day/\$15 per class**

**Registration/Check-in: 11AM**  
**Group Warm-up: 11:30AM-11:45AM**



**11:45-12:45PM**

**Chase 'Zoom' Bell // Urban Choreography**  
**Anna Jones // Contemporary**



**1-2PM**

**Emmanuel 'Kunta' Moore // Breaking**  
**Ashley Palma // Jazz**



**2:15-3:15PM**

**Terrance 'Hush' Eddings // Hip Hop Isolations**  
**Chelsea Neiss // Modern**



**3:30-4:30PM**

**Ayanna Conway // Jazz Funk**  
**Jenna Myers // Contemporary Fusion**

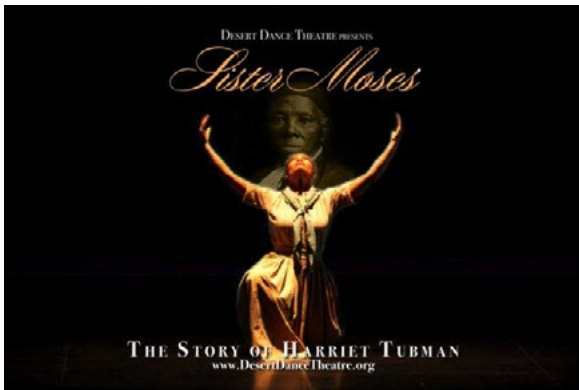


**LOCATION: 3130 EAST UNION HILLS DRIVE #104 PHOENIX, AZ 85050**

**2017 7.11**

## ADC Member Announcements, Auditions, National News

**Tucson Tango Festival** registration is open. It will be held once again at Casino Del Sol Resort, Tucson, March 8-11, 2018. To register, or for more information, visit <http://tucsontangofestival.com/>. Instructors include *Gustavo Benzecri Saba and Maria Olivera, Carrie Field and Mike Malixi, Oscar Casas and Jesica Arfenoni, Homer and Cristina Ladas, Adam Cornett and Tilly Kimm*. Please note that you must be registered for the festival to reserve a room at the hotel. After registration is complete and confirmed through our system, approximately two days, you will receive the code to book your room for the festival.



### FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS:

#### "Sister Moses: The Story of Harriet Tubman"

**Desert Dance Theatre** is offering field trip opportunities for students to attend in January-March 2018. The cost is only \$5 per student and two free teacher/chaperones per group of 25 students. Please make your reservations while seats are still available. Downloadable Reservation Forms Available:

<http://desertdancetheatre.org/sister-moses/>

### Locations as of October 27, 2017

Show Low Auditorium, **January 25**, day and evening performances

Paradise Valley Community College, Phoenix, Friday, **February 23**

Trevor G Browne Auditorium, Phoenix, Thursday-Friday, **March 22-23**, day and evening performances.

Sister Moses promises to be educational, artistic, inspiring and up-lifting.

PROMO VIDEO CLIP: <https://vimeo.com/195076754>

**Sister Moses: The Story of Harriet Tubman** is a beautiful story of a courageous woman's determination to free her people from slavery through the Underground Railroad. She was one of America's first liberated women of color, who fought against all odds for the sake of freedom and equality. This production brings light to the incredible accomplishments of Harriet Tubman, the anti-slavery activist. For more information, contact Desert Dance Theatre: 480-962-4584, [info@DesertDanceTheatre.org](mailto:info@DesertDanceTheatre.org), [www.DesertDanceTheatre.org](http://www.DesertDanceTheatre.org).

### STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION

**Maricopa Community Colleges** sponsor a districtwide dance student competition to recognize outstanding achievement in choreography and performance. Student Entry **Deadline: February 5, 2018**. The performance competition will take place in person at Estrella Mountain Community College on Saturday, February 17, 2018.

There are solo and group categories in both choreography and dance performance.



Applicants will be notified via their respective college dance coordinators by February 12, 2018, with assigned appointments for in-person adjudication. Student competitions will be held on February 17, 2018, at Estrella Mountain Community College. Failure to appear at the appointed time will result in withdrawal from the competition. **APPLICATION**

**THE BATTLE**  
SATURDAY 13 JAN 2018  
2:30PM

2 vs. 2  
Cash prizes and more!

Registration begins @ 2:30pm  
Battle begins @ 3:30pm  
\$10 to battle or \$10 to observe  
Additional 12 & Under Category

Nesbitt-Elliott Playhouse  
1 E. Main St, Mesa, AZ 85201

DEEJAY // Panic  
EMCEES // Saza & Weezy  
JUDGES // Taylor Shultz, Anna Jones, Rylee Locker, Jose Soto, Ashley Palma, Ivory Myers

Email [info@epikdanceco.org](mailto:info@epikdanceco.org) to sign up.  
Tickets to observe available at the door.

**THE WORKSHOP**  
SUNDAY 14 JAN 2018  
12:15-4:50PM

Full workshop \$40  
Per Class \$12  
Battle Participants \$35  
2nd Floor Dance Studio

**SCHEDULE**  
Registration begins @ 12:15  
Group Warm-up @ 12:45  
1-1:50pm Taylor Shultz  
2-2:50pm Ashley Palma  
3-3:50 Anna Jones  
4-4:50 Jose Soto

**EPIK EXPRESSIONS II**

**MESA ARTS CENTER**

**AN EXPERIMENTAL BATTLE & WORKSHOP FOR CONTEMPORARY & JAZZ DANCERS**

Email [info@epikdanceco.org](mailto:info@epikdanceco.org) to pre-register.

### EPIK Dance Company is proud to present...“EPIK Expressions II: The Battle & Workshop”

#### EPIK Expressions II - An Experimental Battle for Contemporary & Jazz Dancers

Nesbitt-Elliott Playhouse @ Mesa Arts Center

**January 13, Saturday, 2:30 pm** registration (open floor), 3:30 pm the Battle begins!

Format: 2 vs. 2 (teams of 2 only). \$10 cover to observe or \$10 to battle. Tickets to observe will be available at the door the day of the event. Please arrive early as seats are limited.

Special performances to be announced soon! Online signups are now open!

Email [info@epikdanceco.org](mailto:info@epikdanceco.org) to pre-register. Feel free to comment on Facebook. Invite with your teammate's name, and specify if you are 12 years of age or under ~

<http://bit.ly/2ACB8c6>

Please note that even if pre-registered, you will still need to check in for the battle the day of the event. Winners will receive a cash prize along with a prize package from EPIK Dance Company! Emcees: Saza Kent & Weezy Egurrola. DeeJay: Panic. Judges: [Taylor Shultz \(Muse Dance Company\)](#), [Ashley Palma \(Solar Squad/EPIK\)](#), [Ivory Myers \(EPIK/ASU Dance\)](#), [Anna Jones \(EPIK/Halo/SCC Dance\)](#), [Jose Soto \(Celebrity Dance/DYBOS\)](#), [Rylee Locker \(EPIK/House of Dynasty\)](#)

➔ **THE WORKSHOP** ~ Sunday, January 14th, 2018, 2nd Floor Dance Studio @ Mesa Arts Center  
Registration begins at 12:15 pm. Group warmup 12:45 pm.

All four classes for \$40 or drop-in for \$12 per class. Battle in the EPIK Expressions Battle (January 13th) or pre-register to attend the entire workshop for \$35. Email [info@epikdanceco.org](mailto:info@epikdanceco.org) to pre-register. Limited spaces are available. For more information, visit [www.epikdanceco.org](http://www.epikdanceco.org)

12:15-12:45 pm // Registration & Check-in, 12:45-1 pm // Group Warm-up  
 1-1:50 pm – [Taylor Shultz](#), 2-2:50 pm – [Ashley Palma](#)  
 3-3:50 pm – [Anna Jones](#), 4-4:50 pm – [Jose Soto](#)



**December 5, Tuesday, 4-6 pm. Glendale Community College VERVE Dance Company** auditions will be in the Fitness Center 101. Rebecca.rabideau@gccaz.edu, 623-845-4905, for more information.

G C C D A N C E F A L L 2 0 1 7  
**VERVE Dance Company**  
**A U D I T I O N S**  
**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**  
 4:00-6:00 PM | Fitness Center 101

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
 Rebecca Rabideau, Artistic Director  
 VERVE Dance Company  
[rebecca.rabideau@gccaz.edu](mailto:rebecca.rabideau@gccaz.edu)  
 623-845-4905

  
 VERVE  
 DANCE COMPANY  
 GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE





The **Arizona Dance Coalition** had a display table at **Arizona Department of Education's MEGA Conference** held at the Wigwam Resort in Litchfield on Wednesday, November 15. ADC members had to opportunity to display their promotional materials.



**Foothills Fine Arts Academy, Junior High Academy** dancers performed "I am ... I will be" in the resort lobby.

Their dance teacher is **April Leher**. She has been with the Foothills school for three years.



**Dustin Loehr (center)**, in his new position as Arts Education Specialist at the Arizona Department of Education, welcomed ADC and the exposure of our members to the conference. Dustin is also a tap dancer and performing artist. It's nice to have a dance advocate looking out for 'dance ed' in the state.

Photo: left to right - Krystyna Parafinczuk, ADC Treasurer and editor, **Arizona Dance e-Star**, Dustin, Lisa R Chow, ADC President



**Fernando Saiez**, Director of **Malpaso** (right), had the opportunity to mentor 18-year-old **Gabriel Lopez**, **guiDANCE** student selected from Trevor Browne High School, Phoenix Union School District.

A free dance class was taught October 23 by Malpaso company members Lisbeth Saad and Esteban Aguilar, and hosted by **Movement Dance Source Company** at Dance Theater West in Phoenix. We thank **ASU Gammage** for sponsoring this class and making these artists available to the community.



Emi Kamezaki, Marketing and Communications Assistant at ASU Gammage, covered the class in this article dated October 26: [ASU Gammage helps connect local dance students with mentors.](#)







**AzDEO's Kathy Lindholm Lane Teacher of the Year Award  
and the  
Bill Evans Excellence in Teaching Award!**

*Celebrate! Celebrate!*

Honor and celebrate the work you all do. Nominate a colleague or yourself.

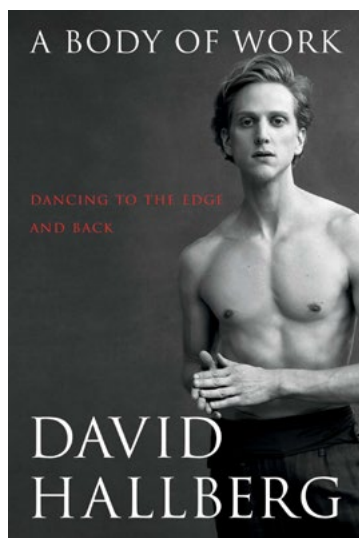
Nominations are now open for both of these awards.

Application information and how to apply are at [www.azdeo.org](http://www.azdeo.org), under Awards.

Applications due January 30, 2018.

*"Let us read, and let us dance; these two amusements will never do any harm to the world."*

—Voltaire



**A BODY OF WORK**, by David Hallberg

The first American to join the famed Bolshoi Ballet as a principal dancer and a dazzling American Ballet Theatre star, Hallberg presents an intimate journey through his artistic life up to the moment he returns to the stage after a devastating injury almost cost him his career.

He dives deep into life as an artist as he wrestles with ego, pushes the limits of his body, and searches for ecstatic perfection and fulfillment as one of the world's most acclaimed ballet dancers. Available in bookstores November 7.

Click for more info about the book and an excerpt:

<http://www.simonandschuster.ca/books/A-Body-of-Work/David-Hallberg/9781476771151>

**Need a new dress for holiday dance parties?** If you purchase one at **Free Ever After**, you will be helping 'sex trafficking' survivors.



**Free Ever After** is a Tucson nonprofit organization working to combat 'sex trafficking.' I went there this week to donate a bridesmaid dress I've stored since 1998 (my brother's wedding). Not really knowing more than remembering they provide prom dresses for those who can't afford them, I learned



Free Ever After does so much more. I took a few pictures. The short dresses may work for the Latin dance parties, and I was mesmerized by the 1948 vintage bridal gown worn by a N.Y. socialite. Lots of gorgeous bridal dresses, but there were also *lots of dresses suitable for going dancing ... or for ballroom competitions and exhibitions.*



Each purchase or dress donation helps Free Ever After reach, cultivate and empower survivors and at-risk girls by funding services and prevention programs.

*100,000 children are sold for sex each year in the U.S. Only 1% receive help. You can make a difference - purchase from the boutique, donate a dress (bridal or formal), volunteer, and give a donation.*

2469 N Country Club Rd, Tucson AZ 85716  
520-338-8463, <https://www.freeeverafter.org/>  
info@FreeEverAfter.org  
Days/Hours: Thursday-Saturday 10 am-3 pm  
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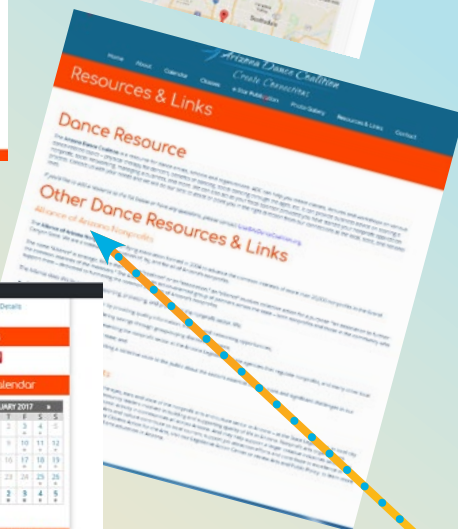
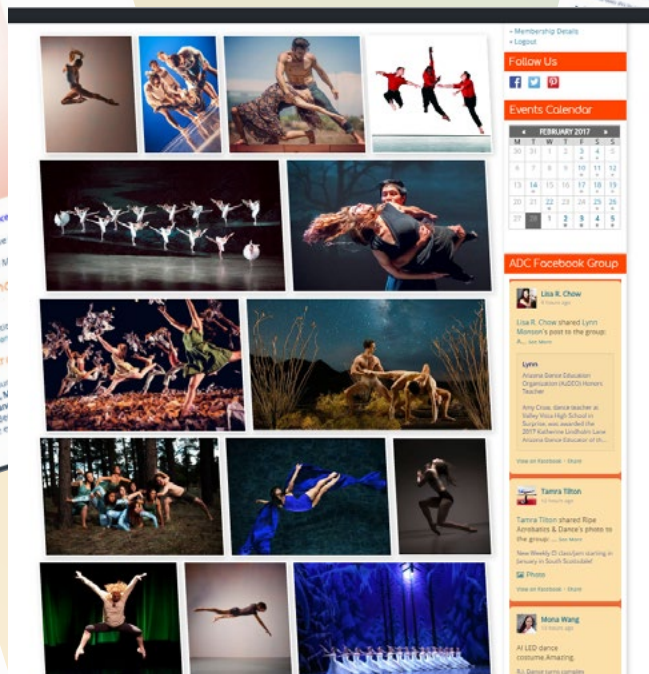
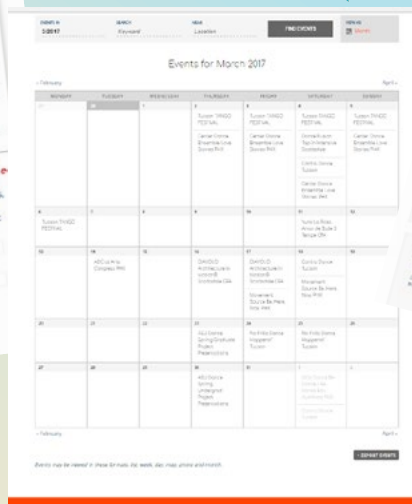




### Photo of the Month

*Alexandria Heath and Daniel Marshalsay  
Snow Queen and Snow King  
Ballet Etudes ~ Photo by Kellan Meko*

*Arizona Dance e-Star* Editor/Designer/Writer: Krystyna Parafinczuk  
Contributors: Kellan Meko, Abigail at Free Ever After



The [Arizona Dance Coalition](#) website has a new look — a facelift! While most information remains the same, we've added a [Photo Gallery](#) and reworked the home page making it easier for viewers to locate the [Calendar](#), [Classes](#), and the [Arizona Dance e-Star Publication](#) pages.

The WordPress theme is *Lambada!*

Take a look > [www.AzDanceCoalition.org](http://www.AzDanceCoalition.org)



## Regional News, Announcements & Events

### Central Arizona ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

**Mesa ~ AUDITIONS** for **CaZo Dance Company**: **December 4, Monday, 6 pm.** Mesa Arts Center, Mesa.

**Phoenix ~ AZ Tap Club ~ Phoenix**: Sundays 2-3:30 pm. Wall-2-Wall Dance Center, Tempe. \$10 donation. **December 3** Sarah Boice

**December 9, Saturday, 1 & 6 pm.** Paradise Valley Community College Center for the Performing Arts, Phoenix. **Desert Youth Ballet Foundation** presents **Hagop Kharatian's The Nutcracker** featuring students of the **Arizona School of Classical Ballet**. [www.azballet.com](http://www.azballet.com)

**December 8-24, times vary.** **Ballet Arizona** presents **The Nutcracker** at Phoenix Symphony Hall, Phoenix. Box Office 602-381-1096, 2835 E Washington St, Phoenix. Tickets: <http://tickets.balletaz.org/single/SYOS.aspx?p=10098>

**Scottsdale ~ January 4-7, 2018, Phoenix Tap Festival** at Dancer's Domain, 13610 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale. One again Jenefer Miller brings great tap talent to the valley. Guest master tappers include **Ayodele Casel, Sarah Reich and Bril Barrett**. Others include Jenefer Miller, Ray Hesselink, Denise Caston, Ryan Kasprzak, Victoria Jones, Suzy Guarino, Megan Maltos, Kelly Zwolinski, Mary Wall and Brendan Kellam.

*4 days / 2 residencies / 30+ master classes*

[www.phoenixtapfest.com](http://www.phoenixtapfest.com) ~ [jen@jmillproductions.com](mailto:jen@jmillproductions.com). The Showcase will be held on the 6th, 7 pm, at the Stagebrush Theater, 7020 E 2nd St, Scottsdale.



### Southern Arizona ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

*Congrats!*

**TUCSON ~** Congrats to **Jesse Dickson and Lannie Sullivan** on their 3rd place win in the **Open 2017 Classic Division/ West Coast Swing Dance Championships!** Check it out ~ "Worry" by Jack Garratt: <https://youtu.be/dgq-8PA1gnQ>

**Dance Academy presents their 9th Annual Spirit of Christmas**

**December 2, Saturday, 3 pm.** UA Centennial Hall, Tucson

**December 9, Saturday, 4 & 7:30 pm.** DesertView Performing Arts Center, SaddleBrooke  
<http://tucsondanceacademy.com/>

**December 3, Sunday, 1 pm.** Tucson University Park Hotel, 880 E 2nd St, Tucson. **Ballet Tucson's Sugar Plum Tea.** Join "Clara" as your host arriving at the "Land of Snow" and onward to the "Kingdom of the Sweets!" New this year will be a grand parade of Ballet Tucson's company members as live characters from The Nutcracker in full costume for photo and autograph opportunities. There will be special hands-on activities for young guests and adults can engage in spirited bidding in a festive silent auction of holiday items, wreaths, and gift packages. Enjoy tea sandwiches, hot cocoa, and scrumptious treats as you shop for stocking stuffers and nutcrackers of every type and size in our famous holiday boutique! Distinctive delights and surprises await children and adults of all ages. \$75 / proceeds benefit Ballet Tucson. 520-903-1445, <http://ballettucson.org/sugarplum/>

**December 8-9, Friday-Saturday, 7:30 pm + 2 pm Saturday.** Pima Community College, West Campus, Center for the Arts Proscenium Theatre, 2202 W Anklam Rd, Tucson. **PCC Dance** presents **Signature Selections** featuring choreograph by students and faculty. 520-206-6986, [centerforthearts@pima.edu](mailto:centerforthearts@pima.edu).

**December 9, Saturday, 2 & 6:30 pm.** Sahuarita Unified School District #30 Auditorium, 350 W Sahuarita Rd, Sahuarita. **Sahuarita Dance Center** presents **Catch The Magic.** Tickets 520-232-3753 or purchase at the door. \$8 children/seniors, \$10 adults.

**December 10, Sunday, FREE DANCE DAY** at the new **BreakOut Studios** location: 5811 E Speedway Blvd, Tucson. Larger room and TWO bathrooms! We are ready for this new chapter. Thank you movers for sticking with us!

**December 9-10, Saturday 2 & 7:30 pm, Sunday 2 pm.** Tucson Convention Center Music Hall, 260 S Church Ave, Tucson. **Tucson Regional Ballet** presents **A Southwest Nutcracker** set in the 1880s , complete with coyotes, cavalry, rattlesnakes, and a Prickly Pear Fairy. Live music by the Tucson Symphony Orchestra. \$30-36, 520-886-1222, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), [www.tucsonregionalballet.org](http://www.tucsonregionalballet.org)

**December 9, Saturday, 7 pm.** Tucson Convention Center Leo Rich Theatre, Tucson. **Grace! Ballet** presents **A Night of Wonder!** Doors open at 6 pm for drinks & a silent auction. A Night of Wonder is a magical evening that will delight both young and old through captivating numbers from The Nightmare Before Christmas, The Polar Express, Scrooge and more – but the one to win your heart will be the Nativity story, beautifully danced. Original choreography directed by Tara Miller. Tickets \$12, 520-791-4101, [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). <https://dancegraceballet.com/>

**December 12-13, Tuesday-Wednesday, 7 pm.** Fox Tucson Theatre, 17 W Congress St, Tucson. **Russian Grand Ballet** presents **The Nutcracker.** Tickets \$41-\$77. Features Russia's brightest ballet stars and local students. <https://foxtucsontheatre.ticketforce.com/>



**December 16, Saturday, 1 & 6 pm.** Pima Community College, West Campus, Center for the Arts Proscenium Theatre, 2202 W Anklam Rd, Tucson. **BC Dance: The Ballet Conservatory of Dance Music & Arts** presents **The Nutcracker & The Little Match Girl**. office@bcdancetucson.com. Tickets <https://www.tututix.com/tickets/>

**December 17, Sunday, 5 pm.** Pima Community College Proscenium Theatre, 2202 W Anklam Rd, Tucson. **Compañía de Danza Folklorica Arizona** presents **Las Posadas Navideñas** with **Mariachi Sonido de Mexico**. \$12 advance, \$15 door. 520-248-9277, director.cdafa@gmail.com

**December 15-16, Friday & Saturday 7 pm, Saturday matinee 2 pm, Ballet Rincon** presents **The Nutcracker** on at the Vail Theatre of the Arts, 10701 E Mary Ann Cleveland Way, campus of Empire High School, Vail/Tucson. [www.tututix.com/balletrincon](http://www.tututix.com/balletrincon)

**Ballet Tucson's The Nutcracker, December 22-24, Thursday 7:30 pm, Friday 2 and 7:30 pm, Saturday 1 pm.** Tucson Music Hall, Tucson. Tucson's only professional ballet company dazzles audiences with brilliantly colorful sets and costumes and superb dancing! Experience Clara's magical journey replete with giant-sized mice, swirling snowflakes, and exotic dancing sweets. Ballet Tucson's "The Nutcracker" has become the must-see festive season tradition for the entire family. Principal Dancers Jenna Johnson, Megan Steffens, Isaiah Sumler and Connolly Strombeck lead the cast as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier. Local children delight as bonbons, gingerbread cookies, and pastry chefs. Ballet Tucson's talented professional dancers display artistry and skill throughout the ballet. The "Land of Snow" scene dazzles with icy precision and the "Kingdom of the Sweets" scene provides panache and great vitality to the entire production. The cast features over 100 performers and is sure to delight young and old alike. Tickets \$30-58, groups \$19-31. 800-745-3000, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**January 15-19, 9 am – 4 pm** (2-hr lunch break) Tucson Creative Dance Center, Tucson. **3rd Annual Winter Creative Dance Retreat.** The Retreat is designed to support experienced dancers who wish to deepen their skills in free group dance improvisation and to refine their individual movement expression. Given the focused nature of our study, participants are asked to commit to attend every session. Our daily schedule will include ample time for individual explorations as well as extended group dance improvisations. \$315 IACD members, \$350 nonmembers. Register on or before December 15 to receive \$25 off. Wear black clothing preferable with no logos. Layers recommended for comfort. For more information, Griff Goehring, [griff@creativedancecenter.org](mailto:griff@creativedancecenter.org), 802-380-0068 (best time to call 3-7 pm EST).

## SOCIAL DANCE NEWS

**Flagstaff ~ Flagstaff Latin Dance Collective** meets every Sunday with a dance lesson from 7-8 pm, followed by open dancing until 10 pm. Tranzend Studio, 417 W Santa Fe Ave, Flagstaff. \$10/\$8 students. [www.latindancecollective.com](http://www.latindancecollective.com).

Check out the calendar at [www.flagstaffdance.com](http://www.flagstaffdance.com)  
for all the dance events in Northern Arizona

**Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music Contra Dances** occur on the first Saturday of each month at the Mountain Charter School located by Ponderosa Trails Park off Lake Mary Road, 311 W Cattle Drive Trail, Flagstaff. Newcomer's lesson at 7 pm, dance 7:30 -10:30 pm. Member donation \$9, non-member \$10. Inquire before attending in case there is a rare schedule change. [flagstaffcontradances@gmail.com](mailto:flagstaffcontradances@gmail.com); <http://ffotm.org/contradances/>

**Mesa ~ Saturdays, 7-11 pm.** The Kats Corner (entrance in the back), 446 E Broadway Rd, Mesa. **The Kats Korner Swing Dance** with a beginner's East Coast Swing lesson at 7:15 pm. \$8, \$6 with student ID). [www.thekatskorner.com](http://www.thekatskorner.com)

**Mondays, 7:30-8:15 pm** Lindy Hop lesson, dancing until 11 pm, \$7. **Hepkats Swing Dance** at the Women's Club of Mesa, 200 N MacDonald, Mesa. Home to *Gypsy Jitterbugs* all girls swing dance troupe run by *Karen Vizzard Hopkins*. They rehearse Mondays from 6-7:30 pm.

**Phoenix ~ Phoenix Traditional Music and Dance** promotes Community Contra Dances in downtown Phoenix twice a month. Live band. All ages welcome; no partner required. 30-minute introductory lesson. \$10 door, \$5 for those 25 and younger. Visit <http://www.phxtmd.org/> or email [webmaster@phxtmd.org](mailto:webmaster@phxtmd.org) or call 480-893-3328. Cash/Check only.

**December 2, Saturday 1-3 pm**, Arazando Dance Co, 2941 W Indian School Rd, Phoenix. **Mambo Exquisite Dance Company** presents **Rodrigo Cortazar** in a **Salsa On 2 Workshop**. Incredibly knowledgeable and concise, Rodrigo will no doubt push your dancing to new realms. Get ready for one of the best workshops you'll ever take! The workshop is \$20.

**Prescott ~ Prescott Dance Club**, 2nd & 4th Saturday, 6:30 pm lesson, followed by open dancing at Summer's Dance Works, 805 Miller Valley Rd, \$5 members, \$10 nonmembers. 602-616-0917, <http://www.prescottdanceclub.com>.

**Tempe ~ December 14-18**, Z Room Dance & Fitness, 1835 E University Dr, Suite 7, Tempe. **Zouk Intensive** with **Igor Fraga**. Igor is an international instructor and is highly respected for his solid technique and smooth style, winning competitions right and left across the United States and abroad. Igor Fraga, originally from Minas Gerais - Brasil, started his zouk journey in 2012 based in New York. He trained as a Zouk NY instructor and held weekly classes in Manhattan and, for a brief time, also in LA. Always looking to do his best, he collects awards



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from various competitions. Nowadays he's been working as a traveling instructor doing various workshops and teaching at congresses around North America and Europe. He's also responsible in leading the Dare 2 Zouk program at NYC Zouk Festival, which offers a full on immersion and training in the fundamentals of the dance. Email [zoukphoenix@gmail.com](mailto:zoukphoenix@gmail.com) for details.

**Tucson** ~ **Casino, Rueda de Casino, Kizomba, Bachata,** and **Salsa** classes and socials are held on Friday nights at the Tucson Creative Dance Center, 3131 N Cherry Ave, Tucson. More here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tucsonsalsa/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TucSonCasineros/>



### **TUCSON CONTRA DANCE on Saturdays**

For young, old, beginners and experienced dancers. Live music and lively fun!

Introductory lesson at 6:30 pm, music begins at 7 pm. \$10 suggested donation, \$5 for 25 years and under, \$5 gets you a membership button (show your button and get \$1 off general admission). Cash or check at the door. You do not have to pay for parking in the church parking lot;

ignore the signs about paying. Hosted by ADC member **Tucson Friends of Traditional Music**. [www.tftm.org](http://www.tftm.org), [website@tftm.org](mailto:website@tftm.org), 520-767-6707. Held at First United Methodist Church, 915 E 4th St, Tucson.

**December 2** The Marc Rennard Band with J.P. calling / Kirsten W & Chris dance managers

**December 16** The Privy Tippers with Suze St. John calling

**December 31** New Year's Eve Contradance Celebration / Chris & Warren dance managers

**December 2, Saturday, 7 pm.** Tucson Swing Dance Club, 4101 E Grant Rd, Tucson. **TSDA Christmas Party** invites you to dance until midnight! Buffet served at 9 pm. \$15/\$20 nonmembers. FB: TucsonSwingDanceClub

**December 9, Saturday, 6-9 pm.** **FREE Outdoor Latin Dance Social** at Jacome Plaza in Downtown Tucson, 600 W Pennington St, Tucson. This event is hosted by **TucSon Casineros**. Free dance class and guest performances by Monzon Bachata, Zona Pachanga, Gerardo & Lupita of Salson Dance, and Tucson Casineros. Come and dance salsa, bachata, timba, kizomba. Invite your friends.

## SOCIAL DANCE NEWS

**December 10, Sunday, 6-10 pm.** UofA Campus Student Union Memorial Center, South Ballroom, 2nd floor, Tucson. **UofA Ritmos Latinos Dance Club** hosts their semester-end dance party and it's open to the public. Beginner, Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 levels will perform Rueda de Casino choreography. New this semester, Rueda de Bachata will be presented at the beginner level. FREE for members, public \$5 dancing after 7 pm.

**December 16, Saturday, 7 pm.** Armory Park Center, 220 S 5th Ave, Tucson. **USA Dance Southern Chapter #4017** hosts their **Holiday Dance**. It's free to dance club members and will be catered! Festive attire appropriate. For more information, contact us at 770-9540 or [ContactUs@soazbda.org](mailto:ContactUs@soazbda.org). Visit our website at [www.soazbda.org](http://www.soazbda.org). Tango lessons: 7-7:30 pm (Beginning), 7:30-8 pm (Intermediate/Advanced)

PRICE: USA Dance members free (catered meal)

Non-USA Dance members – \$5 (\$3 with a snack)

Active Military – \$5 (w/ ID)

Armory Park Seniors and Students under age 35 w/ ID -- \$3

**Mesa ~ ARIZONA DANCE CAMP, December 14-15**, Kaleidoscope Dance, 2848 S Carriage Lane, Mesa. Camp includes lectures, group classes, interviews with the European Champions, and fun themed practice on the same floor with the Champions. Certificates of Completion will be provided for those attending both days. Instructors include [Anna Trebunskaya](#) (DWTS/only on Dec 14), [Konstantin Gorodilov](#), [Slava Aladinskiy](#), [Renata Shvarts](#), [Dominika Bergmannova](#), and [Ross Pearce](#). 480-842-9879, [info@stardanceaz.com](mailto:info@stardanceaz.com)

Registration: <https://www.stardanceaz.com/registration1>

<https://www.stardanceaz.com/>

JADA Sponsored Event



### NATIONAL DANCE CONFERENCE

**Creative Dance Congress ~ 2018 IACD ~ June 24-29**, Smith College, Northhampton, Massachusetts. Introductory workshops will occur June 23-24. There will be on-campus housing and meal plans. The 2018 Congress organizing committee is: Mary Ann Brehm (coordinator), Pat Etheridge (registration), and Carole Piercy (publicity).

If anyone else would like to join them, please contact any of these ladies!

Carole Piercy [caplay73@gmail.com](mailto:caplay73@gmail.com).





## NORTHERN Arizona

**FlagstaffDance.com**

*for the most up-to-date schedule*

**Wednesdays**, The Peaks ~ Alpine Room, 3150 N Winding Brook Rd, Flagstaff (on Hwy 180, North Fort Valley Rd). Group Dance Lessons FREE. Gary Millam 928-853-6284 or Bill Pranke 928-814-0157.

**1st & 3rd Thursdays**, Museum Club, 3404 E Route 66, Flagstaff. 6-7 pm line dance lesson; 7-8 pm Nightclub 2-Step; open dancing. \$3 non-members/ \$4 for both classes

**Saturdays**, Galaxy Diner, W Route 66, Flagstaff. Swing lesson & dancing with Tom Scheel 7:30-9 pm.

**Sundays**, Canyon Dance Academy, 2812 N Izabel St, Flagstaff (across from Coconino HS) 5-7 pm ballroom technique practice, open dancing with instructor *Paul Jack*. \$8, \$7 USA Dance Members, \$5 students. 928-213-0239

**Fri/Sundays**, Tranzend Studio, 417 W Santa Fe Ave, Flagstaff. Flagstaff Latin Dance Collective 7-10 pm, \$5-8, Kati Pantsosnik, 928-814-2650, latindancecollective@gmail.com; **Fridays** \$3-5, 7:30-10 pm. Salsa Rueda & Latin, Paul & Nadine Geissler, nadinegeissler@hotmail.com

**ADULT CENTER OF PRESCOTT**, 1280 E Rosser St, Prescott. 928-778-3000. adultcenter.org.

**Tuesdays**, Country & Contemporary Line Dance Classes, \$5 / No charge Silver Sneakers 5:30 pm Beginners; 6:30 pm Intermediate

**Fridays**, Dance lessons with *Andy Smith and Marilyn Schey*, Rumba, 6-6:45 pm beginners; 6:45-7:30 Beyond Beginners. \$6 one or both lessons. 7:30-10 pm Open Dance \$5.

**The COTTONWOOD CIVIC CENTER**, 805 Main St, Old Town Cottonwood. AZ We Dance - Contra Dance. 6:30 pre-dance lesson, 7-10 pm dancing. \$7, \$5 students \$4 16 yrs and under. 928-634-0486, azwedance@gmail.com.

## CENTRAL Arizona

The **Arizona Lindy Hop Society** has an extensive calendar.

**AZSalsa.net** covers Phoenix, Scottsdale & Tempe

### Sock Hop at 5 & Diner

*First Friday*, 220 N 16th St, Phoenix.

*Third Friday*, 9069 E Indian Bend Rd, Scottsdale. 7 pm FREE Swing dance lesson; 6-9 pm Live Rockabilly/Swing music, wood dance floor, diner food and vintage cars. Come in a car older than 1972 and eat for 50% off!

### ATTENTION "SOCIAL DANCE" COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT ARIZONA

*If you host a "community" event (not private studio), you are welcome to submit your information to: [Krystyna@AzDanceCoalition.org](mailto:Krystyna@AzDanceCoalition.org) by the 25th of each month.*

# SOCIAL DANCE \* \* verify schedules in advance \* \*

## SOUTHERN Arizona

**TucsonDanceCalendar.com**

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**2nd & 4th Sundays, 5-9 pm Tucson Sunday Salsa Social** hosted by Gerardo & Lupita Armendariz. Beg/Int/Adv lesson/open. \$7, \$10/live band. Shall We Dance, 4101 E Grant Rd, Tucson. [tucsonsalsa.com](http://tucson salsa.com)

**2nd Friday ~ Tucson Stomps!** 7 pm lesson; 7:30-10 pm open dancing. 1st United Methodist Church, 915 E 4th St, Tucson. \$5

**Thursdays ~ Tucson Swing Dance Club** Shall We Dance, 4101 E Grant Rd, Tucson. 7-7:45 pm West Coast Swing beginner lesson; 8-8:30 pm intermediate.

Open dancing until 10:30 pm. No partner needed. <http://tsdc.net/>

**Saturdays ~ Armory Park Recreation Center**, 22 S 5th St, Tucson

3rd Saturday *USA Dance So Arizona Chapter* presents their Dance, 7-10:30 pm.

4th Saturday *TucsonLindyHop.org* Live music for Lindy Hop & Swing dancers. 7-8 pm beginners lesson, 8-11 pm open dance. \$10 with discounts for students.

**Saturdays ~ Tucson Movement Arts**, 1191 N Wilmot, #133, Tucson. *Sexy Salsa Saturdays* 9 pm-2 am. Beginner lesson at 9 pm. Cash only \$7. All ages welcome. [LatinDanceRevolution](http://LatinDanceRevolution)



## NYE Contradance Party December 31, Sunday

**First United Methodist Church**  
915 E 4th St, Tucson  
[www.tftm.org](http://www.tftm.org)

## BIZ TALK

**BIZ Talk** is a new section where YOU can have something to say - exactly the way you want to say it. *But it will cost you.* If you are interested, please email [Krystyna@AzDanceCoalition.org](mailto:Krystyna@AzDanceCoalition.org) or call 520-743-1349 for rates and sizes.

*ADC members receive discounted rates.*

### Northern Lights Lindy Cruise August 5, 2018 - Aug 12, 2018



7 Nights to Alaska  
on the *Celebrity  
Infinity* from  
Vancouver, Canada

*World-class dancing and lessons,  
fine dining, and more.*

*Vancouver, Sitka, Juneau, Ketchikan*

#### Dance Instructors:

Jason & Crystal (Abbotsford, Canada) Steve Conrad (Phoenix)

Peter Flahiff & Lauren Smith (L.A.)  
teaching classes in Lindy Hop, Balboa,  
Charleston, Collegiate Shag, Vintage line  
dances, and much more!

\$250 deposit, 50% due by May 1, 2018  
as low as \$1673 (Canadian, tax included),  
approx \$1333 U.S. as of August 22, 2017

Contact Jason: 1(604)-308-3662

Crystal: 1(604)-615-9669

## JOB POSTINGS

Arizona Commission on the Arts JOBS  
Americans for the Arts JOB BANK  
Dance Informa USA

Gilbert: **Desert Ridge High  
School**, Dance Instructor, AZ Cert/  
Endorsement in Dance

Phoenix/Valley: **Arizona Dance  
Artistry** Dance Instructor, beg-int  
levels ballet, jazz.

**Dance Sequins Studio**, \$20-\$30/hr -  
Kinder through 5th grade. Hip Hop,  
Jazz, Cheer. M-F 2-5 pm, Wed 12-5 pm.  
Many locations.

**Imagine Tempe Elem** FT, BA, state  
certified dance instructor. Prof training  
and perf credits. Work with children.

Prescott: **James Family Prescott  
YMCA**, Dance Instructor/  
Choreographer. Ages 3-19

Tucson: **NW YMCA** (Magee & Shannon)  
Instructor for Little Dancers, ages  
3-5, and 6-9 yrs old. CPR/1st Aid cert.  
(obtain in first 90 days)  
[yvettes@tucsonymca.org](mailto:yvettes@tucsonymca.org)

*READERS: If you know of anyone with a  
dance-related job opening, please send  
the details to:*

*[Krystyna@AzDanceCoalition.org](mailto:Krystyna@AzDanceCoalition.org)*



## AUDITIONS

### NATIONWIDE DANCE AUDITION LINKS

Dance.net ~ <http://www.dance.net/danceauditions.html>

DancePlug.com ~ <http://www.danceplug.com/insidertips/auditions>

StageDoorAccess.com ~ <http://www.stagedooraccess.com/>

DanceNYC ~ <http://www.dancenyc.org/resources/auditions.php>

BackStageDance.com ~ <http://www.backstage.com/bsd/dance/index.jsp>

SeeDance.com ~ <http://www.seedance.com>

### CaZo Dance Company AUDITIONS

**Monday, December 4, 6-8 pm**

3 Companies ~ Core & Apprentice (18+), and Pre-Prof (16+)

Bring a headshot, resume.  
Call backs Dec 7, 6-8 pm.

Mesa Arts Center  
1 E Main St, Mesa  
[cazodancecompany@gmail.com](mailto:cazodancecompany@gmail.com)

**BOLSHOI BALLET IN CINEMA** | Trailer: <https://youtu.be/wtBVxm7YyVs>  
<http://www.bolshoiballetincinema.com/>

### Sundays

Mary D Fisher Theatre, Sedona

Yavapai College Performing Arts Center

Phoenix: Desert Ridge 18 with IMAX,

Esplanade 14, Phoenix Art Museum,

Cinemark 16 Mesa

Ahwatukee 24, Chandler

Arrowhead Town Center 14, Peoria

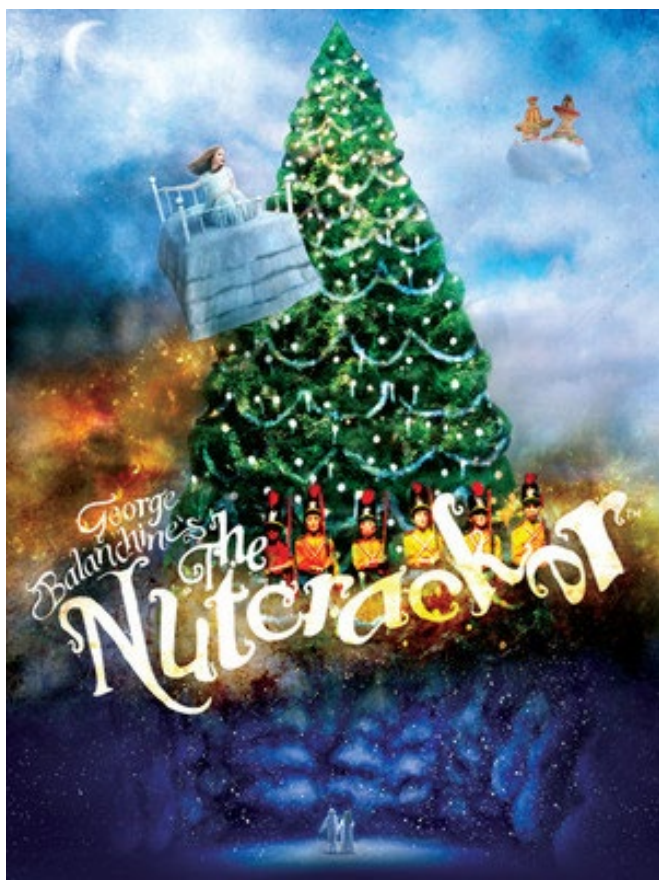
Cinemark Sierra Vista

Surprise Pointe 14 with IMAX

Tucson: Century Tucson, El Con 20 with XD,

Park Place 20 with XD, Desert Sky Cinemas





**December 2-3, Saturday & Sunday, plus  
December 5 at SMG Scottsdale**

**Lincoln Center at the Movies presents New  
York City Ballet in George Balanchine's The  
Nutcracker**

Experience the wonder of New York City Ballet's iconic holiday classic on the big screen. In George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*®, Tchaikovsky's beloved melodies transport the young and young at heart to a magical world where mischievous mice besiege a battalion of toy soldiers, and an onstage blizzard leads to an enchanted Land of Sweets. Balanchine's stunning choreography shines amidst awe-inspiring set pieces, ornate costumes, and grand one-of-a-kind visual effects, like the one-ton Christmas tree that grows to an astonishing 40 feet.

If you have questions or comments, please email [eventcinema@screenvisionmedia.com](mailto:eventcinema@screenvisionmedia.com)

**Trailer:** <https://youtu.be/3tD3fnJ5K7A>

**Education Guides** can be found here : <http://lincolncenteratthemovies.org/education/>

*Harkins Flagstaff 16 | Harkins Norterra 14 Phoenix | Harkins Park West Peoria  
Harkins Superstition Springs 25 Mesa | Harkins Tucson Spectrum  
Harkins Valley Art Tempe | SMG Scottsdale (Dec 2,3,5)*



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## Arizona Dance Coalition Member Benefits & Perks

The ADC offers *four* types of memberships:

**Individual \$20 • Organization \$50**  
**Venue/Presenter \$100 • Sponsor \$100+**

Membership and dues renew annually and ADC organizes an Annual Member Meeting in January to discuss the state of dance in Arizona featuring guest speakers. See the last page for details on joining. Membership entitles you to ~

- **ADC Membership Directory** ~ inclusion and online access, plus a PDF document with live links
- Posting events on the **ADC website Calendar of Events\*** which are then prominently featured in the **Arizona Dance e-Star\*** with a photo & live links
- **Arizona Dance e-Star** monthly e-newsletter received *in advance* of subscribers
- **Member Spotlight opportunity** in the **e-Star**
- **Performance opportunity** in the **ADC Member Showcase** (when production funds are available)

• Posting classes on the **ADC website Class Page\***

• Board Member Nominations (December) & Annual Membership Meeting Voting Privileges (January)

• **ADC Lifetime Achievement Award** Nominations (March)

• **Merchant Discounts** and periodic *member-to-member* discounts

• Affordable **Venue General Liability Insurance** for 1-2 day performances. *We have renewed our policy to continue this benefit for our members because we know the cost of insurance (\$400-\$500) would prohibit most individuals and small companies from producing in a professional theatre. Current fee is \$75/1 day; \$150/2 days.*

• **NEW** ~ Discounted **Arizona Dance e-Star** Advertising Rates. Inquire for details.

*\* All postings of events are restricted to 501(c)(3) organizations with the exception of charitable and free events, community festivals, educational conferences and master classes. If in doubt, inquire.*

### "Join the community and feel welcome."

This is just one quote from many in this wonderful, must-see, video clip. It is the best promo I have ever seen to promote all dance styles. Thank you to Gerardo Armendariz for finding and posting it on facebook. *It would be great to film something similar in Arizona as well as an "I Charleston" piece to show off our landscape.* Watch "Why I dance" ... over and over and over ... and share it! (click on the link below)

### Why I dance... Pourquoi je danse...

This video was created to support the goals of Ontario Dances. Ontario Dances is a program of the Ontario Arts Council (OAC). In 2013, the Ontario Arts Council will celebrate 50 years of support to the hundreds of artists and arts organizations across the province. Among these are the dance organizations, dancers and choreographers who produce and create in Ontario. OAC support helps ensure that dance lovers throughout the province have access to their work.

## ANTI-AGING TIP ... never stop dancing!

by Krystyna Parafinczuk

A new study published in the open-access journal **Frontiers in Human Neuroscience**, shows that older people who routinely do physical exercise can reverse the signs of aging in the brain, and DANCING as a form of exercise is THE MOST EFFECTIVE! *[We know this.]*

Here's the link to help you promote 'continued' dancing throughout everyone's life!  
*Ideapod: Neuroscientists reveal the number one exercise for slowing down the aging process.*

Dancing should not stop when you graduate high school. It shouldn't stop when you finish college, or get married, or have a baby or two. Recently we've seen tributes to women in their 100s who are still dancing. And the clip of the older Lindy Hop dancers has enjoyed millions of views: <https://youtu.be/Ft99FKKsqgE>  
Here's another older couple dancing the Southern Shag: <https://youtu.be/lfiXXQS6K8>  
Here's a clip of a 92-year-old looking Salsa/Mambo dancer that 'shocked' everyone at the Palladium event in Helsinki. They went through a lot of trouble for this one:  
<https://youtu.be/SGPDu575jws>

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