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Dear readers,

The year is coming to an end and, as always, we are very busy ... doing what we love. There are many holiday-themed performances and **Canyon Movement Company** in Flagstaff has produced a new one - **A Christmas Carol in Modern Bare Feet**. Their school show concert was cancelled due to snow (heartbreaking), so let's hope the weather cooperates for all future performances...for everyone!

The **Masquerade Ball** returns benefiting ADC member **DanceSport Education**. They are raising money for ballroom dance instruction in the schools. It's formal!

Make sure to dance into the New Year and thank you for a year of amazing dance in AZ!

Seasons Greetings! Krystyna Parafinczuk, Editor



The *Arizona Dance Coalition* is a membership-based, statewide 501(c)(3) nonprofit dance organization creating connections and communication between the general public and the dance community. ADC membership is available to individuals and organizations interested in the art of dance. You may join online at AzDanceCoalition.org. All questions about membership and sponsorship can be sent to Lisa@AzDanceCoalition.org. Calendar of Events are posted online by ADC members. Article submissions, news, letters to the editor and advertising sales can be sent to Krystyna@AzDanceCoalition.org. Additional ADC contact information is on the last page. Past *e-Star* publications are available at azdancecoalition.org/newsletters/.



Event listings are posted by ADC members on the ADC website. Events are restricted to 501(c)(3) organizations with the exception of charitable and free events, educational workshops and masterclasses. All submissions are monitored. Content may be edited. Non-member news and events are

listed in the **Regional Section**. Send news to: Krystyna@AzDanceCoalition.org. AzDanceCoalition.org



December 1, Saturday, 9 am-2 pm.

Paradise Valley Community College, 18401 N 32nd St, Center Walkway behind the KSC Bldg, Phoenix. The **Paradise Valley Community College Dance Department** is partnering with local drummers to host a free **"Dancing with Animals"** drum and dance animal storytelling and movement activities to promote rhythm dance movement, literacy of animal books and Phoenix Zoo activities. All ages are welcome to join in the fun, listen to animal stories, and drum

and dance! The activities will start at 9 am, repeating at 10:30 am. Most of the drummers will play in the second half followed by a drum circle at noon. Drummers feel free to bring all your percussion to share with the kids. We will be performing across the center walkway in the "shadow box" grass area behind the KSC building.

Schedule of performance times:

9-9:30 am Learning the Instruments

9:30-10 am Animal Story and Moves with the Dancers

10:30-11 am Exploring Rhythms

11-11:30 am Animal Story and Moves with the Dancers

11:30-12 am Everyone move like animals with the

12-1 pm Drum Circle

1-2 pm Family Drumming

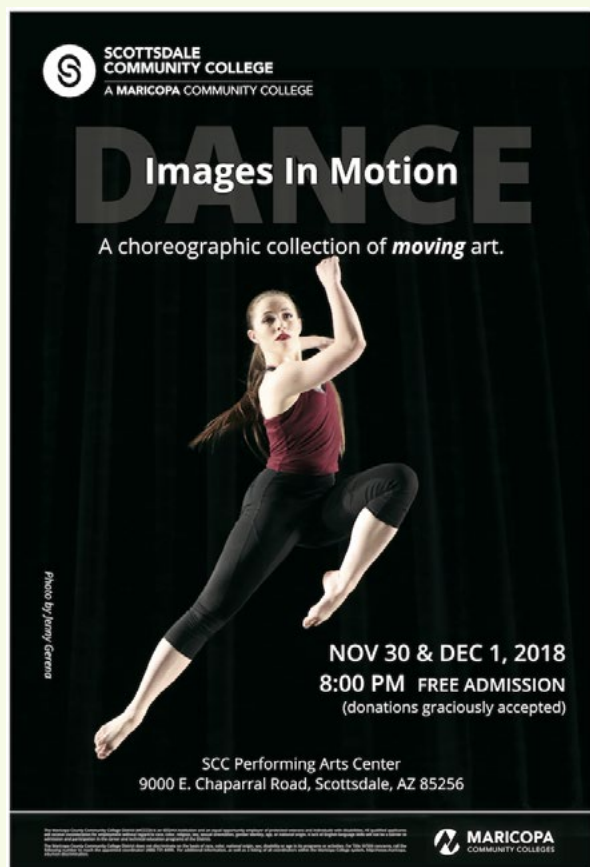


The FESTIVAL OF TALES is a free, fun day of reading, literacy and cultural activities for children that includes storytelling, arts and crafts, games, face painting, live music, food trucks and much more! In its ninth year at PVCC, the event brings books to life through the art of storytelling and provides almost 5,000 FREE books to children who participate in the activities. See [Eventbrite Event Website](#) or [PVCC](#) for more information.



December 1-2, Saturday-Sunday 2 pm, Saturday 7 pm. Sedona Performing Arts Center, 995 Upper Red Rock Loop Rd, Sedona. **Sedona Chamber Ballet** presents **The Phoenix Ballet's The Nutcracker**. This collaborative venture will again create a professional Nutcracker production. True to its mission, the Sedona Chamber Ballet Company continues to provide performance opportunities to local children and dancers in a professional production while awakening awareness of the performing arts in our

community. Choreography for this production will be set in Sedona by our Ballet Mistress, Rachel Cahayla Wynne, a former artist with the Louisville Ballet Company with assistance from Kara Hanretty, former artist with Ballet Arizona and Patricia Quillian, Danse Sedona, former artist Tennessee Ballet. Artistic Direction of this year's production of The Nutcracker will once again be by world-renowned dancer, choreographer and instructor Slawomir Wozniak, the Artistic Director of the Phoenix Ballet and owner of the renowned Master Ballet Academy in Scottsdale. **Tickets** \$34 & \$45. Children 3-10 must have a ticket and seat. Lap children 0-2 are free, but they must sit in a lap.



December 1, Friday-Saturday, 8 pm. Scottsdale Community College, 9000 E Chaparral Rd, Scottsdale. The award-winning **Scottsdale Community College Dance Program** presents **Images in Motion**, an all-ages performance of captivating movement. SCC dancers will demonstrate their artistic and physical excellence through works by eight choreographers. Performing companies include *Instinct Dancecorps*, an SCC company performing works by faculty members Angela Rosenkrans and Jenny Gerena, as well as guest choreographers Cynthia Gutierrez-Garner and Rogelio Lopez; and *Fusion Dance Ensemble*, an SCC company performing works by faculty members Karryn Allen, Jennifer Rhea McKusick, and Lisa Thorngren, and guest choreographer George Jones. They will be joined by guest performers *Legacy Performance Dance Team* from Glendale High School, and *JordanDanielsDance*, this year's winners of SCC's C2 Choreography Competition. This inaugural competition is designed

to bring together high school, college and professional dancers. Come join us for this thrilling biannual SCC Dance tradition! **Free** tickets at the door.

December 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, Saturdays 2 & 7 pm, Sundays 2 & 5 pm. Herberger Theater Center, Stage West, 222 E Monroe St, Phoenix. **Frances Smith Cohen's Snow Queen**, presented by **Center Dance Ensemble**, is based on Hans Christian Andersen's magical wintry fairy tale and is set to a lush musical score by Serge Prokofiev. You and your entire family will delight in the mystical world of sprites, gypsies and ice maidens as young Gerda seeks to rescue Kai from the Snow Queen's crystal palace. **Tickets** \$28, seniors \$23, students \$14.



**Ballet Etudes brings their Nutcracker to the
Chandler Center for the Arts December 1-2
Mesa Arts Center December 7-9, 14-16**



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.
www.balletetudes.net

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

Saturday Dec 1, 1 & 5:30 pm | Sunday Dec 2, 3 pm. **Tickets** \$25 & \$29. 20% discount for groups of 10 or more.

Mesa Arts Center, One E Main St, Mesa

Fridays 7 pm Dec 7 & 14, Saturdays 2 & 7 pm Dec 8 & 15, Sundays 3 pm Dec 9 & 16. **Tickets** \$28, \$32, Lap Children 2 and under \$6 | 480-644-6500 | Box Office: One E Main St, Mesa

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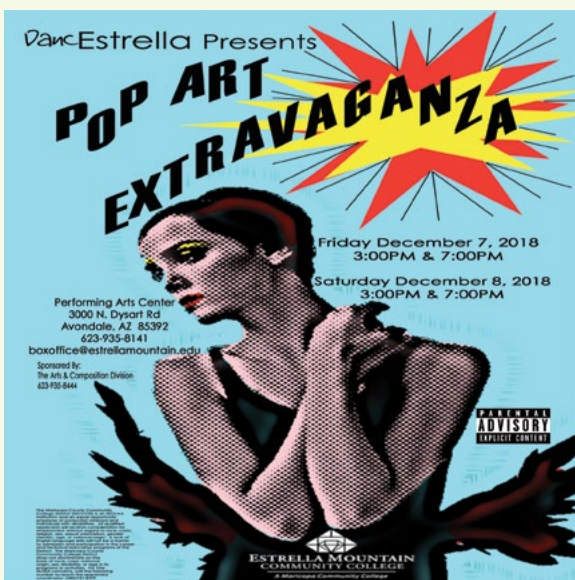
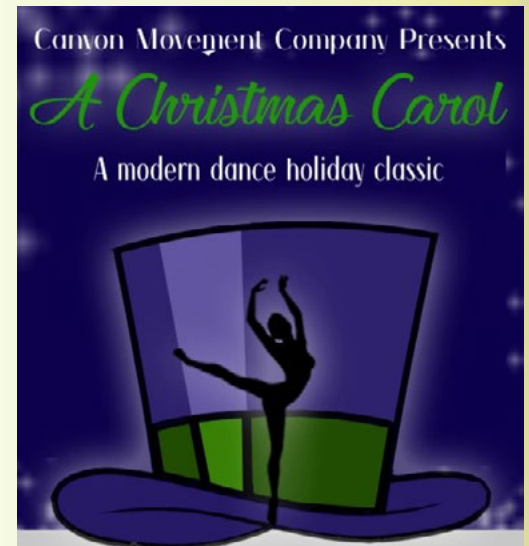






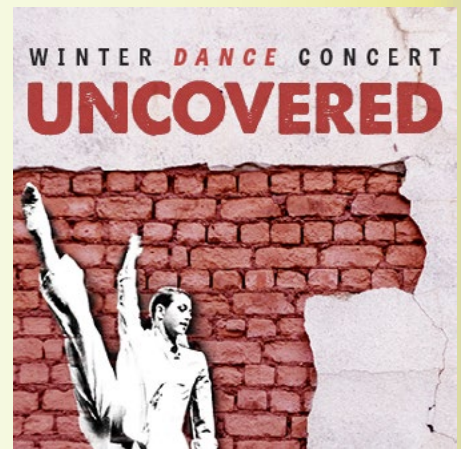

December 7-8, Friday-Saturday 7:30 pm, Saturday 11 am. Clifford E White Theater, S Knoles Dr, Flagstaff. **Canyon Dance Academy (CMC)** premieres **A Christmas Carol Suite in Modern Bare Feet**. The Holiday Classic like you've never seen it before – in dance! Director Gina Darlington and choreographers in CMC have created a new holiday show consisting of aerial dance, stilt walkers, youth dancers, multi-media including film, modern choreography and new music! Collaborators include *Canyon Movement Company, Canyon Dance Academy, Velocity Dance Company, Flagstaff Aerial Arts* and other community performers!

The story of Ebenezer Scrooge's is a story of charity, love, and compassion as we witness the changed heart of a stubborn old man. Ghosts from the past, present, and future yet to come, remind him of the good in the world. Ultimately, his fear of the same fate as his greedy partner, Jacob Marley, motivates a change of heart. Paul Moore dances the role of Scrooge. Jacob Marley is portrayed by Eric Walden. Guest artist Kristi Long performs on stilts as the Ghost of Christmas Present, Laurel Combs performs on a lyra (aerial dance) as the ghost of Christmas Past, and Chelsea Taylor set the dance of Christmas yet to come on CMC with Cori Wall Mee as soloist. For more information, call 928-774-3937, or visit canyonmovementcompany.org. Tickets \$19/\$21 door, \$14 students/\$16 at the door. NAU Ticket Office: 928-523-5661 / ticketing.nau.edu



December 7-8, Friday-Saturday, 3 & 7 pm. Estrella Mountain Community College Performing Arts Center, 3000 N Dysart Rd, Avondale. **EMCC Dance Program | DancEstrella** presents **Pop Art Extravaganza** - an exploration of how popular culture influences identity, sexuality, gender, and race. Utilizing paintings and the history of the Pop Art movement, connections are made to how the divine feminine voice has been oppressed and manipulated. Pop Art Extravaganza embodies theories of queerness, otherness, and feminism. This production is directed and choreographed by Felix Cruz, EMCC Adjunct Dance Faculty. Performers are EMCC Dance students chosen through an audition process. This performance features mature themes and content not suitable for children. This event is open to the public, admission is free and seating is general admission. Boxoffice@estrellamountain.edu, 623-935-8141. Parental Advisory: Explicit Content.

December 7, 9, Friday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2 pm. Ethington Theatre at **Grand Canyon University**, 3300 W Camelback Rd, Phoenix. **Uncovered**, GCU Faculty Concert, exposes pure movement from various dance forms, stripped away from the trappings of the theater. Feel the power of dance from an unencumbered point of view. Our choreographers and performers will dig deep to reveal truth about our experiences as humans. The stage will captivate in its rarest state—uncovered. Student matinee on Monday, December 10, 9:30 am, is open to the public. Susannah.Kieta@gcu.edu



Ib Andersen's The Nutcracker with the Phoenix Symphony at Symphony Hall, 100 N 3rd St, Phoenix

Dec 13-16, 19, 20-24 | Thursdays 7 pm, Fridays-Saturdays 7:30 pm, Sundays 5:30 pm, plus Wednesday, Dec 19, 6:30 pm
Matinees: Saturdays 2 pm, Sundays 1 pm PLUS Friday, Dec 21, 2 pm; Monday, Dec 24, 1 pm

Celebrate the joy and wonder of the holidays with **Ib Andersen's The Nutcracker**. Follow Clara's wintry adventures as she battles mischievous mice and charms the Sugar Plum Fairy. With 150 performers, 100,000 Swarovski crystals, and Tchaikovsky's cherished score performed live, Ballet Arizona's The Nutcracker is the best way to celebrate the holidays with friends and family! It is rated among the Top 3 in the country by The New York Times! [Tickets \\$63-167, Balletaz.org | 602.381.1096.](#)

At no charge, arriving one hour before the performance on these select dates –Dec 13, 16 evening shows and Dec 21 matinee — enjoy these extras to make your experience even more spectacular: *children's coloring station, storybook reading 45 minutes before the performance, ballet class for children, and face painting.*

Please arrive early. There is no late seating; patrons who arrive late will not be able to take their assigned seats until the first intermission. Will Call and the Ticketing Office at each performance venue opens one hour before each show.

December 14-15, Friday, 6:30 pm, Saturday 12 noon. Scoundrel & Scamp Theater, 738 N 5th Ave, Tucson. **ZUZI! Dance** presents **Solstice Showcase Performance**. 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. This year's winter theme is based around climbing, evolving, reaching, striving, moving from earth to sky and then back again to relearn, renew, regenerate, redo, return, remake, redirect. <https://zuzimoveit.org/event-calendar/>
Tickets General Admission \$15, senior/military/ student with ID \$10, 520-629-0237.



ZUZI!
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**Solstice Showcase
Performance**

December 14 - Showcase 6:30pm

December 15 - Matinee - 12pm

Scoundrel & Scamp Theater
738 N 5th Ave
(520) 629-0237
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December 16, Sunday, 4-10:30 pm. Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch, 7700 E McCormick Pkwy, Scottsdale. **Masquerade Ball – A Black-Tie Fundraiser GALA** -- A black-tie fundraiser GALA event benefiting **DanceSport Education**, an Arizona not for profit 501(c)(3). DanceSport Education's mission is to positively impact the lives of children and youth through ballroom dance and to support young and developing dance sport athletes. We are proud to bring ballroom dance to the children and youth of Arizona – at their schools, in their classrooms!

The GALA is hosted by Imperial Ballroom Dance Center and you are invited! Ladies and gentlemen, get your beautiful gowns and tuxedos, grab your masks, and come enjoy an evening of elegance, delicious food, champagne, and a great show.

"The Dream" – Musical Theater Show by *Inna Berlizyeva*. Enjoy an AMAZING show production by Imperial's top students – children and adult. The show is produced by the talented Inna Berlizyeva – Imperial's owner and world-class ballroom dance professional. Performance by Imperial's top US ballroom dance professionals will follow.

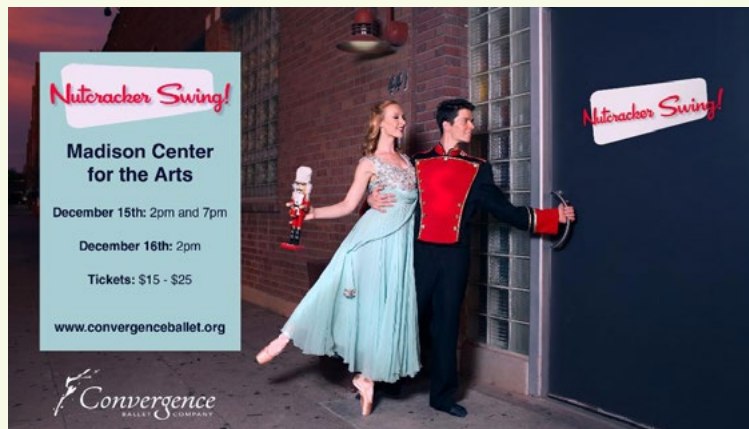
We will have live music during the cocktail hour. *Alex Hristov*, one of Arizona's musical talents will perform live during dinner time. *Artem Plakhotnyi*, our favorite world-class ballroom professional, will MC the event. *Iskra Balchev (Velinova)*, 4-time Olympian in rowing and avid ballroom dancer, will be the keynote speaker to address the audience and talk about the many benefits of ballroom dance and the importance to support ballroom dance for children.

Tickets are on sale at www.mbgala.dance. Last year the GALA was a SOLD OUT event. Get your tickets early!



DanceSport Education is proud and thankful to our sponsor **Freed Ballroom USA** - one of the best ballroom shoes maker in the world! They provided new ballroom dance shoes for our students. For the first time our kids will dance with real ballroom dance shoes!

December 15, Saturday, 1 & 6 pm. Paradise Valley Community College, 18401 N 32nd St, Phoenix. **Scottsdale Ballet Foundation, sponsor, and Scottsdale School of Ballet** present **2018 Winter Festival** with original choreography for Exaltation of Angels by director Donald Dadey. This work has been performed to critical acclaim by The New World Ballet, in Dallas Texas. Act I of "The Nutcracker Suite" includes a charming children's Christmas party and a hypnotic Snow Scene. In Act II the audience will enjoy all of the highlights and dances from The Nutcracker including the solo of the "Sugar Plum Fairy." Tickets \$20/\$25: PVCC box office, 602.787.7738 or online [here](#). We encourage you to buy your tickets early as we have sold out some shows in the past.



December 15-16, Saturday 2 & 7 pm, Sunday 2 pm. Madison Center for the Arts, 5627 N 16th St, Phoenix. Swing into the Holidays with **Convergence Ballet** as they present **The Nutcracker Swing!** An innovative approach to a traditional holiday classic featuring The Duke Ellington Nutcracker Suite and the original Tchaikovsky score. Affordable for the entire family.

Tickets \$15-25, (602) 957-3364, www.convergenceballet.org.

The **Rodeo City Wreckettes**, a charitable dance revue in Tucson, will be performing on the following dates this Fall 2018. Proceeds from their performances are donated to charities. As of May 18, 2018, they have raised \$21,000 for many charities. For additional information or to audition, please contact Carol Ross by email: wreckette@gmail.com. We invite you to join us as we bring joy to the many communities that invite us to perform. The following are all Tucson locations.

December 14, Friday, 2:30 pm ~ Tucson Jewish Community Center Elder Rehab

December 18, Tuesday, 2 pm ~ Villa Hermosa





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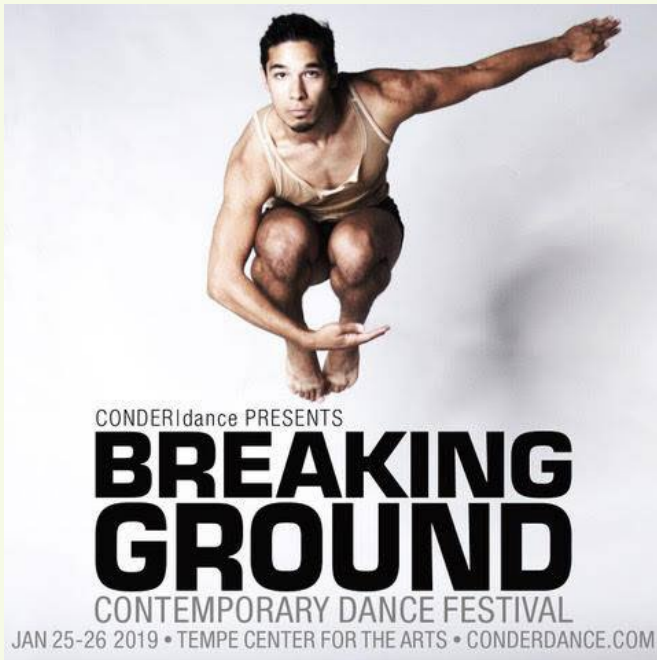
Adult \$25*

Child/Student \$20*

Tickets available at scottsdaleballetfoundation.org or the PVCC Box Office 602-787-7738

*Additional facility fees will be added the the purchase.





BREAKING GROUND: DANCE AND FILM FESTIVAL

January 25-26, 2019

Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W Rio Salado Pkwy, Tempe

Exhilarating weekend of performances, master classes and artist talks featuring some of the most important voices in contemporary dance today. Carefully curated by CONDER/dance, this annual festival features cutting-edge choreographers, filmmakers and performers.



2019 Breaking Ground Artists

BG19 MAINSTAGE : BG19 Commissioned Artists

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Mac Allen - macallendance | Suzanne Beahrs | Carley Conder - CONDER/dance | Michael Crotty - Michael Crotty Dance | Eckman - Kessie - Wooder | Kalin Green | Eric Handman | NobleMotion Dance | Trebien Pollard | Nadar Rosano

TINY DANCES 2019 : BG19 Commissioned Artist

Liliana Gomez

Samantha Arrow Dance | Bridgette Caron Borzillo - CaZo Dance | Alicia-Lynn Nascimento Castro | Danielle McNeal Johnson - DMJ dance collective | Anthony Kelly and Chelsea Rose Neiss | Michelle Marji | Callista Mincks | Nicole L Olson | Gina Ricker - RickerArts | Lucy Vurusic Riner- RE|dance group | Jennifer Smith | Amy Symonds | Caitlin Wichlacz

We thank adjudicators *Pamela Pietro*, Associate Arts Professor at NYC's Tisch School of the Arts, and *Marcus White*, an American movement maker, educator, community engagement advocate and cultural worker. Marcus joined the faculty at Arizona State University in 2016.

For more information, contact Carly Conder, carley@conderdance.com, 480-570-3263. Tickets will be available closer to the event date. www.conderdance.com

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**YOUTH AMERICA GRAND PRIX (YAGP)
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NORTH AMERICA SEMI-FINALS**

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www.yagp.org to register

YAGP is honored to conduct semi-final performances on the professional stage at the historic **Orpheum Theatre** in Downtown Phoenix (203 W Adams St, PHX), and to return to the spacious studios at **Ballet Arizona** for workshops. The studios are located 3 miles, or about a 10-minute drive from the theater.

This is a good semi-final location for those who are planning to fly, with many convenient flights. Preliminary timeline:

Competitions: Thursday 12-10 pm, Friday 9 am-10 pm, Saturday 9 am-8 pm

Awards Ceremony: Saturday 9-10 pm

Master Classes: Ballet Arizona, Sunday 10 am-2:30 pm

Registration begins 1.5 hours before your competition. Schedule subject to change.

Marriott Phoenix Downtown is offering a special YAGP rate of \$119-139/night. Discounted valet \$20/day. Reservations: 602-603-2001.

HOUSING - Wouldn't it be nice to offer 'housing' for the travelers. Not sure if this can be arranged, but if you have a room to share or a casita in your backyard, or a time share, consider making it available. Here's an email to see if this can be arranged and communicated: regional@yagp.org, 201-444-3121

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a link to global dance news stories

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November 14-18 • Stevie Eller Dance Theatre



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UA DANCE PREMIUM BLEND

This year's Premium Blend concert will give you up the kind of diverse repertoire to expect in a UA Dance Premium Blend concert. Ba at 7:30.

Thu, February 21 at 7:30pm • Centennial Hall



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"...one heck of a show..."
 – The Herald Sun

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Through comedy, animation, theatre, soul-stirring live music by Scott Patterson, and poignantly retrospective dance, Mr. TOL E. RAnCE speaks to the issue of tolerance – how much Black performers had to tolerate – and addresses the forms of modern day minstrelsy we tolerate today.

Wed, March 27 at 7:30pm • Centennial Hall



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"...utterly transfixing!" – Billboard

COMPLEXIONS CONTEMPORARY BALLET
 Stardust, from Bach to Bowie

Combining precision, power and passion, Complexions Contemporary Ballet transcends tradition in a ground-breaking mix of styles ranging from ballet to hip-hop. Stardust, from Bach to Bowie includes a tribute to the life and music of David Bowie, full of glitter and glam.

Sun, April 28 at 3:00pm • Centennial Hall



Family

"...spectacular" – The Boston Globe

CHE MALAMBO

The powerhouse all-male Argentinian company Che Malambo thrills audiences with a dynamic blend of precision footwork, rhythmic stomping, drumming and song that originated in the 17th century in the South American pampas.



The **Arizona Dance Coalition** provides an online calendar of dance events: performances, master classes, workshops, festivals and auditions.

<https://www.azdancecoalition.org/calendar/>

Events are created by ADC members (individuals, organizations/dance companies, and venues). Check for last minute additions or changes. Just click on the image at the left or the link above.

Fill 'your calendar' with dance events!

"To sing well and to dance well is to be well-educated."

—Plato

**January ISSUE
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December 28

Send news to:

Krystyna@AzDanceCoalition.org

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 Festivals. Keep Arizonans informed! Dance thrives in Arizona.

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.



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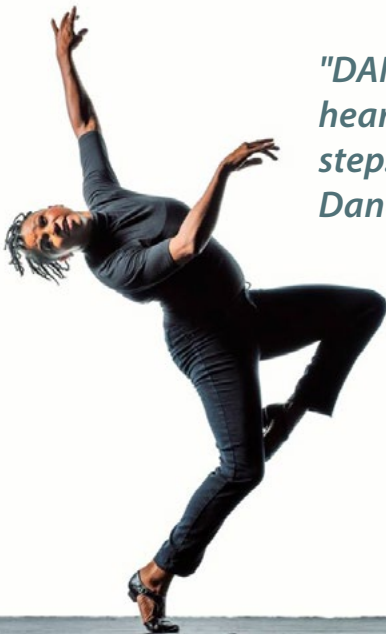
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is it too cold
for dancing?



In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.
-Albert Camus



"DANCE is the breath in my body. Dance is the love in my heart. Dance is the spirit in my song and the spring in my step. It's the deepest expression of who I am and how I feel. Dance moves me the most, when I share it with you."

Shari Washington Rhone
JazzAntiqua Company Member
Los Angeles



Danswest Danswear has a wonderful assortment of holiday dancewear and gifts. Two Tucson locations: East - 5669 E Speedway Blvd, 520-721-3082 | Northwest - 2958 W Ina Rd, 520-730-1634

<https://danswest.com/danswest-dancewear/>

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AzDEO 2018-19 Dance Education Advocacy Student Essay Contest

is open to grade levels 7-post secondary. This year's theme: "How has dance impacted your understanding and appreciation of people's differences and your behavior towards others?" Cash awards given to support the student's dance program. To apply, go [here](#). *Essays are due January 15th.* ←

Choreography Contest

AzDEO Student Choreography Contest 2019

Submission dates 1/15 and 3/15 ←

Students in middle and high school, and college are encouraged to submit their choreography for adjudication. Only the choreography will be judged, but performance can affect the quality of the choreography. Choreographer does not have to be a performer. AzDEO will award a certificate to the student and school.

Submission Criteria

1. This year's theme is "Landmarks" ~ can be a physical location, a "landmark moment" in your life, a landmark moment in history, a landmark event.
2. Maximum length: 4 minutes. Must include your name, age and school at the beginning of the clip.
3. Written artistic statement must also be included with your name, age, and school.
4. Submissions are due Jan. 15th and March 15th. Each deadline date is for a new round of adjudication.

Choreography Criteria: Composition, Originality/Creativity, Visual Effect, Interpretation of Accompaniment. How to submit: Send MP4 clip (only) digitally to the google drive [link](#).

Limitations: Only FOUR submissions per school, per each submission deadline. *Four may be submitted in January, 4 in March.* ←

Arizona Dance Education Organization (AzDEO) 1st Middle School Dance Festival

February 16, 2019, 9 am- 1 pm. Mesa Arts Academy, 221 W 6th Ave, Mesa. Register Now!!

AzDEO.org

REGISTRATION FEES: Fees are per school! Early (Payment Postmarked by December 1st): \$100 for AzDEO/NDEO Members, \$150 for non-members.

Regular: (12/2/2018-1/10/19), \$150.00 for AzDEO/NDEO members, \$200.00 non-members.

Late Registration: (1/11/2019- 2/12/19): Same fee as regular but no option to perform or to purchase t-shirts.

ADJUDICATION: \$20 for AzDEO/NDEO members; 25 for non-members. This is entirely voluntary. Schools can opt out of being adjudicated. VIDEO: \$25 for AzDEO/NDEO members and \$35 for non-members. PAYMENT: All checks and Purchase Orders should be made out to AzDEO. MAIL: AzDEO, State Dance Festival, PO BOX 60152, Phoenix, AZ 85082-0152

Fill out your purchase orders NOW!! Registration and class availability is on a first come, first served basis, so please register on-line and mail your registration fee ASAP. Once fees (check or P.O.) have been received, you will be officially registered for classes. Additional Information and details at [azdeo.org](#) under events.



AzDEO's 15th Annual Pink Tutu Flu (Professional Development Day) 2019!

Friday, January 25, 2019, 9 am-3 pm. Gilbert HS, 1101 E Elliot Rd, Gilbert. 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. Certificate of hours awarded. To register email Lynn Monson at lmonson@cox.net. Send

registration fee to: AZDEO, PO Box 60152, Phoenix AZ 85082. AzDEO Members: Free, Non-Members \$20.



TUCSON TANGO FESTIVAL

MARCH 7-10, 2019

*Nicholas Tapia & Stephanie Berg Guest Instructors +
Paloma & Maximiliano, Oscar Casas & Marie Roach
Santiago Castro & Fernanda Valdovinos
Jennifer Bratt & Ney Melo, Rusty Cline & Joanne Canalli
Glykeria Manis, and Carrie Field*

*Beginners Bootcamp is free once again thanks to the generosity of
Chuck Soukup & Beverly Tobiason from Green Valley*

*Casino del Sol Resort \$119 +12% tax per night
<https://TucsonTangoFestival.com>*

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

Many Arizona's dance companies, dance schools and studios, as well as venues offer special performances to school children during the weekday as part of their 'outreach' mission. Review the following and, if you are interested, contact your school administration to make it happen. Also, consider contributing your AZ 'tax credit' to fund school field trips, indicating what trip you would like to sponsor. Every little bit helps our schools and our children experience the arts ... in a theatre and with live artists.

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

All student matinees are scheduled at 9:30 am and held in the Ethington Theatre on the GCU Campus, Phoenix. To reserve seats for School Matinee concerts, please call 602-639-8880 or email ethington@gcu.edu.

December 10, Monday, **Uncovered Winter Dance Concert**

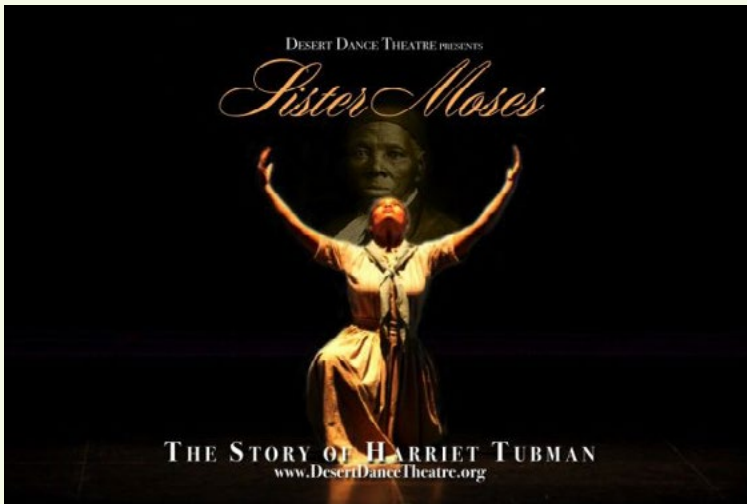
April 15, Monday, **Spring Dance Concert: The Dance Dept Goes POP**



Ballet Arizona offers Matinees for school children for their upcoming **Nutcracker**.

With live music played by The Phoenix Symphony, Ib Andersen's The Nutcracker is rated among the Top 3 in the country by The New York Times, making it the quintessential holiday tradition to create lasting memories for your family.

To learn more, contact Alexandra Papazian at apapazian@balletaz.org or call 602-343-6521 for more information.



Desert Dance Theatre's "Sister Moses: The Story of Harriet Tubman" has been performed in theater and school venues in Arizona, Nevada, Texas, and Vermont. Several thousands of audience members of all ages and backgrounds have attended these performances since 1993.

This incredible story is about Harriet Tubman, a courageous woman of color, who fought against many odds to free her people from slavery through the Underground Railroad. The production

blends dance with live music and narration.

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

PROMO VIDEO CLIP

2019 School Shows at Central High School Auditorium, 4525 North Central Avenue, Phoenix.

January 31, Thursday, 9 & 10:30 am. February 1, Friday, 10 am or 7 pm.

Students \$5, 2 Teachers FREE per 25 Students, Additional Adults \$5; Evening Show ~ \$5 General Admission

Sister Moses is approximately 45 minutes + 10-15 minute Q & A Session. The evening show will include an opening performance by Desert Dance Theatre and Students from Central High School and local community talent.

Desert Dance Theatre is a non-profit organization. The Sister Moses Residency and Performances are made possible by sponsorship from the Phoenix Union High School District, Central High School, and Central HS Black Students' Union. We are seeking funds, contributions and support from various sponsors and funding sources. For more info and reservation form go [here](#).





TICKET EXCHANGE

**Exchange Performance Tickets
Grow Your Audience & See Other Shows**

Support
ADC's
'performance'
community.
Complete the survey
so we can determine
your interest.

The **Arizona Dance Coalition** has instituted a new program for its members—a 'performance' Ticket Exchange. Too often we would love to go to see another dance company's performance, a choreographer's new work, or our colleague's debut with a new company. Holding us back are our meager budgets. Some dancers rehearse and perform for an honorarium, minimum wage, or for free. Some instructors trade for free classes. There are many scenarios like this. Dancers would love to go see a dance show, but have no money. And the one complaint heard often is that we don't support each other's dance programs. This 'Ticket Exchange' program is ADC's contribution to helping us support our dance community. *ADC members have been given a link to complete a survey and four companies are in the process of conducting the first exchange!* Thank you ADC Director *Shannon Dooling-Cain* for connecting our companies/producers. Also, thank you to ADC members who are offering discounts and free events to our members:

ASU Gammage, Ballet Arizona, CONDER/dance, Desert Dance Theatre, Del E Webb Center for the Performing Arts, MAC & Company, Phoenix Ballet, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Tucson Tango Festival and UA Presents.

NEW MISSION STATEMENT

The **Arizona Dance Coalition** has also crafted a new *mission statement*. We have been in existence since 2006, have experienced many years of work and service, and are ready to move forward with an updated mission statement:

The Arizona Dance Coalition is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) membership-based organization. We work to connect and support the statewide dance communities through our website content, communications, and sponsorship of educational dance conferences and master classes. Through our monthly publication, scholarships, and sponsorship of educational dance events, we inform, educate, and promote dance arts and their benefits to the general public.

ADC Member Announcements

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY DANCE INVITATIONAL (Individuals may register, too.)

If you're part of an Arizona dance program based at a dance studio or high school, we would like to invite you to spend a day with GCU's Dance Department in the College of Fine Arts and Production! We are looking forward to hosting up to 30 of your high school students. We will share our Bachelor of Arts degrees in Dance and Dance Education, and show you around campus.

Students will take class with our faculty and meet current dance majors. GCU will also provide lunch on campus. Registration is first come-first serve, but we will accommodate as many students as possible. Events are scheduled between 8 am–2 pm on Fridays throughout the academic year: 1/25/19, 2/15/19, 3/29/19. Once you register, we will contact you to confirm the date of your group's visit. Register at www.gcu.edu/danceinvitationals to reserve your spot right away! If you have any questions, please contact Susannah.Keita@gcu.edu or (602) 639-6295. You can also learn more about the College of Fine Arts and Production home page: www.gcu.edu/finearts



Arizona Dance Coalition Lifetime Achievement Award recipient **Frank Trent** is starting a new TAP class for ADULTS in November. Class meets on **Thursdays at 6 pm** in Bldg #2 behind the Sabbar-Shriners Temple (rear parking lot), 450 S Tucson Blvd, Tucson. Experienced, or not, there is no age limit. Tap shoes are not required for the first class. \$15/class. Please call Frank for more information or to register for class at 520-444-9279.

Arizona Dance Coalition director **Mary Heller** will be leading a BeMoved® dance experience for all movement abilities (anyone can join!) as part of Prescott's Acker Night fundraiser on **Friday, December 7**. Activities begin at 5:30 pm and the proceeds support scholarships for music lessons, instruments and local youth performing arts programs. Other participating dance instructors and organizations include Liz Faller, Flying Next Movement Arts, and SWITCH Performing Arts. For more information, visit <https://www.ackernight.com>.





Photo of the Month

*Ballet Etudes dancers Hannah Chen (left),
Laine Norton (center, Clara) and Emilie Pierzina
Photo by Kellan Meko*

Arizona Dance e-Star Editor/Designer/Writer: Krystyna Parafinczuk

Contributors: Bill Butler, Invertigo Dance Theatre, Kellan Meko, Shari Washington Rhone



Partner dancing often (3X week) reduces the risk of dementia by 76%. Visit the ADC [Resources page \(Dance Articles\)](#) to learn more about the benefits of dancing! Let's live healthier, longer lives!

ADVERTISING in the monthly *Arizona Dance e-Star*

- ***Rates are Affordable***
- ***Discounted for ADC Members***

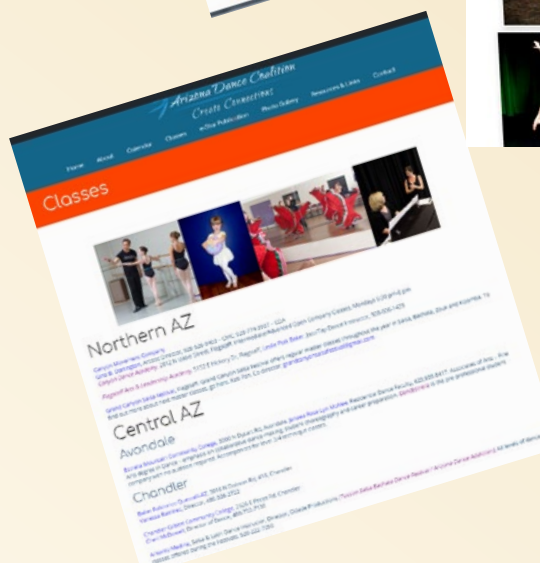
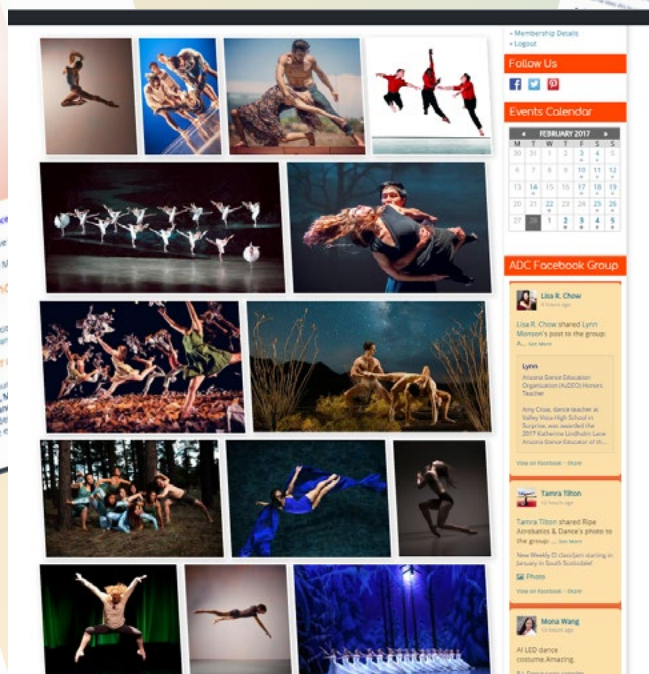
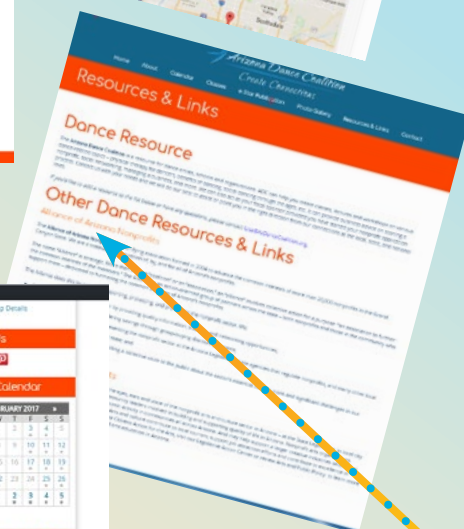
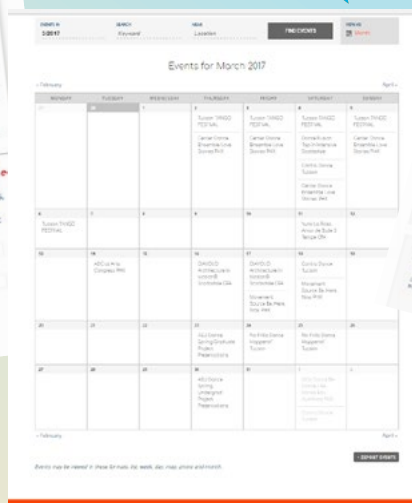
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Readers are interested in dance, are in the professional dance business or students, and are interested in what you have to say or offer!

***For more information, email
Krystyna@AzDanceCoalition.org
or call 520-743-1349***



Isabelle Overstreet, from San Diego Ballet, guests as the Sugarplum Fairy



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



Regional News, Announcements & Events

Northern Arizona ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

December 8, Thursday, 7-9 pm. Old Town Center for the Arts, 6333 N 5th St, Cottonwood. **Lotus Studio-Sedona** and **Carrie Konyha BellyDance** present **Caravan Dreams Theatrical Bellydance Show** featuring 20+ of Arizona's most celebrated dancers.
<https://www.showtix4u.com/>

Central Arizona ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

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December 1-2, Saturday-Sunday. **Scorpius Dance Theatre** performs at **Tempe Arts Festival** at 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm on 7th St, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm on 6th St.
<https://www.tempefestivalofthearts.com/>

December 8, Saturday, 2 pm. Higly High School, 4068 E. Pecos Rd , Gilbert. **The Elektrolytes** present **The Rise Jr's Dance Competition**. It's a chance for the youngest members of Arizona's hip hop dance scene to strut their stuff and impress some of the biggest names in the business. \$10 advance, \$15 door. <https://www.therisedance.com/>

December 14-23, times vary. Orpheum Theatre, 203 W Adams, Phoenix. **Phoenix Ballet** and **Master Ballet Academy** present **The Nutcracker**. Join Phoenix Ballet and internationally recognized dance stars Madison Penney, Tia Wenkman, Bel Pickering, Tegan Chou, Misha Broderick, Basia Rhoden and more, along with top students from the acclaimed Master Ballet Academy as they present Slawomir Wozniak's magical holiday classic, The Nutcracker. Tickets \$25-85 <https://phoenix.ticketforce.com/>

December 15-16, Saturday-Sunday, 2 pm and 7 pm on Saturday. Desert Vista HS, Phoenix. **Ahwatukee Foothills Ballet** presents **The Nutcracker**.

December 21-22, Friday-Saturday 7 pm, 2 pm Saturday. Mesa Community College PAC, Mesa. **Arizona Youth Ballet** presents **The Nutcracker**.

January 2-6, Wednesday-Sunday. Dancers Domain, 13610 N Scottsdale Rd, #20, Scottsdale.
Phoenix Tap Fest 2019 - Enjoy a supportive and unique environment filled with rhythm, percussion, respect, and love! Do what you love! TAP! Guest faculty include these great tap stars - international & local: *Sarah Reich, Ayodele Casel, Bril Barrett, Steve Zee, Jason Janas, Jenefer Miller (organizer/producer), Suzy Guarino Hall, Megan Maltos, Denis Caston, Bruce Goolsby, Kelly Zwolinski, Evan Kasprzak, Brendan Kellam, Pam Allen and Kelsey Leonard.*
www.phoenixtapfest.com, jen@jmillproductions.com

Southern Arizona ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

RIO RICO ~ December 14-15, Friday 6 pm, Saturday 2 pm. Rio Rico High School, 590 Camino Lito Galindo, Rio Rico. **A Step Above School of Performing Arts** presents **Nutcracker Tea**. Enjoy a tea party while watching dancers perform. You will enjoy sweets and treats along with coffee and tea. \$15 adults, \$10 ages 3-10. \$20/15 door. Free under 3 years old.

SAHUARITA ~ December 1-2, Saturday 7 pm-Sunday 2 pm. Sahuarita Auditorium, 350 W Sahuarita Rd, Sahuarita. **Ballet Continental** presents **The Nutcracker Ballet**. 520-326-7887.

December 8, Saturday, 2 & 6:30 pm. Sahuarita Auditorium, 350 W Sahuarita Rd, Sahuarita. **Sahuarita Dance Center** presents **Oh Holy Night**. Tickets \$10 adults / seniors/children \$8 at the studio, online, door. 520-232-3753.

TUCSON ~ December 2, Sunday, 1 pm. Marriott University Park Hotel, 880 E Second St, Tucson. **Ballet Tucson** hosts its **18th annual Sugar Plum Tea**. Festivities will include an inspired silent auction, a holiday boutique and marketplace with unique Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers, characters from The Nutcracker, and performance of excerpts from the ballet's Act II - "Kingdom of the Sweets" by the company's talented dancers. \$75 per person, 520-903-1445, <http://ballettucson.org/special-events/>

December 4, Tuesday, 7 pm. Fox Tucson Theatre, 17 W Congress St, Tucson. **An Irish Christmas**. Dancers dance through the generations over brooms, on half doors, around butter churns, into the world of mythology and out again. Songs spinning out of the mists and into the familiar Silent Night, Little Drummer Boy and Carol of the Bells, and superb music of the pipes, flutes, fiddles, and bodhráns are just the beginning of this great Irish night! Tickets \$30-\$47. <http://anirishchristmastour.com>; <https://foxtucson.com/event/an-irish-christmas/>

December 7-9, Friday-Saturday 7:30 pm, Saturday 2 pm, Sunday 1 pm. Tucson Music Hall, 260 S Church, Tucson. **Ballet Tucson** presents **The Nutcracker**. From Boston to Bozeman, from Atlanta to San Diego, new faces and fresh talent of outstanding dancers elevate an already superb, classic rendition of the E.T.A. Hoffmann story. Attending is a family tradition for many. Tickets <https://www.ticketmaster.com>

December 8, Saturday, 6 pm. TCC Leo Rich Theater, 260 S Church Ave, Tucson.

Grace! Ballet presents **A Night of Wonder**.

Tickets \$40-77, <https://tucsonconventioncenter.secureboxoffice.com>

December 14-15, Friday-Saturday 7 pm, Saturday 2 pm. Vail Theatre of the Arts, 10701

E Mary Ann Cleveland Way (Empire HS Campus), Tucson. **Ballet Rincon** presents **The**

Nutcracker with featured guest artists Rick Wamer, Ross Freeman and Marquez Johnson.

Tickets \$18 adults, \$16 seniors and children. Mezzanine \$14 adults, \$12 seniors and children.

www.tututix.com/balletrincon

December 15-16, Saturday-Sunday 2 pm, Saturday 7:30 pm. TCC Music Hall, 260 S Church

Ave, Tucson. **Tucson Regional Ballet** presents **A Southwest Nutcracker** with the Tucson

Symphony Orchestra. Tickets \$32-38, 520-886-1222, www.tucsonregionalballet.org

December 16, Sunday 2 pm. Stevie Eller Dance Theatre, 1737 E University Blvd, Tucson.

Arizona Ballet Theatre presents **The Nutcracker** plus previews and potluck party on the

plaza. Tickets \$18 <https://tututix.com>

December 22, Saturday, 2 & 6 pm. Palo Verde High School, 1302 S Avenida Vega, Tucson.

Danswest Dance premieres **Winter Showcase / Not Your Ordinary Nut**. A reimagined

Nutcracker by Megan Maltos. Tickets \$15 / VIP \$25 <https://www.tututix.com/tickets/>

December 29-30, Saturday-Sunday, 2 pm. TCC Leo Rich Theater, 260 S Church Ave, Tucson.

Dancing in the Streets AZ presents **The Nutcracker** with live music by the **Civic Orchestra**

of Tucson. Tickets start at \$12.50, Box Office 800-745-3000.

WORKSHOP

January 13-18, 2019, Monday-Friday, 10 am – 2:30 pm. Tucson Creative Dance Center,

Tucson. **Mettler Studios' Winter Dance Retreat**. Experienced movers familiar with the

principles of free movement expression developed by Barbara Mettler. \$300. IACD members

receive a \$30 discount. Register and pay in full by December 15 to receive an additional \$25

discount. Some financial aid may be available. Several rooms at the Homewood Suites, St.

Philip's Plaza are available at a discounted rate. The Homewood will also provide daily shuttle

service to and from the dance studio. The Studio opens at 9:30 am. This shortened daily

scheduled was planned in order to allow participants to have more time to enjoy Tucson and

the Sonoran Desert. For more information contact, Griff Goehring, griffgoehring@gmail.com.

This event is possible thanks to the generous support of Mettler Studios.

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.

Check out the calendar at 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; <http://ffotm.org/contra-dances/>

Mesa ~ Saturdays, 7-11 pm. The Kats Korner (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

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 or call 480-893-3328. Cash/Check only.

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 ~ 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7-8:15 pm. NRG Ballroom, 101, 931 E Elliot Rd, Tempe. FREE **Youth West Coast Swing Dancing** for beginners ages 10-17. More info: LetsSwingAZ.com

SOUTHERN ARIZONA



Green Valley ~ GVR Argentine Tango Club presents two events in Green Valley at different locations. If you have questions, contact DJ Chuck, at 520-625-3488, <https://www.saztango.info>, or on [Facebook](#).

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SOCIAL DANCE NEWS

Green Valley 2nd Saturday Milonga / December 8, Saturday, 6:30-9:30 pm. Las Campanas Social Center, 565 W Belltower Dr, Green Valley. Please join us for great music, a friendly atmosphere, and the largest and best floors in Southern Arizona. \$10, BYOB and snacks to share. Hope to see everyone then. All GVR members, authorized guests and general public welcome. Green Valley is 30 minutes south of Tucson off of I19.

Green Valley Sunday Afternoon Practilonga! / December 16, Sunday, 3-6 pm. Santa Rita Springs Anza Room, 921 W Via Rio Fuerte, Green Valley. What a Practilonga? It's an informal afternoon milonga in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere with a large floor for everyone to perfect new dance skills, and for beginners to practice dance floorcraft. It is not a guided practica or a venue for lessons. \$5 per person, BYOB and snacks to share. Everyone is welcome.

GREEN VALLEY'S NYE MILONGA WITH TANGO LLANEROS, December 31, 8 pm-midnight. Las Campanas Social Center, 565 W Belltower Dr, Green Valley. Welcome in 2019 with Tango to live music! The band will be Tango Llaneros, made up of teachers and students from Texas Tech and Lubbock, TX. This is the third year they have been with us for New Years Eve and have always put on a terrific show. Tango Llaneros play regularly with Q-tango and will all be at the ABQ-Tango Festival in March 2019. The band plays traditional tango, and since they are a Sextet, they have a rich, deep sound. We will be ringing in 2019 with champagne and "Auld Lang Syne" at 11 pm, As always, Green Valley provides the friendliest atmosphere and the largest floors in Southern Arizona. #20/person, BYOB and snacks. Champagne will be provided.



Tucson ~ 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, website@tftm.org, 520-767-6707. **Held at OLD PUEBLO DANCE CENTER, 613 E Delano St, Tucson.**

- December 1** Squirrely Dan (Levenson) & the Cat Mountain Rounders with Suze Calling
December 15 Privy Tippers with Claire Zucker Calling
December 31 **New Year's Eve Contra Extravaganza** at Unitarian Universalist Church, East 22nd St, Tucson, featuring Open Band with Calvalcade of Callers
January 19 TBA

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/>

ADDITIONAL NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENTS | Monday, December 31

A Swingin' New Years Eve - Vintage Dance Celebration 8 pm - 12:30 am | \$25 adv / 35 door

Come dance the night away into the new year as we party like it's 1929!

Dance Stars AZ, 5555 N 7th St, Phoenix. 8 pm - 8:30pm Swing Dance lesson

Mini-dance lessons each hour in Charleston, East Coast Swing, Lindy Hop, Balboa, and Collegiate Shag! Join us just after midnight for the first Shim Sham of 2019! FREE PARKING, ALL AGES WELCOME ~ No partner needed, No dance experience necessary

Semi-formal or vintage theme (1920's-40's) attire recommended. Only 100 tickets will be sold! Fee includes dance lesson, dance, cider toast, and food. Dance only passes will available if space available.

LIVE 'JUMP SWING' JAZZ BAND at the **Royal Palms Resort & Spa | 9 pm - 12:30 am | \$150**

Two different rooms to dance the night away - 1 room a DJ and the other a LIVE 'JUMP SWING' JAZZ BAND - **Professor Black & The Dropouts!** High energy playing classic dance songs. General admission includes two alcoholic beverages, 3-minute fireworks display, photo booth, seafood raw bar, tapas, dessert bar, Champagne Toast featuring Moet + Chandon. 1920s attire encouraged for this Roaring Twenties Extravaganza. 5200 E Camelback Rd, Phoenix. RSVP [Eventbrite](#)

HEPKATS | The Women's Club of Mesa, 200 N MacDonald, Mesa | 7:30 pm

This party is starting with a Lindy Hop lesson at 7:30 pm. Open dancing will be from 8:15 pm - 12:30 am. There will be a TOAST at midnight.

NRG Ballroom presents **New Year's EVE Glitz and Glam GALA | 8 pm | \$50/\$25.** Wine and beer bar, champagne toast, buffet dinner 8 pm, dancing 9 pm, performances, games, raffle and prizes. 480-560-7045, NRG Ballroom is located at 931 E Elliot Rd, #101, Tempe.

<https://nrgballroom.com/event/>



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 by the 25th of each month.

SOCIAL DANCE * * verify schedules in advance * *

SOUTHERN Arizona

TucsonDanceCalendar.com

for the most up-to-date schedule

Dec 16, Sunday, 5:30-8:30 pm Tucson Sunday Salsa Social hosted by Gerardo & Lupita Armendariz. Beg/Int/Adv lesson/open. \$7, \$10/live band. Dream Dance, 405 E Westmore Rd, Tucson. **NEW LOCATION!!!** tucsonsalsa.com

Thursdays ~ Tucson Swing Dance Club Dream Dance, 405 E Westmore Rd, Tucson. **NEW LOCATION!!!** 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/>

Fridays ~ Brother John's, 1802 N Stone, Tucson. Free Salsa/Bachata lesson with \$5 cover / Zona Libre Band, 8:30-9:30 pm. Open dancing 9:30-12:30 am. Restaurant open until 10:30 pm. Latin Dance Revolution | 520-444-0439 **NEW**

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.



Tucson Tango Festival
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FREE Beginners Workshop

March 7-10, 2019

Casino del Sol

<https://TucsonTangoFestival.com>

BIZ TALK

BIZ Talk - You are welcome to advertise in the e-Star. If you are interested, please email Krystyna@AzDanceCoalition.org or call 520-743-1349 for rates and sizes.

ADC members receive discounted rates.



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JOB POSTINGS

Arizona Commission on the Arts JOBS
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Chandler: **Dance Sequins Studio**, dance instructor \$20-\$30/hr

Maricopa County CC: Adjunct dance teachers, Masters + 18 grad hours in teaching field.

Phoenix: **Traveling Music Lessons**, Hip Hop instructor / \$30 hr

Tutu School Arcadia Children's Ballet Teacher \$39-55,000/yr

Prescott: **James Family Prescott YMCA**, Dance Coordinator, 1 yr dance exp needed.

Scottsdale: **Dance Sequins Studio**, \$20-\$30, K-5, Winter: hip hop, jazz, cheer, ballet & tap for preschool.

Tucson: **NW YMCA** Dance Instructor "Little Dancers" PT resume to: yvettes@tucsonymca.org

UA Presents seeks Executive Director

Wellness Council of America, Line Dancing Instructor \$25/hr

Yuma: **Yuma Educational Technology Consortium**, Dance Instructor.

READERS: If you know of anyone with a dance-related job opening, please send the details to:
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/bsc/dance/index.jsp>

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

Convergence Ballet

Auditions for Alice in
Wonderland
Ages 10 & up

January 20, 2019

2326 E Indian School Rd
Phoenix

Jennifer@ConvergenceBallet.org

BOLSHOI BALLET IN CINEMA

This season presents the greatest classics for a cinema exclusive experience featuring the Bolshoi Principals and Corps de Ballet. Four classical ballets (La Sylphide, Don Quixote, La Bayadère and The sleeping Beauty) will be presented along with the beloved Christmas tale The Nutcracker and the jazzy ballet The Golden Age, that can be seen only at the Bolshoi. Carmen Suite-Petrushka, Edward Clug's new creation will close the season, with two very popular characters. The Bolshoi remains the unshakable reference of ballet today.

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/QYANUX8iPAk>

<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 metro: Century Tucson, El Con 20 with XD,
Park Place 20 with XD, Desert Sky Cinemas



Disney's The Nutcracker opens November 2 in U.S. Theaters



All Clara (Mackenzie Foy) wants is a key – a one-of-a-kind key that will unlock a box that holds a priceless gift. A golden thread, presented to her at godfather Drosselmeyer's (Morgan Freeman) annual holiday party, leads her to the coveted key—which promptly disappears into a strange and mysterious parallel world. It's there that Clara encounters a soldier named Phillip (Jayden Fowora-Knight), a gang of mice and the regents who preside over three Realms: Land of Snowflakes, Land of Flowers and Land of Sweets. Clara and Phillip must brave the ominous Fourth Realm, home to the tyrant Mother Ginger (Helen Mirren), to retrieve Clara's key and hopefully return harmony to the unstable world. Starring Keira Knightley as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Disney's new holiday feature film "The Nutcracker

and the Four Realms" is directed by Lasse Hallström and Joe Johnston, and inspired by E.T.A. Hoffmann's classic tale.

Directors: Lasse Hallström, Joe Johnston
Producers: Mark Gordon, Larry Franco
YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/a2vmAttpgrg>

SOCIAL LINKS

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DisneysNutcracker>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/disneystudios>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/disneysnutcracker>
Executive producers: Sara Smith, Lindy Goldstein

Photo: Misty Copeland as the Ballerina Princess by Laurie Sparham





I Dream of Dance is an inspirational feature length documentary following the dance company led by the legendary Denise Wall and her son, Emmy award-winning Travis Wall. Denise is considered one of the great dance teachers of our time, and her company (around 25 teenagers) is one of the best in North America. The film follows Denise's inspirational story, her battle with cancer while raising 5 boys, and her unending passion to transform the lives of the kids she teaches. The film also follows the lives of the dancers in the company,

as they train to compete in The Dance Awards, one of the most prestigious national dance competitions in the country. You will see 2-time Emmy award winner Travis Wall, as well as tWitch Boxx and Alison Holker Boss, and many of the top dancers and choreographers in the industry. The film is directed by Maria Demeshkina Peek and produced by Stephen Peek. It is being released by Sony on **October 9**. Learn more here:

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7207006/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1



Photo of Invertigo Dance Theatre by Joe Lambie

Arizona Dance Coalition Member Benefits & Perks

The ADC offers *four* types of memberships:

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

Membership and *affordable* 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**
- Participation in a **Member-to-Member Ticket Exchange and Discounts**

- Posting classes: **ADC website Class Page***
- Board Member Nominations (December) & Annual Membership Meeting Voting Privileges (January)
- **ADC Lifetime Achievement Award** Nominations (March)
- **Merchant 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.*
- 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.

WARMTH & RECOVERY TIP

by Krystyna Parafinczuk

Cold temperatures have arrived in Southern Arizona. Instead of turning to those same heavier tights and sweat pants, consider leg warmers designed to keep you warm and help you in the recovery process (*and no sweaty crotch!*). **Apollo's K-Warmer** (Kinesio) is revolutionary and they use sports technology to help dancers dance longer and stronger, keeping muscles warm without inhibiting movement. The fabric is moisture wicking, antimicrobial and it *stays in place!* They can be worn over tights or to replace leggings. Kinesio compression provides support for the calves, shins, thighs (up to 26" in circumference), and knees. Compression helps enhance circulation, speeds recovery and reduces inflammation for aching legs.

I have three pair of the **Apollo Infinite Shocks** (calf height) and love them. They really work and do keep the feet warm without getting sweaty. I wear them even when I'm not dancing. Consider giving these 'K-Warmers' a try. \$40/pair + shipping and handling. You are worth it. Career or hobby, *warmth* and *recovery* are key in continuing to do what you love in a better way that is more kind to your body.

Read more here: <https://www.apollaperformance.com/pages/the-k-warmer>



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