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Dear readers,

December engages families in the tradition of going to see a holiday-themed dance performance or two, and possibly a NYE dance party! For many dance companies, dance studios, venues, and symphonies/musicians — these performances are a much needed \$income\$ booster! Production themes vary from The Nutcracker, to the Not Your Ordinary Nut (Tucson), Snow Queen (final performance by the Center Dance Ensemble in Phoenix), A Christmas Carol in Dance (Flagstaff), and a Southwest Nutcracker (Tucson). Support your local dance companies! They need YOU!

GIFT IDEAS — Gift Certificates for dance lessons are perfect for 'anyone' of any age. What about a gift for yourself? See my recommendations on the last page. I'm enjoying the discovery of new healing modalities. I have a feeling you would too.

The *Arizona Dance Coalition* is working on another Annual Member Meeting in January and information will go out soon. If you have board experience and time to work on behalf of 'Dance in Arizona,' please make yourself known. We will be nominating and holding board and officer elections. Let's move into the '20s 2.0 with a ROAR! We will also be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the *Arizona Dance e-Star* and possibly producing a special hardcopy issue. If you



would like to be involved, let us know.

en**JOY** and spread **JOY!** *Krystyna*, *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 master classes. 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

Ballet Etudes' 33rd Annual The Nutcracker returns to Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N Arizona Ave, Chandler, November 29-December 1, December 6-8; and the Mesa Arts Center, One E Main St, Mesa, December 14-15, December 21-22. For exact times and tickets, visit Facebook or https://balletetudes.net/. Experience "a royally entertaining show" (Arizona Republic) and "...an East Valley tradition...and a heartfelt artistic experience," (East Valley Tribune) as Ballet Etudes presents The Nutcracker! Let Clara's magical journey surround you as she encounters lifesize 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. 20% discount given to groups of 10+.

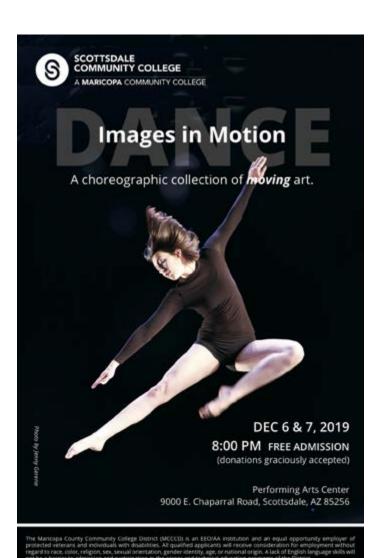
Chandler Center for the Arts - *Tickets* \$25-29 (additional venue fees may apply)
Mesa Arts Center - *Tickets* \$25-29, lap child \$6. An additional restoration fee of \$3 will be added by the venue plus service fees.



December 6-8, Friday-Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2 pm. Grand Canyon University, 3300 W Camelback Rd, Phoenix. Grand Canyon University 10th Anniversary Winter Dance Concert ~ Reimagine, Reinvent! GCU's Ethington Dance Ensemble is performing both classic repertory and high-octane new work by faculty and guest artists. Call 602-639-8880 to reserve your tickets. For more information, contact Ethington Theatre Box Office at 602-639-8880 or email ethington@gcu.edu. Reserve *tickets*. Adults \$10, Seniors and Children under 12 years \$5, GCU students FREE.



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"An East Valley tradition . . . and a heartfelt artistic experience."

- The East Valley Tribune

Chandler Center for the Arts

Box Office: 480.782.2680
chandlercenter.org
Tickets**: 525, 529

11/29 at 7:00 pm
11/30 at 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm
12/18 at 3:00 pm
12/28 at 3:00 pm

December 6-7, Friday-Saturday, pm. Scottsdale Community College, 9000 E Chaparral Rd, Scottsdale. The awardwinning Scottsdale Community College **Dance Program presents Images in** Motion, a choreographic collection of moving art. SCC dancers will demonstrate their artistic and physical excellence through works by eight choreographers. They will be joined by guest performers Modazz, from Chandler High School, and Baylie MacRae, this year's winners of SCC's C2 Choreography Competition. Come join us for this thrilling biannual SCC Dance tradition! Tickets are free and will be available at the door. Donations graciously accepted.



The Rodeo City Wreckettes, a senior charitable dance revue in Tucson, donates their proceeds (\$25,000+ since inception) from their performances to charities. For additional information or to audition, please contact Carol Ross by email, wreckette@gmail.com.

December performances are:

December 6, Friday, 10:45 am. Park Senior Villas, 844 N Houghton Rd, Tucson. Beneficiary: *Alzheimer's Research & Prevention Foundation*

December 12, Thursday, 2 pm. Watermark at Continental Ranch, 8689 N Silverbell Rd, Tucson. Beneficiary: *Tucson Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association*

December 17, Tuesday, 3 pm. Villa Hermosa, 6200 E Speedway Blvd, Tucson. Beneficiary: *Arizona Public Media*

December 8, Sunday, 4-11 pm. Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch, 7700 E McCormick Pkwy, Scottsdale. DanceSport Education and Imperial Ballroom Dance present the 9th Annual Masquerade Ball Gala—a signature, black-tie fundraising event benefitting DanceSport Education, an Arizona not-forprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Our mission is to impact the lives of children and youth through ballroom dance, and to support young talent.



Artem Plakhotnyi, our favorite world-class ballroom dance professional, Imperial Ballroom's owner and DanceSport Education Co-Founder will emcee the event. Diana Diaz-Harrison will be our keynote speaker for the Gala. She is the lead founder, CEO, and heart and soul of Arizona Autism Charter Schools, the first autism focused tuition-free public school in Arizona. Live music will be provide by Mosaico 2.0. Alex Hristov on acoustic guitar and Max Perrault on flute, two of Arizona's best musical talents will perform live during presentations and dinner time.



Get your beautiful gowns and tuxedos, grab your masks, and enjoy an evening of elegance, delicious food, champagne, dancing, and a great show. Perfect for singles, couples, dancers, children, and anyone who just would like to dress up for a fun, entertaining night out! You will not want to miss one of the most elegant parties in Scottsdale and help us raise money for a great cause – children, education and ballroom dance.

Imperial Ballroom's top students and students from Arizona Autism Charter Schools participating in the DanceSport Education program will perform as well as Imperial Ballroom

Dance Company's pros and special top U.S. guests from around the country! Imperial's professionals are *Inna Berlizyeva*, *Artem Plakhotnyi*, *Ivan Khudolyi*, *Alisa Seleznova*, *Oleg Teleha*, *Michelle Brecker*, *Donovan Dominguez*, *Rose Dimov and Egor Abashkin*.

Sponsorship Opportunities: Your sponsorship will directly support the critical need to increase the number of children in Arizona who engage in ballroom dance as a physical activity to build life-long healthy habits. We hope you will consider sponsoring at the Masquerade Ball GALA and join our efforts to help shape a generation of healthy and thriving children and youth! **Tickets** \$55 ages 4-16; \$100-170 adults. To learn more, visit **here** or call 480-201-5726.



December 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, Saturdays 7 pm, Sundays 5 pm. Fridays, December 6 & 13, 12:10 pm Lunch Time Dance Theater-Stage West. Herberger Theater Center, Stage West, 222 E Monroe St, Phoenix. Frances Smith Cohen's SNOW QUEEN. Delight in the mystical world of sprites, gypsies and ice maidens, while young Gerda seeks to rescue Kai from the Snow Queen's Crystal Palace. Based on Hans Christian Andersen's wintery fairy tale of the struggle between good and evil, Center Dance Ensemble brings the wicked Snow Queen to life! Experience Frances Smith Cohen's masterpiece, "Snow Queen" set to Prokofiev's lush score – a Valley



favorite and holiday classic, now in its 29th season! Perfect for families and audiences of all ages. *Tickets* \$14-28.



December 8, Sunday, 7-9 pm. Exo, 403 N 6th Ave, Tucson. Tablao Flamenco is an intimate and traditional setting for presenting the interaction of cante (song), baile (dance), and toque (guitar). Performing on a percussive wood platform called a tablao (tablado), artists often improvise music and movement to establish new styles and expressions. Tablao is one of the most important forms of

flamenco presentation in Spain and beyond, a place to celebrate both experimentation and cultural heritage. Flamenco Tucsonense cultivates the art form here in Tucson to share a unique voice in the flamenco world. *Tickets* \$10

Performing Artists:

Misael Barraza (guitarra) – Winner of numerous international guitar competitions, Misael is from Sonora, Mexico and is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Musical Arts from the University of Arizona.

Olivia Rojas (cante) – From El Paso, Olivia is the Co-Director of Flamenco Por La Vida; she has studied music for over 15 years and is Arizona's premiere flamenco singer.

Jason Martinez (cajon/baile) – From Albuquerque, New Mexico, an American hub of flamenco art, Jason has studied percussion and dance for more than 20 years. He was an original member of Yjastros: The American Flamenco Repertory Company, and teaches flamenco in Tucson.

Melani "Mele" Martinez (baile) – With more than 35 years of dance training, Mele is a Tucson native and nationally recognized flamenco artist. She was an original member of Yjastros: The American Flamenco Repertory Company and teaches flamenco in Tucson.

Diana Schaible – Originally from Idaho Falls, Idaho, Diana is the 2019 winner of the Sierra Nevada International Guitar Competition; she received a Bachelor's degree in Music Performance from the University of Idaho, was a principal flautist for the Arizona Symphony, and is a teaching artist for TUSD and the Tucson Academy of Music and Art.



December 12-15, Thursday-Sunday 7 pm, Sunday 2 pm. EMCC Performing Arts Center, 3000 N Dysart Rd, Avondale. Estrella Mountain Community College in partnership with Southwest Ballet Theatre gear up for the 5th annual performance of The Nutcracker — a story of a young German girl who dreams of a nutcracker who battles a mouse king and breaks an

ancient spell, transforming the nutcracker into a handsome prince.

EMCC students *Katelynn Brock* and *Sydney Walker* have been cast in this year's production. Through the partnership, EMCC waives all facilities fees for SWBT and the ballet company pays all personnel fees. EMCC students get free tickets and SWBT gives EMCC a percentage of its box office sales. In addition, SWBT offers EMCC performing arts students free master classes, and technical theater students get hands-on lessons. "We're also thrilled to be able to offer a scholarship for EMCC performing arts majors," SWBT director Melissa Zervas Hahne said. "We can't wait to see what develops throughout the years to come."

Tickets \$24 (\$32 for general admission plus flowers); \$18 for students 18 and younger with ID; and free to EMCC students.

Southwest Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker" is supported in part by the Arizona Commission on the Arts, which receives support from the state of Arizona and the National Endowment for the Arts. Other support for "The Nutcracker" comes from Palm Valley Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. Thanks to support from Empire Southwest and Dunn Orthodontics, Southwest Ballet Theatre has given 130 opening night tickets to children and adults through local West Valley charities. These attendees will also receive gift bags to commemorate this special community night event.



December 13-24, days & times vary. Phoenix Symphony Hall, 75 N 2nd St, Phoenix.

Ballet Arizona and The Phoenix Symphony present The Nutcracker

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! Join us for Pre & Post Performance Show Chats with the dancers! Pre- show chats occur 45 minutes before the show in the theatre at the front, on the right side of the house, and Post- show chats (Saturdays, December 14 & 21) occur immediately after the show on the stage.

Family Fun (arrive 1 hour prior to the performance): At no charge on **December 13 & 15** (evening shows), and **December 23** matinee, children can enjoy a coloring station, Storybook reading (45 minutes before the performance), a ballet class and face painting!

Capture the Magic package: Upgrade your experience with these VIP perks for your group to make your night one of a kind for your family for \$75, a \$100 value.

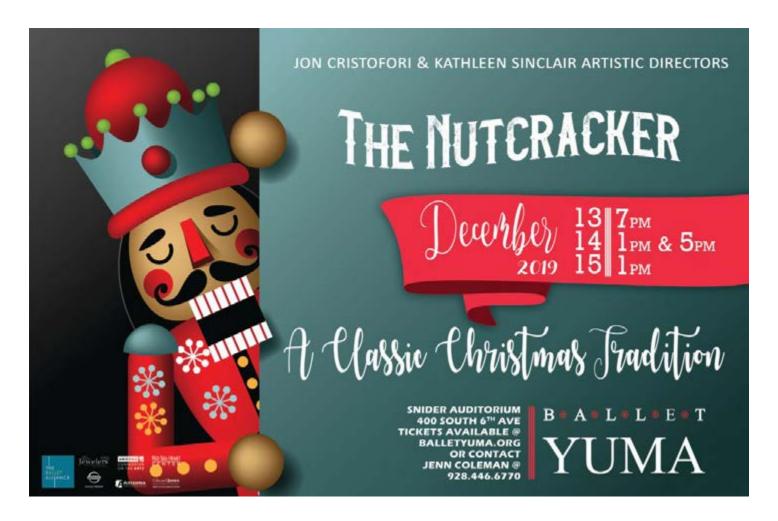
- Early entry to the Symphony Hall lobby to shop and get your Sugar Plum Fairy Photo without the huge crowd to slow you down
- Hot Chocolate for 4 from the lobby cafe to nicely enjoy before the show without the rush
- Complimentary Parking Pass to avoid the hassle!
- Pair of Ballerina Point Shoes signed by one of the dancers
- Ballet Arizona Tote Bag
- \$20 Ballet Arizona Gift Card
- 10% off at The Nutcracker boutique in the lobby

When purchasing your tickets online, you will be given the opportunity to add the package to your cart. You can also add the **Capture the Magic** package by calling our Box Office Monday-Friday between 12 pm and 5 pm at (602) 381-1096. Ballet Arizona Box Office: 602.381.1096. Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm, 2835 E. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85034



December 13-15, Friday 7 pm, Saturday 3 & 6:30 pm, Sunday 3 pm. Higley Center for the Performing Arts, 4132 E Pecos Rd, Gilbert. Southwest Youth Ballet Theatre presents The Nutcracker. Don't miss the excitement of going on a magical journey with the Nutcracker and Clara as they battle oversized mice and celebrate their victory with the Sugar Plum Fairy in the land of the sweets. Now in their thirteenth season, lead by artistic director Yen-Li Chen, the Southwest Youth Ballet Theatre brings

to life this holiday classic. Live music performed by Chandler Symphony Orchestra; a great value and experience for the whole family! *Tickets* \$10-30.



Check with your local media outlets to find a Holiday Dance Event near you!





December 13-15, Friday 7 pm, Saturday 1 & 5 pm, Sunday 1 pm. Snider Auditorium, 400 S 6th Ave, Yuma. Ballet Yuma Kicks off the 26th Season with The Nutcracker. Join Ballet Yuma dancers as they take you on a magical journey and transform Snider Auditorium into young Clara's dream world as she and her Nutcracker Prince travel through the Land of Snow and the Land of Sweets.

In celebrating its 26th Season, Ballet Yuma is very excited to be bringing guest artists from San Diego Ballet. *Isabella Overstreet* will be dancing the Sugarplum Fairy and her caviler will be *Adam Bloodgood*. Guest artist *Nickolas Topete* from State Street Ballet will be dancing the roles in Russian and Snow King.

Kathleen Sinclair, Artistic Director of Ballet Yuma, says "We have been providing excellence in the arts to our surrounding communities for over 26 years, and we couldn't be prouder of our

dancers and our commitment to our Yuma audiences. Though we take great pride in offering the classic Nutcracker version, this year we have added some colorful new choreography to brighten up the palette a bit. Our dancers, as always, are very well-rehearsed and ready to present their fans with the highest quality performances that they can give."

Tickets \$25/\$20, \$4 off for Seniors 65 and over and Children under 12

After December 12th, tickets will be available only at the door an hour prior to each performance. Should you experience any issues or require additional assistance, please contact Jenn Coleman, Ballet Yuma Ticket Chair, at 928-446-6770, jennyjumpup@gmail.com.

Photo of Yuma Ballet's Lauren Schug, photo by Andrea Hauck Photography.

At the recent Ballet Yuma Sugar Plum
Tea (November 30th at the Yuma Golf &
Country Club), dancers performed excerpts
from The Nutcracker. Pictured here are
the 'mice' performing for a crowd of
mesmerized young children!



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7:30 pm, Saturday 11 am. Clifford E
White Theater, NAU Campus, Flagstaff.
Canyon Movement Company presents
A Christmas Carol in Dance. The
Holiday Classic like you've never seen it
before – in dance! Join us for this encore
performance. Director Gina Darlington
and choreographers in Canyon Movement
Company (CMC) have created a NEW
holiday show. CMC has partnered with
Canyon Dance Academy, Velocity Dance



Company, and *SES Productions* to bring you a production containing a cast of more than 50 performers featuring aerial dance, a stilt walker, youth dancers, multi-media including film and special effects, modern choreography and new music!

This new Flagstaff production uses music by a variety of artists, both classical and contemporary music, and choreographic interpretations lending a fresh look to this favorite holiday story. Canyon Movement Company dancers/choreographers include director *Gina Darlington*, *Cori Wall Mee*, *Sarah Thomas*, *Jessica Taylor*, *Than Haviland*, *and Chelsea Taylor*.

A Christmas Carol – The story of Ebenezer Scrooge 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, 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.

Members of CMC and the cast are also presenting lecture/demonstrations at these schools as part of their community outreach and educational programs: Thunderbird School of Tuba City, Leupp School, Coconino High School, De Miguel, and St. Francis de Asis.

Tickets \$19/general, \$14/child-student at NAU Ticket office 928-523-5661. \$2 more at the door. Call 774-3937 for more info or *www.canyonmovementcompany.org*.

This performance is supported in part by funds from the City of Flagstaff and Flagstaff Arts Council, the Arizona Commission on the Arts with funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Arizona Community Foundation. Photos by Sean Openshaw.

December 14-15, 20th, Saturday 2 pm, Sunday 7:30 pm, Friday 7:30 pm. ZUZI! Dance, 738 N 5th Ave, Tucson. Winter Solstice Celebration at ZUZI! Dance – Poetic Gesture: Earth & Air. "And just when the darkness became too much to bear and the struggle too hard, the light broke through and the caterpillar emerged a butterfly delicate but unbroken, wild and gentle,



finally free to spread its lovely wings and fly away on the wind." —L.R. Knost

This season is a time of reflection, renewal, and community celebration. This year's winter theme is and integration of Poetry and Movement. With each Solstice celebration we envision honoring the interconnectedness of our humanity as we move forward to grow, evolve and change with the return of the sun. *Tickets* \$18, \$12 senior/student/military



December 15, Sunday 11:30 am-2 pm. Chateau Luxe, 1175 E Lone Cactus Dr, Phoenix. The Scottsdale Ballet Foundation is once again holding their annual Nutcracker Sweets Tea featuring a 3-Plated Tea Service, crafts for the little ones and a special holiday performance by the students of the Scottsdale School of Ballet. You can purchase you tickets at the front desk of Scottsdale School of Ballet but make sure you purchase them soon to enjoy this kickoff to the holiday

season. For more information, call the Foundation at (480) 665-8679. A limited number of only four Premiere Tables at *\$600 each include: priority seating and entry into the event, a table for 10 with Reserved Seating in front of the Stage, and 1st served for all plated tea service. *Tickets* *\$55 Adult – *\$45 Child *Prices listed are when purchased at Scottsdale School of Ballet. Tickets purchased online will include an additional 3% surcharge.

December 21, Saturday, 1 & 6
pm. Paradise Valley Community
College Center for the Performing
Arts, 18401 N 32nd St, Phoenix.
Scottsdale School of Ballet and
Scottsdale Ballet Foundation
present the 2019 Winter Festival
featuring the premiere Distant
Land directed by Donald Dadey
and set to the charming English
folk tunes of John Rutter. This



ballet showcases the pre-professional levels at SSB in a challenging work with fast technique and pointe work. For the holiday treat, directors *Sibylle Acatos-Dadey* and *Donald Dadey* have restaged the 1st Act Party Scene of The Nutcracker leading into a dreamy Snow Scene. For the 2nd Act they have highlighted all of the traditional dances culminating with the dance of the "Sugar Plum Fairy" and a rousing finale by the entire cast. Box Office 602-787-7738. *Tickets* \$25-30.







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SUMMER

The Donna Summer Musical

January 7-12, Tuesday-Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 6:30 pm, matinees Saturday 2 pm & Sunday 1 pm

She was a girl from Boston with a voice from heaven, who shot through the stars from gospel choir to dance floor diva. But what the world didn't know was how Donna Summer riskeditalltobreakthroughbarriers, becoming the icon of an era and the inspiration for every music diva who followed. With a score featuring more than 20 of Summer's classic hits including "Love to Love You Baby," "Bad Girls" and "Hot Stuff," this electric experience is a moving tribute to the voice of a generation.



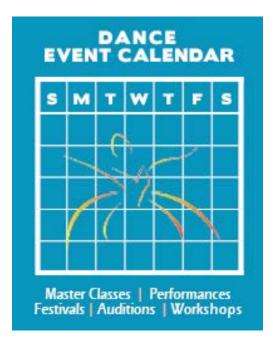


Tickets \$29-190

ASU Gammage 1200 S Forest Ave, Tempe Box Office: 480-965-3434 Campus Map | Contact

Video promo





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!

COMPETITION

The World Ballet Competition now accepts applications for the 2020 World Finals through March 11, 2020, while spots and entries are available. The competition is open to dancers ages 9 - 24 in Soloist and/or Ensemble categories. To learn more about the World Ballet Competition, please visit www.WorldBalletCompetition.com.

The World Finals: June 14 - 20, 2020, Orlando, Florida.

January ISSUE SUBMISSION DEADLINE

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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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Ballet Arizona Offers PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ballet Arizona Studios, 2835 Washington St, Phoenix

1st Saturday of Each Month Studio-Talk Saturdays for Dance Educators



This professional development group is for dance educators from all backgrounds – from public schools to dance studios. Each month we'll discuss different aspects of the dance teaching profession, and explore the ways we can elevate our practice both individually as teachers and collectively as

a dance community. Attendees are welcome to stay after the PD event and take a free adult ballet class at 11:30 am to brush up on ballet technique and take some time for movement self-care.

December 7, 9:15 pm – 11:15 am - Somatics & Body Awareness | Sign Up



This professional development group is for teachers who want to learn how to be better arts-integration practitioners in their classrooms. Each month, we'll discuss different topics related to arts-integration in the classroom, and provide attendees with the knowledge, the practice, and the confidence to bring the arts into their curriculum.



December 18, 4:45 pm – 6:45 pm - Using Dance for Classroom Management | Sign Up

MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



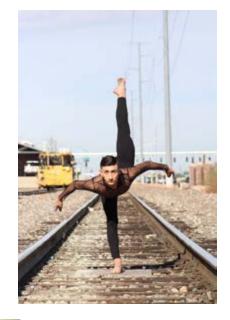
December 14, Saturday, noon-2 pm. Dance Fusion, 7601 E Gray Rd, Ste B (110.90 mi) Scottsdale.

Dance Fusion Studios Host Hip Hop and Contemporary Workshops



Beginning/Intermediate Hip Hop with *Tanner Clark (left),* noon-1 pm

Beginning/Intermediate Contemporary with *Lalo (right)*, 1-2 pm

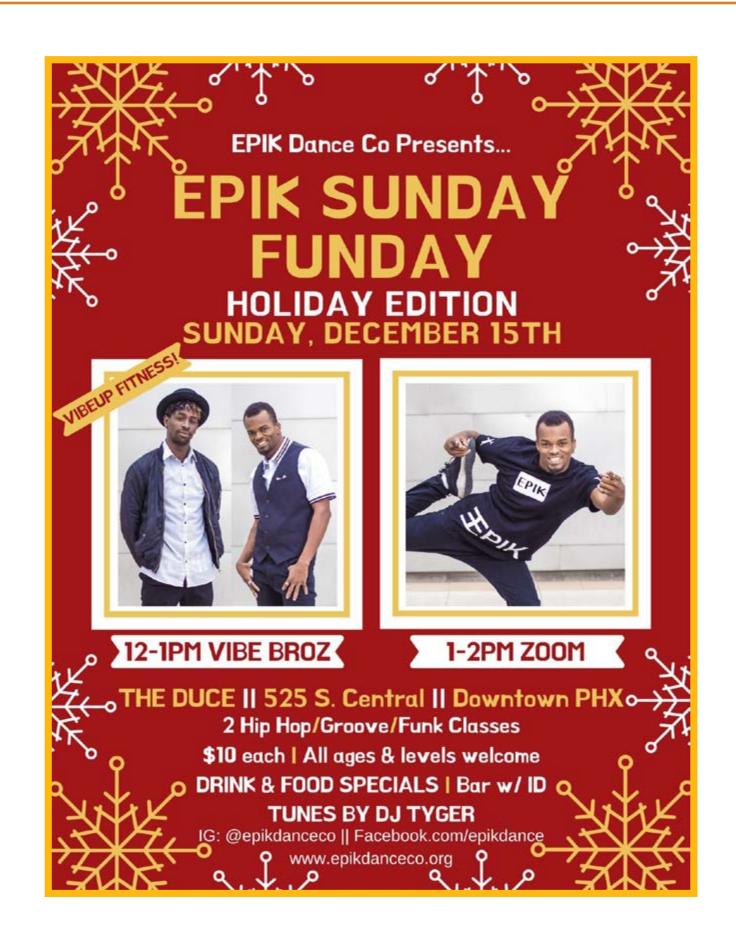


Ages Teen – Adult: \$15 drop in, \$10 college students | 20% discount for K-12 teachers and military. Register online at *dancefusionaz.com* or call 480-625-3900.

December 15, Sunday, 12 noon-2 pm. The Duce, 525 S Central, Downtown Phoenix. EPIK MONTHLY Sunday event! – EPIK Sunday FUNday at The Duce in Phoenix! Open-level hip hop, funk, and grooves... with drinks and food! This month, we are excited to vibe out with VibeUp Fitness, a duo hip hop inspired dance fitness program designed to tone & energize participants of all ages & fitness levels – Catch the Vibe! And in the holiday spirit of giving back, we will be collecting canned and non-perishable food items for St. Vincent de Paul. Bring at least 2 items and receive a "duce" (\$2) off your class (4 items for \$2 off both classes – \$8/class). December Instructors:

12-1pm VibeUp Fitness w/ Vibe Broz 1-2 pm Hip Hop Groove Choreo w/ Zoom

\$10 each | \$20 gets you 2 classes and some awesome food and drink specials | \$5 Mimosas, \$5 off Duce Jar Vintage Cocktails, "Duce Off" \$2 Food Order. Bar w/ID. Deejay Tyger is in the brunch area the whole time! Info@epikdanceco.org, www.epikdanceco.org



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Free Master Classes

with Mike Esperanza



January 6-10, 2020 10:00am-12:00pm

PE Building, Rm 135 9000 E Chaparral Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256

The Maricopa County Community College Bistrict (MCCCD) is an EED/AA institution and an equal opportunity employer of protected veterans and individuals with disabilities. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to roce, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or national origin. A lack of English Janguage skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the career and technical education, separates of the District.

The Maricopa County Community College District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, se cloability or age in 8s programs or activities. For Title IWSG concerns, call the following number to reach the appointer coordinator; (480) 731-8499. For additional information, as well as a listing of all coordinators within the Maricopa College system, visit http://www.maricopa.edu/non-dis-

El distrito de Los Colegios Comunitarios de Maricopa (cuyas siglas en inglés son MCCCI) es una institución EEO/AA y un empleador con igualdad de oportunidades para veteranos protegidos y personas con discapacidades. Todos los solicitames calificados recibirán consideración para empleo sin considerar raza, color, religión, sexo, crientación sexual, identidad de gênero, u origen nacional. La falta de destrecas del idiserna inglés no es un impedimento para admissión y parricipación en programas de educación Téorica del distrito.

El distribo de Los Collegos Comunitarios de Maricopa no discriminan con base a raza, color, originen nacional, sewo, discapacidad o edad en sus programas o actividades. Si tiene preguntas sobre título 10/504, llama al siguiente mimero para comunicaria econ el coordinador designado; (460) 731-8499. Para obtener información adeicinal, al como una lista de todos los coordinadores dentro del sistema de Collegios Comunitarios de Maricopa, visite: http://www.maricopa. edu/non-discrimination.

January 6-10, Monday-Friday, 10 am-noon. Scottsdale Community College, PE Bldg Rm 135, 9000 E Chaparral Rd, Scottsdale.

FREE Master Classes with guest Mike Esperanza from BARE Dance Company.

Come to one, several, or all of the classes.

Questions? Email sccdance@scottsdalecc.edu.

For more information about Mike, visit http://www.baredanceco.com/mike-esperanza

AUDITIONS for SCC Scholarships and Placement, as well as for FUSION DANCE ENSEMBLE take place on January 6, 12:30-4 pm.

Look for more information in the AUDITION pages within this issue.



Phoenix Tap Festival

January 3-4, 2020

Two Days of Tap Classes

Dancers Domain, 13510 N Scottsdale Rd,
#20, Scottsdale.

https://www.phoenixtapfest.com/ Registration here.

Outstanding Local & International Faculty

Jeremy Arnold, Bruce Goolsby, Suzy Hall, Chrissy Jones, Sean Kaminski, Ted Levy, Megan Maltos, Erin McBride, Jenefer Miller, Megan McBride Moore, Kelsey Rose, Mary Wall, and Kelly Zwolinski

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3rd

9-10:15 am

Megan Maltos – Adv Technique – A Bruce Goolsby – Int/Seniors – B

10:30-11:45 am

Kelly Zwolinski – Adv Groove – A Mary Wall – Int/Seniors – B 11:45-12:30 pm LUNCH 12:30-1:45 pm

Jenefer Miller – Adv Swing Rhythms & Slides – A Kelly Zwolinski – Int/Seniors – B 2-3:15 pm

Jeremy Arnold — Int/Adv — Music Theory & Tap — A
Erin McBride — Int/Seniors — Loosening up Ankles — B
3:30-4:45 pm

Ted Levy – Int/Adv – "Your Best Friend" – Traditional Phrasing – Building a Vocabulary – A Jenefer Miller – Int/Seniors – Rudiments & more – B 5-6:15 pm

Sean Kaminski – Adv – Rudiments & Control – A Kelsey Rose – Int/Seniors – B

7:30 pm PARTICIPANT'S SHOWCASE — ROOM A

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th

9-10:15 am

Ted Levy – Adv- Singin' and Swingin' – A Megan Maltos – Int/Seniors Technique – B 10:30-11:45 am

Sean Kaminski – Adv Choreography – A Jeremy Arnold – Int/Seniors Rhythms – B 11:45-12:30 pm LUNCH 12:30-1:45 pm

Jenefer Miller — Int/Adv — A Sean Kaminski — Int/Seniors Choreography — B 2-3:15 pm

Jeremy Arnold – Adv – How to Pick a Tune – A
Ted Levy – Int – Finding Your Flow – Direction &
Centering the Rudiment – B

3:30-4:45 pm

Suzy Hall – Adv Lyrics & Tap – A Megan McBride Moore – Int/Seniors – B 5-6:15 pm

Megan McBride Moore – Adv – A Chrissy Jones – Int – B

7:30 pm FACULTY SHOWCASE and After Party
Meet the Faculty



AzDEO's 16th Annual Pink Tutu Flu

(Professional Development Day) 2020!

January 24, Friday, 9 am-3 pm. Check in 8:30-9 am.

Ballet Theatre of Phoenix, 2326 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix. A great day of sharing curriculum ideas and methods from fellow educators including information from the NDEO annual conference last October.

All welcome: K-12 teachers, college students, studio teachers, post-secondary teachers.

Coffee, Tea and lunch included. To register, email Lynn Monson at Imonson@cox.net.

Send registration fee to: AzDEO, PO Box 60152, Phoenix AZ 85082.

AzDEO Members free, non-members \$20. Certificate of hours awarded.

AzDEO 35th Annual High School Dance Festival

February 22, 2020

Early Bird Discount expires January 15, 2020
Camelback High School, 4612 N 28th St, Phoenix
Festival includes classes, performance and adjudication (optional).
Fees are per school starting at \$175 for AzDEO/NDEO members, \$250 non-members.
Fees go up January 16th \$225/\$300 respectively.
To register, visit http://www.azdeo.org/registration-form.html

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS!

AzDEO Kathy Lindholm Lane and Bill Evans Teacher Awards

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

Nominations are now open for both awards. Application information and how to apply are at www.azdeo.org, under Awards. Applications due January 30, 2020.

Looking for a Dance Instructor? Choreographer?
Performer? Costume Designer? Artistic Director?
Administrator? Board Member? Grant Writer?
Send your JOB POSTING to:
Krystyna@AzDanceCoalition.org



CALL FOR ARIZONA DANCE EDUCATORS

Scottsdale Community College is hosting American College Dance Association March 9-13, 2020 (West Region)

Scottsdale Community College Dance Department 9000 E Chaparral Road, Scottsdale AZ 85256-2626

Coordinator: Angela Rosenkrans | a.rosenkrans@scottsdalecc.edu | (480) 423-6600

Link to West Conference Website and Registration

Deadline for Teaching Submission Form: February 10, 2020

We would really like to feature the strength of the Arizona dance community by offering classes by our local AZ teachers. That means YOU!

This will be a highly attended event by students from university dance programs from all over the country. It will be great for exposure and you'll get in touch with current trends in dance education. In exchange for your teaching time, we can offer you a class from the ACDA schedule. It will be an even exchange. If you teach two classes, you can take two classes, and so on. Also, we can offer you a free ticket to one of the adjudication performances happening each night in the Scottsdale Community College Performing Arts Center.

Teaching Submission Form ~ Please specify which days and times would be best for you and also which types of classes you are interested in teaching. We do want a wide variety, so feel free to get creative.

This will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Once all the available slots are filled, we will close the option for local teachers.

So get on board early!



center for the performing arts
7380 E Second St, Scottsdale
scottsdaleperformingarts.org, 480-499-8587





Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts Dance Series for 2019-2020 Season

We're putting the spotlight on four fabulous companies. You won't find this mix of diverse, high energy, boundary breaking dance companies anywhere but at Scottsdale Arts. #ScottsdaleArts

Details | YouTube Promo Announcement

Jacob Jonas The Company | January 31, 8 pm Malpaso Dance Company | February 14, 8 pm Ballet Hispánico | February 28, 8 pm

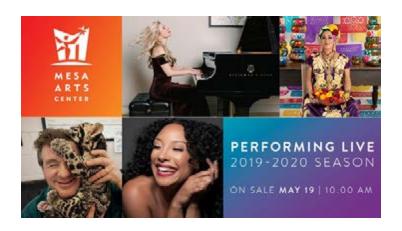
Contemporary Dance Series



Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Discounts

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% off tickets to selected events. All ticket prices (A, B and C) are available for the 50% discount (one ticket per eligible youth). Tickets are limited and may be purchased online, by phone or in person using promo code 29UNDER.



MESA ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES ITS 2019-2020 DANCE SEASON

One E Main St, Mesa Box Office: 480.644.6500



Ballet Folclórico Nacional De México De Silvia Lozano January 19, 2020 | 3:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$25-\$45

Ballet Folclórico Nacional de México de SILVIA LOZANO is tasked with the dissemination, preservation and promotion of the Culture of Mexico. With an artistic career spanning over 56 years, the BFNM reflects the work of Mexico's leading practitioners of folklore, dance, music,

and costumes. The BFNM has performed in over forty countries, receiving numerous awards, as well as being designated an Ambassador of Mexican Culture.

****** Dorrance Dance ******
April 1, 2020 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$30-\$60

Dorrance Dance is an award-winning tap dance company based out of New York City. The company's work aims to honor tap dance's uniquely beautiful history in a new, dynamic, and compelling context; by pushing it - rhythmically, technically, and conceptually. The company's inaugural performance garnered a Bessie Award for



"blasting open our notions of tap" and the company continues its passionate commitment to expanding the audience for tap dance.





UA Presents | University of Arizona 2019-2020 Dance Season

Centennial Hall, unless otherwise noted 1020 E University, Tucson Box Office: 1-800-840-9227 http://uapresents.org, 520-621-3341

Grupo CorpoSaturday, February 8, 8 pm

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 pm



ARTS JOURNAL ~ Stories people talk about a link to global dance news stories http://www.artsjournal.com/category/dance



SCHOOL SHOWS



If you are a school teacher or belong to a community group, and you want to introduce your students/children to the world of dance, consider some of the following student matinees specially designed for a younger audience.

Ballet Arizona's Student Matinee series reaches approximately 7,000 students annually, and, for many, is their first introduction to live performance. Though the program is known for its



popularity among educators and students, in recent years, we have also seen a rising interest among community groups as well. Ballet Arizona gives these audiences an opportunity to watch ballet in a fully produced theatrical setting at Phoenix Symphony Hall and hopes to inspire them to think beyond boundaries and see what is possible.

Student Matinee attendees will see an excerpt from the full production of the ballet. The performance will be preceded by a short introduction and will end with a Q&A with the dancers. Watch this narrated clip by Act One of students attending Ballet Arizona matinees: https://youtu.be/nFo_OMz3LGA

Please contact Alexandra Papazian at apapazian@balletaz.org or call 602.343.6521 for more information. https://balletaz.org/student-matinees/



Grand Canyon University Dance Program Student Matinees

Students from k-8 as well as high schools are invited to attend Student Matinees presented by the Grand Canyon University

Dance Department. To reserve seats, visit

https://www.gcu.edu/college-of-fine-arts-and-production/ethington-theatre.php

All performances begin at 9:30 am at the Ethington Theatre, on our main campus. Should you have any questions or concerns, you can also reach out to our Ethington Theatre box office at 602-639-8880 or email ethington@gcu.edu.

Reinvent Winter Dance Concert, December 9, 2019 Moving Forward Spring Dance Concert, April 20, 2020

Please see this webpage for more details concerning all performances and events in our college: https://www.gcu.edu/college-of-fine-arts-and-production/events-and-news.php





ASU GAMMAGE presents the following School Shows for the 2019-2020 Season

Tickets are \$3 per student/teacher/chaperone.
Performances begin at 10:30 am and last 1 hour.
For more info, visit *here* or contact

cpinfo@asugammage.com or call 480-727-6250.

March 24, 2020, Tuesday. Step Afrika!

Curriculum Connections: Dance, Geography and Social Studies. Grades: K-12. Step Afrika! blends percussive dance styles practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities, African traditional dance and influences from a variety of other dance forms. Founded in 1994 as the first professional company dedicated to the tradition of stepping, Step Afrika! is now one of the Top Ten African



American dance companies. Performances are much more than dance shows; they integrate songs, storytelling, humor and audience participation. The blend of technique, agility and pure energy makes each performance unique and leaves the audience with their hearts pounding.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE LIVE CINEMA SEASON

https://www.roh.org.uk/cinemas

Arizona Theaters

Mary D Fisher Theatre, Sedona Willcox Historic Theater, 134 N Railroad Ave Patagonia Movie House, 304 Naugle Ave

December 10 Coppelia

January 16, 2020 *The Sleeping Beauty* February 25 *The Cellist / Dances*

at a Gathering

April 1 Swan Lake

May 28 The Dante Project

Confirm screening before attending.





Ballet Arizona Female Company Dancer | Accepting video submissions. Send resume, headshot, dance photos and video link. We follow the International Audition pre-selection guidelines. They are as follows:

An applicant would be required to submit the following material only: A video with no introduction or fancy editing, consisting of the

following performed in leotard and tights for women and tight fitting dance attire for men:

- A short classical variation drawn from the standard repertoire danced in pointe shoes by female applicants
- A short contemporary variation (that could consist of something drawn from the repertoire, phrases from class work or an applicant-created work) that illustrates the applicant's command of a range of movement different from that demonstrated in the classical variation
- 3-5 minutes of barre work, incorporating both sides, danced in soft shoes by male applicants and pointe shoes by female applicants
- 3-5 minutes of centre work that includes adagio, pirouettes, petit and grand allegro, danced in pointe shoes by female applicants
- A CV, headshot, and 2-3 dance photos that reveal the dancer's body proportions and line For questions please contact Laura Cadieux at Icadieux@balletaz.org.



December 15, Sunday. Tap 24.7 Lounge, 225 W Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix (enter on east side of building). **2020 Tap 24.7 Show Auditions.** All choreography will be taught at the audition. Also be prepared to improv. Audition fee: \$25. Ages 9-11 2-3:15 pm; ages 12-adult 3:45-5 pm. Show dates: **May 22-24** at MCC

Theater in Mesa.

January 6, Monday, 12:30-4 pm. Scottsdale Community College, PE Bldg Rm 135, 9000 E Chaparral Rd, Scottsdale. Scholarship/Placement Audition. Are you interested in taking dance technique classes at SCC in Spring 2020 and don't know what level you need to be in? Would you like to be considered for a scholarship to help pay for your dance training? Be prepared for a ballet barre, along with modern, jazz and hip hop center work. No prepared material is required. You must be a dance major or intend to begin studying as a



dance major to be eligible for the scholarship. Questions? Email sccdance@scottsdalecc.edu

There is a simultaneous audition for the **SCC Fusion Dance Ensemble.** Be prepared for a ballet barre, along with modern, jazz and hip hop center work. No prepared material is required.

ADC MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Registration is in progress for Community College and University dance programs.

Scottsdale Community College offers classes in Ballet, Modern, Hip Hop, Bachata, Salsa and Tango. Classes begin January 21 and early enrollment is recommended. Register now to ensure your spot in class! Pay or set up a payment plan on the day you enroll.

For more information contact sccdance@scottsdalecc.edu or visit

https://www.scottsdalecc.edu/programs/dance

PCC WEST campus

FAW 123F CRN 21321

Tuesdays 6:40-8:45 pm FSSC Bldg, Rm 102 Fitness Sports Science Center

SALSA DANCE

with introductions to Danzon Cumbia | Bachata | Cha Cha Cha Merengue | Rumba | Samba Rueda de Casino



Learning to dance, and dancing often leads to

FITNESS & WELLNESS (FAW)

14 weeks | 2-hr class | pima.edu

Classes begin January 30th Singles | Couples | Date Night

1 credit class or noncredit
"audit" option until Feb 11
fun • fitness • field trips • friendships
\$84.50 + fees* | 50% off ages 55+
*fee higher for non-residents | Questions 743-1349

PCC NW campus

FAW 112F

CRN 21750

Saturdays 4-6:05 pm Classes held at the NW YMCA, Studio corner of Magee & Shannon

BALLROOM DANCE

Fox Trot, Waltz, Rumba Swing / Lindy Hop with Introductions to Cumbia | Bachata | Cha Cha Merengue | Samba



CLASS CANCELLATION DEADLINE (low enrollment) January 15!!! | REGISTER NOW to avoid cancellation. | Registration DEADLINE January 29!

Tucson's Pima Community College offers 14-week social dance courses on two campuses in the **Fitness & Wellness Department** | \$84.50 + fees | 50% disc for ages 55+

Ballroom/Latin Dance meets Saturdays, 4-6:05 pm, at the NW YMCA | PCC NW Campus Registration codes: FAW112F1 | CRN 21750

Salsa/Latin Dance meets Tuesdays, 6:40-8:45 pm, at PCC West Campus in the Fitness, Sports & Science Center, Room 102. Registration codes: FAW123F1 | CRN 21321

The Spring Semester culminates with two dance parties!

PCC social dance students host an outdoor Latin Dance Party at the West Campus on Tuesday, May 5th - Cinqo de Mayo!

They also attend a **Dance Party** in the community for their 'FINAL' — *the ultimate test!*

For more information, contact instructor *Krystyna Parafinczuk* at *KParafinczuk*@pima.edu or call 520-743-1349.



National Society of Arts and Letters of Greater AZ Annual Dance Scholarship Event

High School Modern Dancers | Classical Modern Dance \$2,000 Prize Money

February 10, 2020 | 12:30 pm registration

Dance Theater West, 3925 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix

Participate in an adjudicated class by *Diane MacNeal Hunt* and present a 3-minute solo choreographed by self or other. Bring music on a CD.

>>>> No props, no costumes, no jazz or hip hop. <<<<<

Participants must be 18 or under before May 10, 2020. Space is limited to 22 dancers.

Send \$10 Registration Fee (to hold your spot) to:

NSALAZ Dance, c/o Dance Theater West, 3925 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix AZ 85018
Susan Silverman, NSALAZ Dance Chair

Please contact Susan with questions or to register: suzerina@aol.com

Excited to announce that Rosenkrans Dans will be participating in the SHAPE Festival in Salt Lake City in December. Vincent Calleros and RaShawn Hart will be performing Rogue! https://saltdance.com/shape/



Movement Source Dance Company performed at Local First Arizona Fall Festival in November accompanied by live music, Tobie Milford, exciting to be part of an active local arts and business community.

Arizona educators presented at the NDEO Conference in Miami October 23-26th "Culture, Communication, Choice Making: Inclusivity and Empowerment through Creative Processes"

Photo left to right: Amanda Kinnard, Kelly Scovel, Susan Griffin, and MaryAnne Herding





Photo of the Month

'Angels' in Ib Andersen's *The Nutcracker* | Ballet Arizona Photo by Rosalie O'Connor

Arizona Dance e-Star Editor/Designer/Writer: Krystyna Parafinczuk **Contributors:** Nicole Olson, Hannah Hockersmith



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!

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

BALLET

BALLET ARIZONA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

https://balletaz.org/mission/employment-auditions/

The School of Ballet Arizona seeks a PT teacher for our Adaptive Dance for Down Syndrome program which is designed to create a class environment that is sensitive to the needs of students with neurocognitive disabilities while nurturing their desire to dance. The teacher will provide direct creative movement instruction to students ages 5-to adult with various neurocognitive disabilities and will ensure a safe, challenging, fun, and accessible experience for the students who are part of the program.

Box Office Representatives (PT) provide seasonal telephone and in-person sales of individual tickets and subscription packages, as well as customer service to support professional and student performances for Ballet Arizona. Representatives will work at the main box office location near downtown Phoenix during regular business hours, and will also provide in-person ticket sales support at the box office at Symphony Hall, the Orpheum Theatre, the Dorrance Theatre, and the Desert Botanical Gardens on the evenings and weekends of performances.

To apply, please e-mail resume and cover letter to: *HR@balletaz.org*. Please note that NO telephone calls will be accepted.

Regional News, Announcements & Events

Central Arizona ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

December 3, Tuesday, 7:30 pm. Mesa Arts Center Ikeda Theater, 1 E Main, Mesa. So You Think You Can Dance LIVE! 2019.

December 6-7, Friday-Saturday, 7 pm. Paradise Valley Community College Center for the Performing Arts, 18401 N 32nd St, Phoenix. PVCC Fall Dance Collection presents: Kinetic Poetry. A collection of dances celebrating the creative voices of students and faculty. Kinetic Poetry will feature Contemporary Dance, Jazz, Hip Hop, Belly Dance, and Ballet choreography. Invited Guest AXE Capoeira will present Afro-Brazilian dance Capoeira, Maculele, and Afro-Dance. Join us for an exciting evening of dance! Free.

December 7, Saturday, 7 pm. Yavapai College Performing Arts Center, 1100 E Sheldon St, Prescott. Let the Season Begin! Includes three choreographic works by Mary Heller on Yavapai College students with the singers and musicians. Start your holiday season off right – with luminaria, carols, and cookies at dusk in Yavapai College's sculpture garden. Then enjoy guest tenor Mackenzie Gotcher as he returns to the YCPAC stage to join with Yavapai College's combined choirs (Master Chorale, Women's Chorale, Chamber Singers, and Community Choir), dancers, and orchestra in a magnificent Christmas celebration featuring some of the season's most beloved songs. Musically rich and visually stunning, the program blends traditional classics with contemporary favorites. A festive start to your holiday season that your entire family will enjoy. *Tickets* \$10-25.

December 21, Saturday, 2 & 7 pm. Queen Creek Performing Arts Center, 2149 E Ocotillo Rd, Queen Creek. The Nutcracker by Brooksher Ballet is fast becoming a community staple! Featuring the iconic music of Tchaikovsky, this timeless classic is brought to life in a visually stunning, and nostalgic performance. Kick off your holiday celebrations with the magic of this beloved tradition of The Nutcracker at a price the whole family can enjoy. *Tickets* \$12-17. 480-987-7469.



Southern Arizona ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

December 8, Sunday, 1 pm. Marriott University Park Hotel, 880 E Second St, Tucson. **Ballet Tucson** holds their **Sugar Plum Tea** annual fundraiser. This delightful holiday tradition is the perfect gathering for friends and family members of all ages to kick off the festive holiday

and "Nutcracker" season. Festivities include live holiday music by the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus and Harpist Christine Vivona, holiday boutique and marketplace, silent auction of gifts and treasures, Ballet Tucson performance and characters from The Nutcracker. \$75 per person (Table of 10 – \$700). Reservations: Purchase tickets online or call Ballet Tucson at 520.903.1445. https://ballettucson.org/special-events/

December 13-14, Friday 7 pm, Saturday 2 & 7 pm. Vail Theatre of the Arts, 10701 E Mary Ann Cleveland Way, Tucson (Vail). You are cordially invited to join Ballet Rincon's 18th Annual beloved production of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker Ballet! Tickets \$12-18. Reserved seating is available. https://www.tututix.com/client/balletrincon/

December 14-15, Saturday 2 & 7:30 pm, Sunday 2 pm. TCC Leo Rich Theater, 260 S Church, Tucson. Tucson Regional Ballet presents A Southwest Nutcracker with live music by the Tucson Symphony Orchestra. Join us for this unique Tucson tradition of Tchaikovsky's full-length ballet set in the 1880s – complete with coyotes, cavalry, rattlesnakes, and our very own Prickly Pear Fairy! Tickets \$32-38. www.ticketmaster.com of 800-745-3000.

December 16-17, Monday-Tuesday, 7 pm. Centennial Hall, UA Campus, Tucson. Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker. With world-class artists, over 200 dazzling costumes, stunning sets, towering puppets and soaring birds, don't miss your chance to ring in the holidays with this acclaimed Christmas extravaganza. Tickets \$34-54 through Ticketmaster. com. Use promo code SPIRIT to unlock the last discount of the season.

December 21, Saturday, 2 & 6 pm. Palo Verde High School, 1302 S Avenida Vega, Tucson. **Danswest Dance** presents **Not Your Ordinary Nut and Winter Showcase.** Tap, jazz, hip hop and a whole lot of fun all in under an hour! Tickets \$18-25 | TutuTix.com

December 28-29, Saturday-Sunday, 2 pm. TCC Leo Rich Theater, 260 S Church Ave, Tucson. Dancing in the Streets AZ presents The Nutcracker (El Cascanueses). Let your imagination transport you to a land of Magical dancing, and childhood dreams. Live music provided by Civic Orchestra of Tucson. This performance will feature guest artists from State Street Ballet, Alvaro Oquita and Amara Galloway, for the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier. Tickets \$13.50-\$36, \$12.50-34.50 seniors/students/military

December 28-29, Saturday 2 & 7:30 pm, Sunday 1 & 5 pm. Tucson Music Hall, 250 S Church Ave, Tucson. **Ballet Tucson** presents **The Nutcracker.** Looking for something special to do with your loved ones over the Christmas holiday week? Ballet Tucson's beloved, awardwinning production is your ticket to make memories that will last a lifetime! Tickets \$30-58, seniors/students/military \$26-40, groups of 10+ \$19-31. 800-745-3000. https://ballettucson.org/performances/the-nutcracker/

Scottsdale Public Art



Sean Deckert, courtesy of Scottsdale Public Art

SOCIAL DANCE NEWS

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/

Grand Canyon Salsa Festival will focus on Bachata this 7th year. Dates are **November 8-10**, and you can buy your discounted Full Festival Pass now for \$139. Hurry while this price lasts. www.grandcanyonsalsafestival.org

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, 7:30-9 pm Drag Blues lesson, dancing until 11 pm, \$10/lesson, \$5 dance only.

Hepkats Jump Session 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 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

SOCIAL DANCE NEWS

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*.

Green Valley 2nd Saturday Milonga is at Campanas Social Center, 565 W Belltower Dr, Green Valley. \$10, BYOB and snacks to share.

Green Valley 3rd Sunday Afternoon Practilonga is at Santa Rita Springs Anza Room, 921 W Via Rio Fuerte, Green Valley. It is not a guided practica or a venue for lessons. \$5 per person, BYOB and snacks to share. Everyone is welcome.

Tucson Friends of Traditional Music | **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, held at OLD PUEBLO DANCE CENTER, 613 E Delano St, Tucson. *https://tftm.org/*

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/





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.

<u>AZSalsa.net</u> 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

2nd & 4th 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. tucsonsalsa. com

Thursdays ~ **Tucson Swing Dance Club** Dream Dance, 405 E Wetmore 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/

Fridays ~ Brother John's, 1802 N Stone, Tucson. Free Salsa/Bachata lesson with \$7 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

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

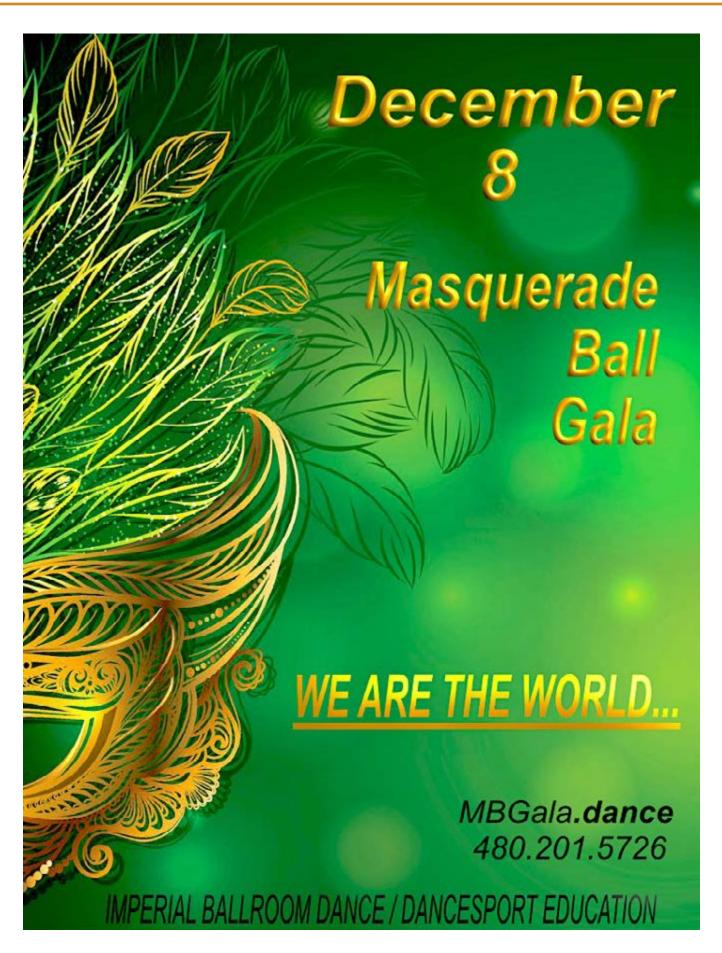
3rd Saturday <u>USA Dance So Arizona Chapter</u> presents their Dance, 7-10:30 pm.

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.

DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS, VERIFY EVENTS BEFORE YOU GO.



Masquerade Ball Gala
DanceSport Education
December 8, 4-11 pm
Scottsdale Resort at
McCormick Ranch



PRINCESS CRUISE LINES will be coming to Tucson on Sunday, December 8th, and Phoenix on Tuesday evening, December 10, to hold OPEN CALL FOR DANCERS. We are currently seeking performers for various contract start dates for 2020 to be a part of our production shows. These dynamic and visually stunning shows are developed by top Broadway, West End and Music Industry directors and choreographers including our newest collaborations The Secret Silk, Born To Dance, and Magic To Do produced by Stephen Schwartz, composer of Wicked, Pippin and Godspell. Offering exciting itineraries spanning the globe, Princess is one of the leaders in providing award winning onboard entertainment at sea. Below please find information for our Arizona audition tour.



SEEKING fit, athletic dancers with strong technical training and outgoing personalities. No singing required. MALE & FEMALE DANCERS: early 20s to late 30s, actively seeking all ethnicities.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 – TUCSON, ARIZONA

Auditions will be held at the University of Arizona, Drama Bldg, Rm 125, 1025 N. Olive Rd., Tucson. Dancer Open Call at 10 am – Sign-in begins at 9:30 am

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 - PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Auditions will be held at Showstoppers Interactive Entertainment, 106 E. Pioneer St., Phoenix. Dancer Open Call at 8 pm – Sign-in begins at 7:30 pm.

SALARY & ACCOMMODATIONS:

Dancers: \$2000/month minimum

Length of contract: 6 month minimum

Housing and food onboard.

Rehearsal housing provided if you live more than 50 miles from the studio.

TUCSON & PHOENIX OPEN CALL INFO:

Dancers should be warmed up and ready to dance in appropriate dance attire with a picture and current resume. Women should bring character heels and a flat dance shoe or sneakers. Men should wear dance shoes that they can turn in or sneakers. You will not be allowed to dance barefoot or in socks.

PROMOS:

Entertainment: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8CFLpdqKIM

The Secret Silk Promo: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93foUX40NTE Magic To Do Promo: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83uApBb5ItQ

Fantastic Journey Promo: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SW-qdkSSLo&t=24s

Pima County Public Library | Nonprofit Grant Opportunities in December Joel D Valdez Main Library, 101 N Stone, Tucson grantsinfocenter@pima.gov

Joel D Valdez Main Library's "Idea+Space" programming and labeling is now rebranded

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offering these tracks and in two levels: Board Development, Leadership & Advocacy, Management & HR, Marketing & Social Media, Funding Parts 1 & 2

December 4, Wednesday, 11 am-1 pm. Introduction to Foundation Directory Online. Come learn about 140,000+ grant-makers in Foundation Directory Online. Library staff will provide an introduction and give hints and tips on how to maximize your search results. Class time will include hands-on practice following the presentation.

December 10, Tuesday – reserve 30 minutes for a one-on-one (currently a waitlist) consultation with Lisa Bunker, Pima County Public Library's Social Media Librarian. Lisa has coached businesses for more than four years.

December 11, Wednesday 11 am – 1 pm. Reference USA – Online Directory. Identifying your target partners and charitable donors is vital to nonprofit success.

December 12, Thursday, 4:30-5:30 pm. Grantwriting Bootcamp (currently full). 501 Navigation partner Carolyn Owens has over 20 years of grant writing experience and is past president of the Southern Arizona Grant Professionals Association. She will share her expertise and lessons learned with hands-on skill building during this one-hour workshop that will help you improve your grant writing success. askalibrarian@pima.gov, (520) 791-4010

December 13, Friday, 2-4 pm – Grants Open Lab. Research private grant makers in the Foundation Directory Online and the Arizona Guide to Grants databases with library staff present to give hints and tips on how to maximize your search results. Nonprofit volunteers, staff, fundraisers, and board members are welcome! No Registration Required.

December 18, Wednesday, 11 am – 1 pm. Video Presentation: Winding Down/Gearing Up: 10 Legal Tips to Get Ready for the Next Fiscal Year. Open discussion following the presentation.

To view the schedule, visit here.

The mission of the Grants & Nonprofit Information Center is to provide information resources for nonprofit and community organizations to assist them in fulfilling their missions. You can visit us on the 2nd floor Idea+Space at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library in downtown Tucson. Wayne Wheeler is the supervisor of the Grants & Nonprofit Info Center. Contact Wayne: grantsinfocenter@pima.gov

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JOB POSTINGS

Arizona Commission on the Arts JOBS
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Dance Informa USA
Send Job Listings to: Krystyna@AzDanceCoalition.org

Gilbert ~ USA Youth Fitness Center (7 dance rooms), Dance Instructors

Mesa ~ *InMotion AZ*, *Dance Instructor*, \$20-25/hr, multiple locations.

Phoenix ~ TUTU SCHOOL ARCADIA, Experienced Children's Ballet Teacher, PT Heritage Academy Inc, Laveen Campus, Dance Teacher with BA and/or Masters in Dance or related major and 2-3 years exp.

World of Dance Fitness Trainer, FT/PT. Looking for group fitness instructors, trainers and dancers to join.

Queen Creek ~ Heritage Academy Inc, Dance Instructor – Spring Semester only (Gateway). BA/Masters in Dance or related.

Sierra Vista ~ Advanced Hip Hop Teacher, ALMA DOLORES INT'L DANCE CENTRE

Surprise ~ BLING TOUR, Ballroom Dance Instructor FT & PT

Tucson ~ Canyon Ranch, Fitness Instructor/Dance, PT \$22/hr. Your fitness class schedule may include Zumba, Let's Dance, World Beat, Dj Dance Party and variety of aerobic exercise.

YMCA of So AZ, Lighthouse/City location, Group Line Dancing Instructor. Mon, Wed, Fri 9 am.



GPA Southern Arizona Chapter invites you to attend their upcoming meetings with presenters that will help insure the success of your grants.

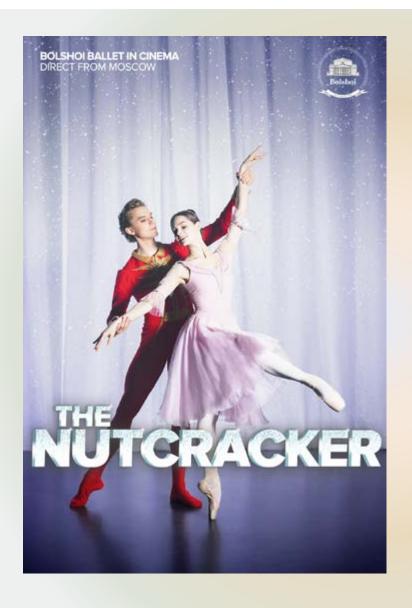
www.grantprofessionals.org/arizonasouthernchapter gpasouthernazchapter@gmail.com



Arizona Commission on the Arts Upcoming Grant Deadlines https://azarts.gov/grants/

Arts Learning Collaboration Grant deadline January 30 Lifelong Arts Engagement Grant deadline January 30

If you know of a source for funding for dance nonprofits and venues/ presenters, please send details to: Krystyna@AzDanceCoalition.org



Bolshoi Ballet The Nutcracker

In this timeless story accompanied by Tchaikovsky's beloved score, rising star Soloist Margarita Shrainer perfectly embodies Marie's innocence and enchantment along with the supremely elegant Principal Dancer Semyon Chudin as The Nutcracker, captivating audiences of all ages and bringing them on an otherworldly journey.

Don't miss this encore performance of the Bolshoi Ballet's Nutcracker on the big screen December 15 at a theater near you. *Check the list on the next* page.

Trailer



NATIONWIDE DANCE AUDITION LINKS

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

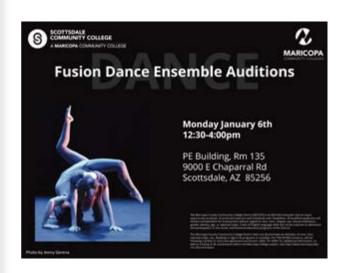
DancePlug.com ~ http://www.danceplug.
com/insidertips/auditions

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

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

BackStageDance.com ~ http://www.
backstage.com/bso/dance/index.jsp

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



BOLSHOI BALLET IN CINEMA

To celebrate this 10th anniversary season of the Bolshoi Ballet in cinema, the company will offer you intense emotions through the repertoire's most popular titles. From Raymonda's romance to Le Corsaire's exotic adventure, via The Nutcracker's magical atmosphere and Romeo and Juliet's tragic passion, the most beautiful stories will be performed on the Bolshoi stage. Swan Lake will surely enchant audiences with a new cast, as well as canonical Giselle in Alexei Ratmansky's new production. Last, Balanchine's glittering Jewels will beautifully end this anniversary season. Experience the best of classical ballet in cinemas all over the world.

Trailer: https://youtu.be/E-Nujy-ilwM https://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



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 \sim

- 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-publication 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
- 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.



The Arizona Dance Coalition is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) membershipbased 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.

JOIN ONLINE AzDanceCoalition.org

or

send in **Application Form**

GIFT TIP

by Krystyna Parafinczuk

Dancers' bodies—to include instructors and choreographers—go through tremendous stress. The body needs to recover, heal, and be pampered regularly. Are you guilty of neglecting yourself? Do you procrastinate making that appointment for a massage, acupuncture or chiropractic treatment? Give yourself a GIFT and include a colleague/friend in your 'giving.' Find a NEW place, a new bodyworks method, and a new 'body part' to treat!

This week I was introduced to and experienced two 'new-to-me' body treatments:

5 Elements Chiropractic ~ Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, and Water Which element is out of balance? Let the professional find out and learn more about yourself.

Trager Approach, aka Trager Work and Trager Massage

A description is provided in **Dr Weil's Health Wellness Balanced Living.** Trager focuses on reducing these unnatural patterns of movement and eliminating neuromuscular tension by using gentle, rhythmic rocking motions. These rhythmic movements can create a state of deep relaxation, which therapists say can allow the body and mind to achieve a state of balance and integration. I loved it. Felt like I do after sleeping for eight hours—a once-a-year occurrence!

Cold Laser Therapy and **Reiki** are next on the agenda with appointments to be scheduled. It's all part of a 'Wellness Package" through **Peaceful Spirit Massage & Wellness Centers** in Tucson. Have fun selecting your gift(s) to self! You are worth it!

Happy Holidays and may your New Year be ROARING! It's the '20s 2.0!

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