

# WOMEN-OWNED AND MANAGED DANCE BUSINESSES

*dance studios & companies  
choreographers, instructors  
dance service organizations*

## ARIZONA

## 2021 LIST of Women-Owned / Women-Managed Arizona Dance Businesses\*

Creating this list was inspired by [International Women's Day, Wednesday, March 8, 2017](#). As of March 8, 2021, 266 dance businesses, 48% of all AZ Dance Businesses (555), are owned and managed by women. We have also indicated those which have closed (10) mostly due to the pandemic.

*\*We did not include male/female or spousal partnerships to the best of our knowledge.*

*A child's first experience with a female business owner is usually their first dance teacher. That relationship may last forever. As a result, women are more likely to be entrepreneurial and start their own dance business, or another business, because they grew up seeing women in charge of their careers.*

### Women-Owned/Managed Dance Businesses in ARIZONA

*Arizona Dance Coalition, All Female Board  
Arizona Dance Education Organization, All Female Board*

#### NORTHERN & NORTH CENTRAL REGIONS

##### Clarkdale

*Dana De Luz Dance Studio, Dana De Luz*

##### Flagstaff

*Ahlers Dance, Cynthia Dewell Ahlers  
All That Dance, Rhonda Harris  
Canyon Dance Academy, Gina Darlington  
Canyon Dance Supply, Gina Darlington  
Canyon Movement Company, Gina Darlington  
dancEvolution, Jesica Barker  
Grand Canyon Salsa Festival, Kati Pan  
Human Nature Dance Theatre, Jayne Lee  
Human Nature Dance Studio, Jayne Lee  
Leslie Baker, Choreographer/Educator  
Momentum Aerial, Joanie Garcia and Morgan Louvier  
The Tango Connection, Dr Hanna Ian*

##### Fort Mohave

*Masala*

##### Lakeside (Wagon Wheel)

*Dance Academy of the White Mountains, Rebecca Eagle*

##### Pinetop

*Ballet of the White Mountains, Linda Bohn*

##### Prescott

*Lessons by Lexe: Dance Studio, Lexe Niekamp  
Mary Heller Dance Arts, Mary Heller  
New Moon School of Bellydance Studio, Ustadza Azra  
Nicole Adette Romine, Director, Choreographer  
Summer's Danceworks, Summer Hinton*

##### Sedona

*Alive Today Enterprises, Pash Galbavy  
Ecstatic Dance Sedona, Gwen  
Sedona Chamber Ballet, All Female Board  
Sun Moon Studio, Jessica Philips*

##### Snowflake

*Canyon Creek Performing Arts, Sandy Ballard  
Dance Amour, Elizabeth Brinton*

##### Winslow

*High Desert Dance Academy, Nicole Guzman*



## CENTRAL REGION

### Anthem

*Dance with Dee, Deena Roming*  
*Dynamic Motion Dance Academy, Tiffany Fox*

### Avondale

*Ballet Folklorico Esperanza, Kathi Soria*  
*Debbie Polisky, Nutrition Tango*  
*Revel Dancewear, Toya Bray*  
*Studio 21 Dance, Nicole Lake*  
*Team Thompson Dance, Brigette Camille Thompson*  
*The Studance LAB, Bonita Saldana*

### Buckeye

*Ballet Phoenix Academy, Cecilia Fisher (CLOSED)*

### Casa Grande

*Amethyst Dance Festival, Krisenna Zipporah*  
*Tappy Tots Dance, Audrianna Hoover*

### Carefree

*Studio Kinetics | AlignDanceTheatre, Wendy Ellis*

### Casa Grande

*Amethyst Dance Festival, Krisenna Zipporah*  
*Tappy Tots Dance, Audrianna Hoover*

### Cave Creek

*Prima Dance Arizona, Cara Zic*

### Chandler

*Aloha Yoga and Hula, Myriam Caballero Valenzuela*  
*Arizona Dance Studio, Brooke Stone*  
*Ballet Folklorico Quetzalli Arizona, Vanessa Ramirez*  
*Classic Image Dance, Shannon Wilson*  
*Desert Star Dance, Ann Bode*  
*Donna Petersen, Choreographer, Educator, Production Manager*  
*MAC & Company, Micaela Church*  
*Nrityalaya Aesthetics Society, Shyla Ganesan*  
*Nrityanjali Institute of Dance, Anjali Shah Desai*  
*Sanskaar Nritya Dance Academy, Guari Bhobe-Sardesai*  
*Southwest Youth Ballet Theatre, Yen-Li Chen Ballet*  
*Stacy J Dancing, Stacy J*  
*Yumi La Rosa, Flamenco*

### Fountain Hills

*KDA Dance, Kelly Lobb*

## Gilbert

*Arizona Edge Dance, Missy Bordelon Perrien & Jessica Rector*  
*Astarte Belly Dance Troupe, Pam "Gazelle" Robertson*  
*Ballet Etudes, Sharon Seder Meko*  
*BE School of Dance, Sharon Seder Meko*  
*Cloud Creations/Fly by Night Costume Co, Pam "Gazelle" Robertson*  
*Creator's Space Studios, Turiya Chavez & Holly Leonard*  
*East Valley Conscious Dance, Carrie Smith-Hardee*  
*Full Out Performance Dance Company, Paige & Lauri Tamarkin*  
*Media by Madison, Madison Foster, Dance Media Manager*  
*Mersy G Dance Company, Mersally Avendano*  
*Motivating Movement Creative Space, Alyssa Vacco Daniello*  
*Rockwell Dance & Fitness, Laura Bossio*  
*Turiya Chavez, Choreographer/Educator*

### Glendale

*Balanced Dance Medicine, Dr. Heather Brummett*  
*Danzarte Danza Folklorica, Nury Rosales*  
*Michelle Dionisio, Educator*

### Globe

*Lynn's School of Dance / Desert Power Elite, Tina McCarey*

### Goodyear

*Desert West Dance Academy, Lindsay Butterfield & Rende Parker Combs*  
*Doctors for Dancers, Jennifer DePaola*  
*Effusion Dance Center, Shalmarie Shook & Anna Deathrage*  
*Southwest Ballet Theatre, Melissa Zervas Hahne*

### Litchfield Park

*Bravo Dance Family, Alicia Bravo, Leticia Clamor-Bravo & Anastacia Robb-Bravo*  
*Steppin' Out Performing Arts, Rachel Owens Guernsey*

### Mesa

*8\*Count Dance, Andrea Polyak*  
*CaZo Dance Company, Bridgette Caron Borzillo*

**CaZo Dance Center, Bridgette Caron Borzillo**  
**Club Dance Studio, Kelli Lamb Wilkins**  
**Dance Surge Company, Amanda Smith**  
**East Valley Conscious Dance, Carrie Smith-Hardee**  
**FUSE Performing Arts Center, Calli Overstreet**  
**Insurance for Dancers, Jennifer DePaola**  
**JEM Dance, Jennifer Roberts and Lara Adams**  
**Revolution Dance & Academy of the Arts, Ashley Smith**  
**Rhythm & Motion Dance Center, Jennifer Miller**  
**Spotlight Performing Arts, Laura Millett**  
**The Jukebox Dance Studio, RaeRae LaFemme & Leah Layuh Roman**  
**Tutu Etoile, Lydia Harmon**  
**Wagner Dance Arts, Denise Wagner**

### **Peoria**

**ClassicalFusionDance, Kayley Thompson**  
**Divine Chaos Tribal Fusion, Shannon Marie Bowers**  
**Lora's Academy of Dance / L.A. Dance, Lora Wood**  
**Marilyn's Academy of Dance, Marilyn Burns**  
**Nritya Shaily School of Kathak, Shaily Bhandari**  
**Oasis Dance, Janine Davina Luna**  
**Wight Noise Dance Company, Rachel Wight**

### **Phoenix**

**12th Street Costumes and Dancewear**  
**Arathi School of Dance Phoenix, Kalashri Asha Gopal**  
**Arthur Murray Dance Studio, Holly J Udy-MeeKin**  
**ARTZ on the Move, Heather Wright Schlichting (CLOSED)**  
**Ascend Dance Academy, Kristina Nadjafi**  
**AZ Dance Medicine Specialists, Alexis Sams**  
**Ballet Theatre of Phoenix, Jennifer Cafarella**  
**Bricks Studio, Mandy Moyes Durante**  
**Convergence Ballet, Jennifer Cafarella**  
**Dance Studio 111, Kimberly Lewis**  
**Dance Theater West, Susan Silverman**  
**Diamond Dance Works, Danielle Cicogna**  
**Diane McNeal Hunt/ELEVATE DanceWorks, Diane McNeal Hunt**  
**Dulce Dance Company, Candy Jimenez**

**Encore Dance Center, Regina Owens-Snyder**  
**EPIK Dance Company, Sarah Saza Kent**  
**Flameco del Sol, Deanne Poulos (CLOSED)**  
**Flamenco Por La Vida, Angelina Ramirez**  
**Fluency Motion 5Rhythms, Melanie Cooley**  
**guiDANCE, Mary Anne Herding**  
**Hollywood's Hip Hop Spot, Hollie "Hollywood" Morgan-Garcia**  
**Ignite Collaborative, Rosy Mack & Michelle McIntyre**  
**Indigo Dance Arts Ensemble, Eve Marie Shivers**  
**Innerlight Dance Center, Lisa Dionisio and Jeannine Taylor**  
**Inspiracion Flamenca, Julia Chacon**  
**JMill Productions, Jenefer Ardell Miller**  
**Kenda Newbury/NEWDance, Movement E-Motion**  
**Legacy Ballet Academy, Samantha Gobielle (CLOSED)**  
**Liliana Gomez Dance, Liliana Gomez**  
**Limitless Dance, Jessica Lim-Hall**  
**Movement Source Dance Company, Mary Anne Herding & Susan Pine Harris**  
**Nathalie & Co. Dancewear and Little Things, Nathalie Velasquez**  
**Nian Cadman Dake, Tap, Choreography, Production**  
**NicoleOlson|MovementChaos, Nicole L Olson**  
**North Star Academy of Dance, Karen Robinson**  
**One Rhythm Dance Convention, Hutton Peck**  
**One World Dance & Music, Mahin Sciacca**  
**Passion Dance Studio, Deondra Gray**  
**Phoenix Rising Dance Festival, Shannon Marie Bowers**  
**Phoenix Youth Ballet Theatre, Samantha Scotto Gobielle (CLOSED)**  
**Rosenkrans Dance, Angela Rosenkrans**  
**Royal Dance Works, Carole Royal**  
**SambAZ Dancers, Angelique Marquand Starks**  
**Scorpius Aerial & Dance Studios, Lisa Moreno-Starry**  
**Scorpius Dance Theatre, Lisa Moreno-Starry**  
**Shannon McKenzie Perkins**  
**Sukie Keita, Choreographer/Teaching Artist**  
**Swexy Squad, Jenny Lynne Iverson**  
**Tap 24.7, Suzy Guarino-Hall & Jenefer Ardell Miller**

*The Inner Dancer, Samantha Karim*  
*Yes and Productions, Marlene Strang*

**Queen Creek**

*8\*Count Dance, Andrea Polyak*  
*NuEvolution Dance Studio, Angie Messner & Rashell Rodriguez*

**San Tan Valley**

*Dance and Flip Zone, Lori Johnson (CLOSED)*

**Scottsdale**

*All About Dance, Kerri Bauer*  
*Artistry in Motion, Julia Gorchakova Powers*  
*Be Beautiful Dance Studio, Brielle Block & Christyn Copeland*

*CBE COUTURE, Cindy Brinkmeyer*

*Centre Stage Dance Studio, Jenny Creswell*

*Dance Connection, Lisa Waddell & Lori Johnson*

*Dancers Domain, Jenni Hall*

*DanceSport Education, Elka Hristova & Inna Berlyzieva*

*Dansense-Nrtyabodha, Sumana*

*DC Dance AZ, Christie Sanghi Wieger*

*Paula Carr Dance Academy, Paula Carr*

*Plumb Performing Arts Center, Lisa Plumb Pelliteri*

*Shahrazad Dance Company, Warda Shahrasad*

*Vogue House of Arizona, Rylee Locker (CLOSED)*

**Sun City**

*Tropical Polynesian Productions, Kuma Kalen*

**Surprise**

*A Time To Dance Performing Arts Studio, Kim Nottke*

**Tempe**

*A Ludwig Dance Theatre, Ann Ludwig*

*CONDER/dance, Carley Conder*

*Dance 101, Emily Finch*

*DanceSport Education, Elka Hristova & Inna Berlyzieva*

*Desert Dance Theatre, Lisa R. Chow*

*Diane McNeal Hunt/ELEVATE DanceWorks, Diane McNeal Hunt*

*Grey Box Collective, Molly W Schenck*

*H.Lab Performance, Harper Piver*

*MBBC Dance, Tricia Mitchell*

*Phoenix Sunday Dance, Nina Smith*

*Tempe Dance Academy, Wanda Manville*

*Think-Motion, Susan Bendix*

*Wall-2-Wall Tap Dance Center, Mary Wall*

**Wickenburg**

*Studio Two70 Dance, Tifanie Moore*

**SOUTHERN REGION**

**Arizona City**

*Cory Thomas Dance, Cory Thomas*

*Cory Thomas Design, Cory Thomas*

**Corona de Tucson**

*The Danzone, Marjorie Janicek*

**Green Valley**

*Expressions Dance Company, Janette Salazar-Borboa*

**Nogales**

*A Step Above School of Performing Arts, Erica Teller*

*Academia de Danza Stage, Patty Salazar Valdez*

*Balletico, Cristy Del Rincon*

*Stage Dance Studio, Patty Salazar*

**Oro Valley**

*Center Stage Dance Studio, Katrina Madsen Wyckoff*

*Desert Dance Collective, Lauren Hammond*

*Leaps For Lives Dance Company, Reness Nasca*

**Sahuarita**

*Grace! Ballet, Tara Miller*

*Sahuarita Dance Center, Michele Igasan*

**Sierra Vista**

*Alma Dolores International Dance Centre, Alma Xibille*

*Sierra Vista Dance Company LLC, Tanys Leon*

**Tucson**

*Arizona Ballet Theatre, Cecily Bressel*

*AZ On The Move, Whitney Ajeman*

*Ballet Arts, Mary Beth Cabana & Chieko Imada*

*Ballet Folklorico de Arizona, Julie Gallego-Gonzalez*

*Ballet Folklorico La Paloma, Bettina Montanez & Sylvia Lopez*

*Ballet Rincon, Jennifer Neuser*

*Ballroom Dance Schools, Stacey Ellen Aldrich*

*Barbara Schuessler, Flamenco*  
*Barbea Williams Performing Company, Barbea Williams*  
*Belly Dance Tucson, Jessica Walker*  
*Chezale Presents, Chezale Rodriguez*  
*Circus Sanctuary, Kelsey Erickson*  
*Compania de Danza Folkorica Arizona, Chantal Danay Ralls*  
*Dance Force-1/Dance Force-2, April Hoose*  
*Dance Kelly Style, Colleen Kelly Beaman*  
*Dance of Arabia, Cathy Carden*  
*Dance Therapy, Peggy A Davic LCSW*  
*Dancehall Darlins', Lea Petrosush*  
*Dancesequences, Inc., Karenne Koo & Sabrina Geoffrion*  
*Danswest Dance, Megan Maltos & Jill Johnson Maltos*  
*Danswest Danswear, Megan Maltos & Jill Johnson Maltos*  
*Danz Revolution/Santa Rita Ballroom, Yolanda Corrales (CLOSED)*  
*Double C Dance Studio, Wendy Cameron Hursh*  
*Dust Dance Collective, Monique Garcia*  
*Esperanza Dance Project, Beth Braun Miscione*  
*Floor Polish Dance Studio, Marina Cornelius*  
*Flor de Liz Dance Studio, Flor de Liz Norris*  
*FUNhouse movement theater, Sherry Mulholland*  
*Gotta Dance! Dance Academy, Anne Fulton*  
*Halau Hula O Ualani, Girlie "Ualani" Abad*  
*Kimi Eisele, Choreographer, Dancer*  
*Kinetic Arts Tucson, Brenna Mirae*  
*Krystyna Parafinczuk, Arts Admin/Educator*  
*Mara Carlson's Rincon del Tango, Argentine Tango*  
*Mele Martinez, Flamenco*  
*Melissa Alejandra Aguirre, Flamenco, Salsa*  
*Meredith C Keith-Chirch*  
*Moxie Dance, Eden Redman*  
*Music and Dance Academy, Nina Tishkevich*  
*Mystic Rhythms Ballroom, Eileen O'Daly (CLOSED)*  
*Pointe of Grace, Kimberly Aguirre*  
*Rodeo City Wreckettes, Carol Ross*  
*Safos Dance Theatre, Yvonne Montoya*  
*Saguaro Strutters Line Dance Team, Valorie Hanni Rice*  
*Shannon Dooling Dances LLC*  
*ShowBiz Academy of Dance, Meghan Lloyd Pacek*

*Southwest Dance Academy, Laura Boughan (CLOSED)*  
*Studio One Arizona, Rachael Reyes-Leslie Berriman*  
*Susan Quinn Williams, Choreographer*  
*Suzuyuki Kai Dance, Mari Kaneta*  
*Tammy Rosen Wilbur, Modern/Tucson Feldenkrais Center*  
*Tanya Fisher*  
*The Animas Center, Becca Franks*  
*The Tucson Prunes, All Female Board*  
*Tucson Ballroom Dance Academy, Deborah Frechette*  
*Tucson Movement Arts, Amanda Skaff*  
*Viva Performing Arts Center, Julie Gallego-Gonzalez*  
*Xanadu Dance Studio*  
*Yarrow King, African Diaspora Dance*  
*Yvonne Montoya Dance*  
*ZUZI! Dance, Nanette Robinson*

### **Vail**

*Integra Dance Arts, Mika Massey & Julie Nichols*

### **Willcox**

*Encore Dance Academy, Amy Truschke*

### **Yuma**

*Arizona Classical Ballet, Erika Farrar-Bowen*  
*Dancemakers, Cindy Turrentine*  
*Dancer's Workshop of Yuma, Myriah Farrar*  
*Dawn's Dance Studio, Dawn Atherton*  
*Freedom Arts Performing Arts, Deidre Seale*  
*Fuego Dance Studio, April Salsa*  
*Glam Dance Studio by Cindy*  
*JAMS Dance Company, Myriah Farrar*  
*Jazz of Yuma Dance Company, Dawn Atherton*



*The women on this list are leaders and role models in our communities.  
Their businesses are creating dancers and citizens with  
strong minds and healthy, coordinated bodies.*

*Dance education, attending dance performances, and dancing  
are key and ceremonial to building happy communities that  
prosper—whether for performance, for health,  
or for social connection and celebration.*

*Support dance education, dance events  
and dancing, and you'll support  
these women-owned,  
women-managed  
businesses in AZ!*

**266**

**Women-Owned/Managed  
Dance Businesses  
in ARIZONA**

**Up 21 from 2020 (245)  
(10 closures)**

**44 Towns in AZ**

**North & North Central**

10 town > 29 businesses

**Central**

24 towns > 151 businesses (7 closures)

**Southern**

10 towns > 84 business (3 closures)

**Statewide**

2 dance service organizations

**48% of all AZ Dance Businesses  
are owned and managed by women.  
(266 of 555 total)**

**as of March 8, 2021  
International Women's Day**



**Arizona Dance Coalition**  
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*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. We inform, educate, and promote dance  
arts and their benefits to the general public.*

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