

# WOMEN-OWNED AND MANAGED DANCE BUSINESSES

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

## ARIZONA

## 2022 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 September 17, 2022, **265** dance businesses, 44% of all AZ Dance Businesses (606), are owned and managed by women. *\*We did not include male/female or spousal partnerships to the best of our knowledge. Board of Directors must be all female as well.*

*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*

*dancEvolution, Jessica Barker*

*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  
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*

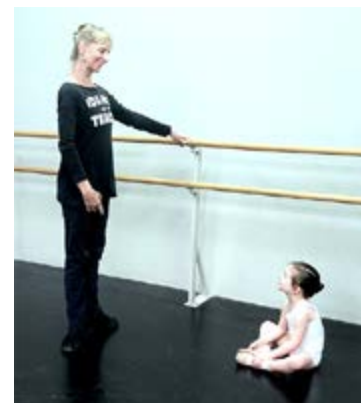
#### Snowflake

*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*  
*Revel Dancewear, Toya Bray*  
*Studio 21 Dance, Nicole Lake*  
*Team Thompson Dance, Brigitte Camille Thompson*  
*The Studance LAB, Bonita Saldana*

### 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*  
*Classic Image Dance, Shannon Wilson*  
*Desert Star Dance, Ann Bode*  
*Donna Petersen, Choreographer, Educator, Production Manager*  
*Fred Astaire Chandler, Lisa Bianco Fads Pro*  
*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*

### Dewey

*Carrie Hughes, Choreographer*

### 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*  
*Pure Technique, Candice Allred Vaughn*  
*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*

*Ballet Folklorico Quetzalli Arizona, Vanessa Ramirez*  
*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*  
*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*

*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*  
*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*

*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*  
*Rosenkrans Dance, Angela Rosenkrans*  
*Royal Dance Works, Carole Royal*  
*SambAZ Dancers, Angelique Marquand Starks*  
*Sarah Castellanos Flamenco*  
*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*  
*Third Space Dance Project, Angelica DeLashmette Hurst*  
*Yes and Productions, Marlene Strang*

#### **Queen Creek**

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

## 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*

## Sun City

*Tropical Polynesian Productions, Kuma Kalen*

## Surprise

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

## Tempe

*A Ludwig Dance Theatre, Ann Ludwig*  
*Dance 101, Emily Finch*  
*DanceSport Education, Elka Hristova & Inna Berlyzieva*  
*Diane McNeal Hunt/ELEVATE DanceWorks, Diane McNeal Hunt*  
*Grey Box Collective, Molly W Schenck*  
*H.Lab Performance, Harper Piver*  
*Mary Wall, Tap Dance*  
*MBBC Dance, Tricia Mitchell*  
*Phoenix Sunday Dance, Nina Smith*  
*Tempe Dance Academy, Wanda Manville*  
*Think-Motion, Susan Bendix*

## 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

*Centre Stage Dance Studio, Tylene Nichols*  
*Desert Dance Collective, Lauren Hammond*  
*Vertica Fitness (pole dancing), Katrina Wyckoff*

### Red Rock

*Red Rock Dance Studio, Melanie Jarvis*

### Sahuarita

*Grace! Ballet, Tara Miller*  
*Sahuarita Dance Center, Michele Igasan*

### Sierra Vista

*Sierra Vista Dance Company LLC, Tanys Leon*

### Tucson

*520 Dance Company, Hayley Mellum & Nicole Surran*  
*Arizona Ballet Theatre (virtual), Cecily Bressel*  
*Ascend Movement Company, Samantha Barnewolt & Danielle Wagner*  
*AZ On The Move, Whitney Ajeman*  
*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 Petrosus**  
**Dancesequences, Inc., Karenne Koo & Sabrina Geoffrion**  
**Danswest Dance, Megan Maltos & Jill Johnson Maltos**  
**Danswest Danswear, Megan Maltos & Jill Johnson Maltos**  
**Double C Dance Studio, Wendy Cameron Hursh**  
**Dust Dance Collective, Monique Garcia**  
**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**  
**Jessica McGuire, Choreographer**  
**Karen Penazek, Choreographer**  
**Kimi Eisele, Choreographer, Dancer**  
**Kinetic Arts Tucson, Brenna Mirae**  
**Krystyna Parafinczuk, Arts Admin/Educator**  
**Leaps For Lives Dance Company, Reness Nasca**  
**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**  
**Project 520 Dance Studio, Karli & Kelsi Heim**  
**Rodeo City Wreckettes, Carol Ross**  
**Saguaro Strutters Line Dance Team, Valorie Hanni Rice**  
**Shannon Dooling Dances LLC**  
**ShowBiz Academy of Dance, Meghan Lloyd Pacek**  
**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**  
**Vertica Fitness (pole dancing), Katrina Wyckoff**  
**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**  
**Yuma Ballet Academy, Kathleen Sinclair & Emma M. K. Cong**



**265**  
**Women-Owned/Managed**  
**Dance Businesses**  
**in ARIZONA**

*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!*

**265**  
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**Dance Business in Arizona**  
**Down 1 from 2021 (266)**

## **44 Towns in AZ**

### **North & North Central**

9 town (-1) > 23 businesses (-6)

### **Central**

23 (-1) towns > 151 businesses

### **Southern**

12 towns (+2) > 89 businesses (+5)

### **Statewide**

2 dance service organizations  
(+ - 2021)



**Arizona Dance Coalition**  
**AzDanceCoalition.org**  
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*The Arizona Dance Coalition (ADC) is a  
nonprofit, 501(c)(3) membership-based  
organization founded in 2006. We connect,  
inform, and educate our dance communities  
and promote dance to the general public.*

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**are owned and managed by women.**  
**(265 of 606 total)**

**as of September 17, 2022**  
**National Dance Day**

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