



OCTOBER 2019 NEWS

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CONGRATULATIONS NUTCRACKER DANCERS!

Over the September 21st and 22nd weekend, an array of talented dancers auditioned for our annual production of "The Nutcracker." Rehearsals have begun and The Studio is a flurry of Snowflakes, Soldiers and Ginger Snaps! We hope all of the participants enjoy the rehearsal process this fall. Each dancer will gain knowledge, technique and confidence with every rehearsal. We look forward to seeing you dance!

WELCOME GUEST CHOREOGRAPHER RON CUNNINGHAM

We are counting ourselves extremely lucky to welcome illustrious choreographer Ron Cunningham back to our studios this season. Ron will be choreographing an all new Waltz of the Flowers for our "Nutcracker," creating something especially for the talents of our company dancers. Ron is a sought-after choreographer who stages works on companies all over the United States. Recently he was in Richland, Virginia, staging his "Summerset" which was danced by Diane Cypher and Robert Kelley when they were members of his Sacramento Ballet years ago. Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre is fortunate that he has the time to spend with our dancers, as well as respects our training enough to work with our pre-professional students. This is not something he always does and we are proud of our accomplishments and our dancers' talents. Don't miss this year's production where our dancers are sure to shine in Ron's new choreography.

WELCOME GUEST INSTRUCTOR DAVID ARCE

David Arce has been engaged to teach classes on Mondays this Fall, focusing on Mens Class. A former San Francisco Ballet dancer, David is Artistic Director of Juline Regional Youth Ballet a member of The Ballet Alliance in Modesto. Many of David's students have received scholarships and recognition from major ballet schools, including San Francisco Ballet. Welcome, David! Our students will greatly benefit from your expertise.

DONATIONS FOR SEASON KICK-OFF EVENT

Do you have an item that would be a great silent auction item? Bring any donations to The Studio for our Season Kick-Off Party. We appreciate your support!

SEASON KICK-OFF DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

5 PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20
Portuguese Hall, Santa Cruz

Performance by the Petite Company!

Purchase tickets in The Studio lobby
Saturday afternoons



Company Class photographed by Jim Schwartz.



*Senior and Junior Company dancers in Company Class,
photographed by Jim Schwartz.*



OUR TEAM

Terry Dunphy is our long time Technical Director and is the person directly responsible for our performance floor.

Shelby Dunphy is Terry's wife and assistant; she manages Stage Right backstage during all performances.

Sandy Nelson is our administrator for everything SCBT and Studio; she's also our theater liaison.

Linda Lock is our long time instructor (since 1998) and will be directing some "Nutcracker" rehearsals this season.

Flora Chatwin is an SCBT company dancer and associate Choreographer for the season, who will be directing some "Nutcracker" rehearsals and will help adjust some of the choreography for this year's dancers.

Wendy Butler is the parent of an alumna and also Assistant Registrar; as a previous Volunteer Coordinator, she is a wonderful resource for new parents.

Lily Swan is an alumna of both The Studio and SCBT and is an excellent instructor for our young dancers.

Stephanie DaSilva is new to our faculty this year, after having substituted Modern Classes for several years. She holds an MFA in Dance from Saint Mary's College.

Norman Peck is our Orchestra Contractor which means he is in charge of hiring musicians for our production.

Pamela Martin is our Music Director and Nutcracker Orchestra conductor.

Patrick Fitzsimmons is our Technical Director for the Civic Auditorium. He is our liaison with the stage hands union which builds our Nutcracker stage, and he gets everything set up at the Civic for us.

Meghan O'Hagan is our Volunteer Coordinator, who does just that, coordinates our parent and friend volunteers.

Michelle Maddy is our Costumer; she is responsible for all of the costumes worn by our dancers throughout the season.



THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE GUILD!

Our sincere thanks to all of this season's Guild Members ~ Thank you for your support! We look forward to a rewarding season full of beautiful dancing, and could not do it without each and every one of you.

