

MARCH 2023NEWS



The Studio & Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre | partners in excellence serving Santa Cruz County for over 30 years Diane Cypher, Artistic Director | Pamela Martin, Music Director | Sandy Nelson, Academy Registrar

THE STUDIO ANNOUNCES SUMMER PROGRAMS

BALLET CAMPS for Young Dancers age 4-8
June 19-23 World Dance
June 26-30 Peter and the Wolf
July 10-14 Tutus & Sneakers (ballet & hip hop)
July 31-August 4 Nutcracker camp
10 am-12 noon

ADVANCED FOCUS WEEKS

June 12-23 Intensive ballet training for Levels V & VI

2 week SUMMER PROGRAMS
June 19-30 and July 10-21
Primary through Level VI

1 week INTENSIVE PROGRAMS July 24-28 and July 31-Aug 4 Levels I through VI

All programs meet Monday through Friday, Daily Schedules TBA (except camps) Brochures with details and enrollment forms will be mailed home in April.

Mark your calendars today: consistent training through the summer can make all the difference in your progress and confidence.

Make the most of your summer!



Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre will present a mixed repertory concert, including world premieres by guest choreographers Eva Stone and Erin Robbins. Debra Pearse Rogo's "The Jungle Book" will be a highlight of the performance and features Petite Company as well as Senior Company dancers. Rounding out the program will be the classic "Black Swan Pas de Deux" and guest performances by All About Theatre! Don't miss this opportunity to see high-quality ballet and theater and support the development of the next generations of artists!

Tickets will go on sale mid-March at the Crocker/VAPA Tickets website. Go to our **Tickets page** for information and direct line to tickets.



Big Buddies and Little Buddies meet for the first time and encourage each other for The Jungle Book weekend. SCBT will plan a few informal events through the spring so the dancers can bond and the Senior Company dancers can mentor their Petite Company counterparts. We're all on the same team!



SCBT in performance with the Santa Cruz Symphony last month. Photo by Kevin Monahan.

THE STUDIO IS CLOSED APRIL 3-8

MANY UPPER LEVEL DANCERS WILL STUDY AWAY FROM HOME THIS SUMMER

Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre and The Studio have several graduating seniors this year. These students have been furiously applying to college and university programs, many as Dance Majors. In addition, many of our advanced students have been attending auditions for summer programs across the country. Here are some final choices so far (college and university acceptances are still pending). More will be announced later this spring.

Three upper level students will all attend the **Boston Ballet School** this summer. One more will attend the **San Francisco Ballet School** Summer Intensive program.

One of our upper level dancers was accepted into several programs, including to the **Royal Ballet School** in London, and was also awarded a full scholarship to **Pacific Northwest Ballet**. Unfortunately, this student injured her knee in February, so is not sure what her summer plans will be at this time. Recuperation is priority number one!

The Studio presents its own high-quality training options throughout the summer. Serious students are encouraged to study as much as possible to build strength and technique. Fall placements are assigned mid-summer and are based on what we see through the summer. Otherwise, we refer to the student's ability the last time they were in the studio.



Senior Company dancers in performance with the Santa Cruz Symphony last month. Photo by Kevin Monahan.

THE BALLET ALLIANCE FESTIVAL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

During the Studio's spring break, Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre Senior Company dancers will travel to El Paso Texas for the annual Ballet Alliance Festival. The Festival is a unique and valuable opportunity for our dancers to gain experience and a broader perspective of the dance world. Recruiters will offer scholarships to summer intensive programs and acceptances to college and university dance programs. The Festival is a four-day immersion in ballet, with master classes, seminars, classes in other dance forms and nightly performances. SCBT will present Eva Stone's Remains Nameless and Madison Griffith's Diverse Correspondence. Enjoy the Festival dancers! You will learn so much and return to Santa Cruz inspired!

SCBT Senior Company photographed at right with our Festival Artistic Director and mentor Alan Hineline.

END OF THE YEAR STUDENT DEMONSTRATION: ALL STUDENTS FROM PRE-BALLET THROUGH LEVEL VI PARTICIPATE

The annual Student Demonstration will be held on Saturday, May 20 at the Monte Vista Performing Arts Center in Watsonville. Each student receives 2 complimentary tickets. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$20 each. They will be available for pick up/purchase in the office in May.

The Demonstration is an excellent way to see your child's progress, and what the future may hold if they continue training with us. All dancers with good attendance are invited to participate. The showing is a great introduction to stage craft: including backstage protocol, and how to prepare for a performance. This informal showing is designed to show off the technical accomplishments of each class. There are no costumes to be purchased or distract from technical merits. Dancers wear their class uniform. If you are unsure what the exact requirements for the uniform are, please refer to our website: **Studio Dress Code**

There will be spacing rehearsals on the stage prior to the demonstration. Part of the performance will include a showcase of Emerging Choreography works. These are original pieces created by our own Senior Company dancers. Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre is proud to add this facet of training to the dancers' curriculum. The Studio provides a Choreography Course to our upper level students, and SCBT gives them the opportunity to work with their peers and create new works. Come see the future of dance!

STUDENT DEMONSTRATION and EMERGING CHOREOGRAPHY SHOWCASE

4 pm* Saturday, May 20
Monte Vista Performing Arts Center
2 School Way, Watsonville

*performers are called to the theater earlier in the day for spacing rehearsals on stage



Enjoy our new tradition of a Taco Truck outside following the Demonstration!

