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CONGRATULATIONS, *Nutcracker* DANCERS!

We are very pleased to have cast almost seventy local dancers in this year's production of "The Nutcracker." Dancers from Elaine's Dance Studio, Pacific Arts Complex and Dancenter will be dancing alongside our own students of The Studio. We look forward to another rewarding rehearsal process and beautiful performances!

This year our production will star alumni Lauryn Winterhalder and Kaelyn Magee as the Sugar Plum Fairy. Lauryn has starred in our opening night performances the past two years and we are thrilled to welcome her back once again, this time dancing both performance on Sunday. Kaelyn has not danced with us since she graduated, though she has taught in our Summer Intensive Program the past two years. She danced for several years at Utah Regional Ballet, attaining principal dancer status, and has been dancing with Ballet Arizona for the past two years. We are proud of both of these alumni and are thrilled to welcome them back into the SCBT fold!

In case you're curious, our longtime guest star Melody Mennite is unable to dance with us this year because Artistic Director Stanton Welch is choreographing a brand new "Nutcracker" for Houston Ballet, featuring Melody as Marie (the equivalent of Clara). We'll miss Melody, but are sure that our audiences will enjoy the talents of Lauryn and Kaelyn in the leading role in her stead.

WE LOVE THIS BLOG written by our colleague Erin Long Robbins: [At The Barre With Miss Erin](#). Erin teaches at Wright State University, at Sinclair Community College, and also at South Dayton School of Dance, the ballet school she co-owns. This diverse teaching experience gives her a great big view of the world of dance education.

Season Kick-off Event

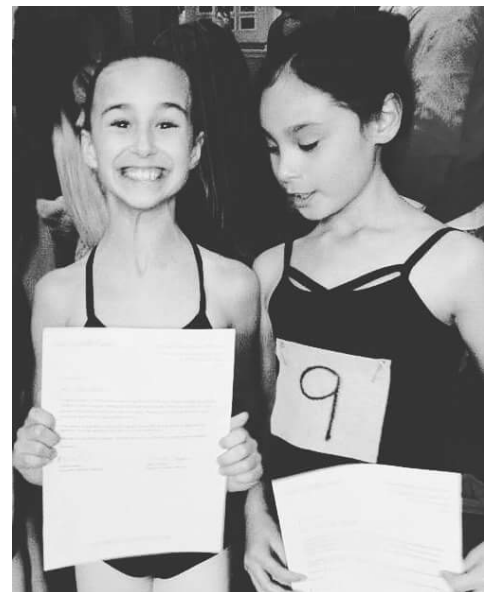
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
Portuguese Hall, Santa Cruz
5:00 pm



**Performance by the Petite Company, Harvest Dinner,
Silent & Live Auctions**

**Get tickets in The Studio lobby Saturdays
October 8, 15 and 22 between 1:00 and 5:30 pm or
Sundays October 9 or 16 between 1:00 and 4:00 pm
Tickets are \$10/adult, \$5 child**

**Donations are being accepted, and pot-luck/
volunteer sheets are posted at The Studio**



*Archival photo from "The Nutcracker"
Audition 2009.*