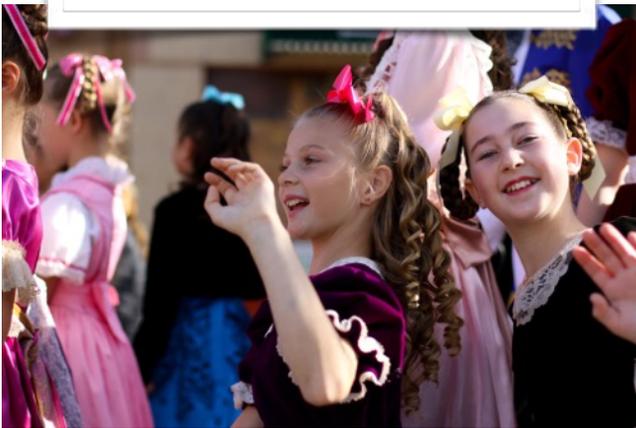


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Happy New Year!



CONGRATULATIONS, "NUTCRACKER" DANCERS

We are so proud of our many dancers who performed in the annual production of "The Nutcracker" at the Civic Auditorium last month. Special thanks to our many, many backstage volunteers for all for your hard work! We hope "The Nutcracker" made your holidays even more special. We are indebted to our dedicated Board of Directors and Guild, who ensure that this tradition will continue each and every year. Our Music Director Pamela Martin and the fabulous musicians make our production even more special. **THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING OUR 2016 PRODUCTION A SUCCESS!**



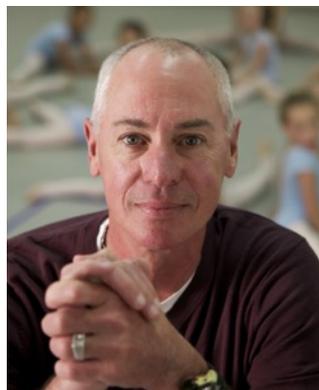
Cast members and volunteers participate in the Downtown Holiday Parade. Event chairman, Tony Crane pictured at left. Photos by Nikki Brooks.

The Studio will be **CLOSED**
Monday, January 16 for MLK Day

missed classes can be made up within the session

SPRING REPERTOIRE

Our company dancers are hard at work learning new pieces for the spring season. Pictured below: Eva Stone and Nahshon Marden are both visiting from Seattle, and of course no season would be complete without a new work by our own inimitable Robert Kelley.



THE STUDIO ANNOUNCES SUMMER PROGRAM DATES

SUMMER SESSION ~ 5 weeks

All levels: Pre-Ballet through Level VI plus Adults and Teens
June 19-July 21

SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM ~ 3 weeks

Serious students in Levels II and up
[4 weeks of Summer Session required to qualify]
July 24-August 11

SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVE ~ 2 weeks

Primary, Levels Ia and Ib
July 24-August 4

More information will be distributed in our Summer Brochure.



Photo of the Marzipan divertissement by Michael Gerald-Yamasaki

Performance photos of The Nutcracker 2016 by Kyer Wiltshire can be viewed and ordered on his **HIS WEBSITE**.

Order your 2016 Nutcracker DVD from Devi Pride by January 13. Go to **REHEARSAL INFORMATION PAGE** on our website for the order form.

SANTA CRUZ BALLET THEATRE *Petite Company Auditions*

2 pm, Saturday, January 14

Dancers must be at least 7 years of age to audition. Audition registration at 1:30 pm.
\$25 audition fee per dancer

3:15 pm ~ Parent meeting following the audition

3:30 pm ~ informative meeting about Regional Dance America participation (Dancers 11 years of age and older who are also students of The Studio are invited to attend with parent chaperone)

For more audition information, go to www.scbt.org
Season tab, Auditions page



*Our Senior Company dancers ready to take on 2017!
Photo by Jim Schwartz.*