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Diane Cypher, Artistic Director | Pamela Martin, Music Director | Sandy Nelson, Academy Registrar | Wendy Butler, SCBT Administrator

The Nutcracker

Tickets are on sale now
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Performances

Saturday, December 9 at 1 pm and 4:30 pm
Sunday, December 10 at 1 pm and 4:30 pm

Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
307 Church Street, Santa Cruz

*All performances with Live Orchestra
conducted by Maestro Pamela Martin*

All performances feature guest stars and SCBT alumni
Melody Mennite, principal dancer with Houston Ballet
and Lucien Postlewaite, principal dancer with Pacific
Northwest Ballet

Bring the whole family to this favorite holiday tradition!

Tickets can also be purchased in person and by phone
through the Civic Box Office during office hours:

Tuesday-Saturday 12-4 pm
(831) 420-5260

Holiday Calendar

Sunday, Nov 12 ~ Season Kick-Off Event 3-6 pm
Nov 20-25 ~ Studio Closed for Thanksgiving
Sunday, Nov 26 ~ *The Nutcracker* rehearsals for All Roles
Dec 9 and 10 ~ *The Nutcracker* performances
Monday, Dec 11 ~ Studio Closed, *Nutcracker* rest day
Tuesday, Dec 12 ~ Bring a friend to class, all levels
Thursday, Dec 14 ~ Bring a friend to class, Level I & Boys
Saturday, Dec 16 ~ Last day of class before holiday break
January 2-7 ~ SCBT Company rehearsals
Monday, January 8 ~ Studio Opens for 2024
January, TBA ~ Petite Company Auditions

Season Kick-Off Dinner & Silent Auction Event

**3 pm, Sunday,
November 12**

Location: outside on the patio at
Hope Church in Soquel

**Performance by the
Petite Company!**



Photos of the 2022 "Nutcracker" production by Steve DiBartolomeo (clockwise from top): Clara, Uncle Drosselmeyer entertaining the children, Maestro Martin rehearsing the orchestra, and the wily Mice in the Battle Scene

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Our glorious alumni and guest stars Melody Mennite and Lucien Postlewaite pictured in the 2011 production by Lynne Owen



Additional guest dancers from New Ballet: Jack Concordia and Tango Fujita-Gomez, who will perform as the Snow King, Arabian Coffee and Waltz of the Flowers Cavalier

The Ballet Alliance Festival Artistic Director Donald Dadey



This season SCBT Senior Company dancers and artistic director Diane Cypher will work with Donald Dadey. The Evaluation process begins with a consultation between the directors, and continues with the submission of works for performance, then an in-person Evaluation and second consultation, and finally in the theater at the annual Festival. Mr. Dadey has served The Ballet Alliance for 2 years, and after this year is complete, will have worked with all TBA companies (except newly joined organizations). TBA has welcomed new member companies from Southern California and North Dakota this year.

THE BALLET ALLIANCE

Festival 2024
SPOKANE, WA

Festival Information Meeting
Sunday, November 19
at the end of the rehearsal day
4:00 pm

Several Petite Company dancers and their parents have signed up to participate in the annual Ballet Alliance Festival this May. Diane will provide a brief informative talk about the Festival and will answer questions you might have. Estimate 30 minutes total.

Senior Company dancers and parents who may be new to the process and would like more information are invited to attend.



Flora Chatwin



Debra Pearse Rogo



Jeffrey Gribler

SCBT HOSTS ESTEEMED GUEST CHOREOGRAPHERS FOR ITS 40TH SEASON

Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre is thrilled to have engaged the above esteemed choreographers to work with our dancers this season.

Flora Chatwin, a Studio and SCBT alumna, will create new choreography for to be performed in collaboration with the Santa Cruz Symphony in their Family and Children's Concerts. Flora will create dances to music by Bizet and Stravinsky for the Senior Company.

Debra Pearse Rogo will recreate her popular *Ballet de Seuss* for the Senior and Petite Companies, to be performed on the spring In Concert series at the Crocker Theater. Ms. Rogo's *The Jungle Book* was so much fun last season and captured the imaginations of dancers and audience alike. SCBT will also perform her *La Volonta*, staged by Diane Cypher but finishing touches and coaching will be provided in person by Debra in 2024.

Jeffrey Gribler is a longtime Regional Dance America Adjudicator, and has served SCBT in that capacity more than once. His choreography is usually extremely classical (translation: challenging) and he is excited to create something new for our Senior Company this season for both submission to The Ballet Alliance and also our In Concert performances.

We want our dancers to soak up these opportunities provided for their benefit as well as for our audiences!