

The Studio & Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre | partners in excellence serving Santa Cruz County for over 30 years
Robert Kelley and Diane Cypher, Artistic Directors | Sandy Nelson, Administrative Manager | Rod Caborn, SCBT Board President

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The Nutcracker

All performances
with live orchestra

Friday, Dec 21 at 8 pm
Saturday, Dec 22 at 1 pm and 4:30 pm
Sunday, Dec 23 at 1 pm and 4:30 pm
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium

THE BALLET ALLIANCE

An association of pre-professional companies

Until recently, Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre was a longtime member of Regional Dance America, and an Honor member of its Pacific Region. Last year, the Pacific Region unanimously decided to leave the organization and continue on its own path toward excellence. Our region's mission continues to be providing educational, recruiting and scholarship opportunities to our dancers. Having officially left RDA, all Pacific Region companies have created our own organization, which is called the Ballet Alliance.

Member directors have great camaraderie and will continue to host an annual Festival for our dancers, with the same focus on hiring excellent instructors and inviting recruiters from professional ballet companies and college and university dance departments as in years past. Our members promote a supportive atmosphere. As in the past, we will hire an Artistic Director of the Festival who will bring a professional pair of eyes to our studios throughout the region. Formerly called the Adjudicator, the person hired this year is Ron Cunningham, former Artistic Director of Sacramento Ballet. Ron will tour our region's 20 companies and assess the training, choreography and performances at Adjudications.

For Adjudication, our Senior Company will present a new piece by Robert Kelley and Debra Rogo's "La Volonta," plus possibly a new work or two choreographed by our dancers. The Festival Artistic Director will evaluate our work, assessing our training methods, as well as the choreographic skill exhibited, and our dancers' performances. This assessment is greatly useful to our Artistic Directors, who use the information to make improvements in all areas of training and creativity.

The annual Festival is a unique opportunity for our dancers to steep themselves in their chosen art form. They take master classes from world-renown instructors, are seen by recruiters from all across the country, and form and renew bonds with fellow dancers from across the region. Senior Company dancers are required to participate, and Junior Company dancers are highly encouraged to participate. Dancers who are at least 10 years of age and were members of the 2018 Petite Company also qualify to attend with a parent guardian; please see Sandy in the office if you are interested.



HOLIDAY CALENDAR



- Saturday, December 15 Last Day of Class
- December 15 and 16 Dress Rehearsals at The Studio
- December 19 and 20 Spacing, Dress/Orchestra Rehearsals at the Civic
- Friday, December 21 Opening Night performance at 8 pm; Cast A performs
- Saturday, December 22 Cast A performs at 1 pm; Cast B performs at 4:30 pm
- Sunday, December 23 Cast A performs at 1 pm; Cast B performs at 4:30 pm
- HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** Rest, rejuvenate, reconnect with family
- Wednesday, January 2 SCBT Senior Co class/rehearsals resume daily TBA
- Monday, January 7 The Studio reopens for 2019



"The Nutcracker" rehearsal photos by Nikki Brooks.