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The School of Ballet Arizona Summer Intensive Auditions Now Open

The Highest Caliber of Classical Training Available to Ballet Students Nationally

PHOENIX – The School of [Ballet Arizona](#) is welcoming ballet students from the Valley and beyond to participate in its summer intensive program. The upper division program is open to students ages 11-20 who are interested in an advanced experience will run from June 14 through July 23, 2021. A children's and beginner division Summer Ballet School is also available for children ages 4-12 and will take place from June 14 through July 9, 2021. Interested students may audition virtually via video or attend the in-person audition at Ballet Arizona on Sunday, March 14.

“The ability to offer serious and beginner ballet students the opportunity to prepare for the eclectic demands of dance companies today as well as fall deeper in love with the art of dance is an honor,” said Artistic Director Ib Andersen. “Our summer program has proven time and time again the importance of community and movement in all forms. We are thankful for the ability to carry on this uplifting opportunity to dancers of all ages.”

For the upper division students, the program includes rigorous training five days a week during the day. Future Ballet Arizona Studio Company members are selected from attendees of the summer intensive. The children's division students have ballet class twice per week and lower division students have classes five days per week with a variety of classes.

“Over the past six summer intensives I've attended, my time here at SBAZ has honestly been the most well-rounded and rewarding program that I've experienced,” said former student Leah, “the faculty and facilities are of the highest quality and I've enjoyed taking in all the program has to offer.”

With dancer and staff safety the highest priority, accepted students will be given the option to select any combination of weeks to attend. Virtual options will also be available. Continued rigorous health and safety protocol, including staggered class times, reduced class sizes, social distancing, and other measures in accordance with the recommendations of the CDC and local health authorities will be in place. The ballet has also partnered with [HealthyVerify](#) to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all patrons, dancers and staff. There is no housing offered for the 2021 program.

To audition and for more information, visit balletaz.org/summer-programs. Video audition submissions are due April 1, 2021.

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Ballet Arizona

Ballet Arizona is dedicated to preserving and celebrating classical dance while creating new and innovative works. Under the artistic direction of internationally acclaimed choreographer Ib Andersen - a former Principal Dancer with The New York City Ballet and The Royal Danish Ballet - Ballet Arizona follows his lead to the future of dance in Arizona. The School of Ballet Arizona promotes access to the art form of ballet through dance education, with a focus on excellence in the form, directing each student to a life-long love of dance. Following this vision, Ballet Arizona connects to more than 35,000 children and families every year through its free and low-cost outreach programs. For more information, visit balletaz.org.

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