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## **The School of Ballet Arizona Opens Enrollment for 2022-2023 School Year in July**

*Internationally Renowned Classical Training Program Available to Ballet Students Nationally*

**PHOENIX** – [The School of Ballet Arizona](#) is excited to announce that enrollment for its 2022-2023 school year will open on July 1. Open auditions are Saturday, August 13 and classes will begin Monday, August 22.

Students from 4-20 years old can enroll in a graded dance training program that follows a comprehensive syllabus and offers the highest quality training that meets the expectations of professional dance companies, as well as those looking to enrich their lives.

“We are thrilled to welcome back our current students and look forward to a great year ahead of us filled with wonderful performance opportunities for our students and Studio Company members. We are eager to welcome new students to The School of Ballet Arizona to experience professional ballet training from our renowned international instructors,” said The School of Ballet Arizona Director, Maria Simonetti. “After the success of our second collaboration with Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestras, we have opened the door for new opportunities in youth arts in the Valley.”

The School of Ballet Arizona is available to dancers of all ages through three different programs: the Children’s Division, Lower Division, and Upper Division which includes pre-professional. The Children’s Division is for ages four and up, with no prior experience required. This level offers an introduction to the art of ballet by promoting the exploration of creativity and expression through movement. The Lower Division (ages eight and up) is divided into four levels and the syllabus is created to begin formal training in traditional classic ballet.

For the Upper Division and Professional Program, students must possess the determination to commit to a serious ballet program and may have the opportunity to perform alongside [Ballet Arizona’s](#) professional dancers as part of their training. Students at The School of Ballet Arizona not only receive incredible performance opportunities such as *Cinderella* and *The Nutcracker*, with Ballet Arizona, the state’s only professional company, but they also get to collaborate with [Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestras](#). Students are also able to have their pointe shoes fitted by official Freed of London USA representatives.

The School of Ballet Arizona also offers open classes for adult students of all experience levels, from adults who used to dance and would like to get back into the studio, to ballet novices. Parents can take classes in the same state-of-the-art studios where their children train and enjoy the same high-level instruction.

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The internationally ranked facility provides dancers with the highest quality training and equipment. Classes feature live piano accompaniment through the seven studios while the facility boasts locker rooms, a spacious lobby and a student study area, allowing students to focus and expand their training in this stimulating environment.

For more information on enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year and to register for auditions, please visit [balletaz.org](http://balletaz.org).

**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](http://balletaz.org).

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