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## **The School of Ballet Arizona Summer Intensive Auditions Open in January**

*The Highest Caliber of Classical Training Available to Ballet Students Nationally*

**PHOENIX** – [The School of Ballet Arizona](#) is excited to welcome ballet students from the Valley and beyond to participate in its annual [Summer Intensive program](#). The Upper Division program is open to students ages 11 through 20 who are interested in an advanced training experience and will run from June 12 – July 21, 2023. A children’s and beginner division will also be available for children ages 4 through 12 and will take place from June 12 – July 7, 2023. Interested students may audition virtually with a recorded video submission or attend an in-person audition at one of the audition events throughout the country.

“The School of Ballet Arizona’s Summer Intensive programs help dancers define their skills and form a community of support all while falling deeper in love with the art of dance,” said Maria Simonetti, director of The School of Ballet Arizona. “It is an honor to offer serious and beginner ballet students comprehensive dance training that will not only enrich their lives but will prepare them for a professional career in ballet.”

The School of Ballet Arizona’s Summer Intensive offers students the highest caliber of classical training, augmented by a rich diversity of dance forms necessary to meet the eclectic demands of dance companies today. Classes run five days a week for upper and lower division students. Housing is also available for students 13 and older. The Summer Ballet School students have ballet class two to five times per week depending on their age. Future Ballet Arizona Studio Company members are selected from attendees of the Summer Intensive.

“The Summer Intensive program provided me with the necessary skills and training, as well as the vital human connection with the other students, faculty, and staff, that had helped me grow into the strong and confident dancer I am today,” said Morgan Eaton, current Studio Company member at The School of Ballet Arizona. “This program was truly a worthwhile and fulfilling experience that I am so grateful to have been a part of.”

To audition and for more information, visit [balletaz.org/summer-programs](http://balletaz.org/summer-programs). Video audition submissions are due April 1, 2023.

### **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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