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Ballet Arizona Announces Expansion of Classes in the East Valley

Child Crisis Arizona's New Mesa Center Will Now Offer Ballet Classes in 2025

PHOENIX – [Ballet Arizona](#) is thrilled to announce a brand-new school satellite expansion into the East Valley, through an exciting partnership with [Child Crisis Arizona](#) and their new Center for Child & Family Wellness in Mesa (424 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Mesa, AZ 85201). Ballet Arizona and Child Crisis Arizona are teaming up to help break down barriers to dance education by providing a location to serve students and families residing in the East Valley area.

Child Crisis Arizona's new center boasts a state-of-the-art dance studio for ballet classes that will be managed by [The School of Ballet Arizona](#). This partnership will provide enriching dance programming to the Mesa area.

“After three years of planning this collaboration, we are overjoyed to see the program launch in the New Year,” said Jami Kozemczak, executive director of Ballet Arizona. “Not only will we partner to expand our school enrollment and tuition-based programs, but we will also broaden access for adult ballet learners, and provide free community engagement programs to those served by Child Crisis and their employees. There is a profound strength in collaboration and partnership, and we feel honored to be among those chosen to do so with Child Crisis Arizona.”

Beginning on Jan. 7, The School of Ballet Arizona will expand several of its classes to the East Valley area. These classes include “Dance with Me” sessions for ages 18 months to two years old with a parent or guardian, “Creative Movement” for ages three to four, and introductory ballet classes serving students ages four through seven.

For adults in the Mesa area looking to get moving and learn new skills in 2025, Ballet Arizona will also add adult open classes to its roster at the center later in the year. Starting Feb. 5, beginner and intermediate Native American Hoop Dance will also make its Mesa debut. Ballet Arizona's [Community Engagement team](#) will bring a series of free specialized classes to the facility, including Creative Aging for seniors and a “Ballet Club” for children served through Child Crisis Arizona starting Jan. 22.

“Child Crisis Arizona is honored to welcome Ballet Arizona to our new Center for Child & Family Wellness in Mesa,” said Torrie Taj, CEO of Child Crisis Arizona. “The power of dance goes beyond movement — it nurtures creativity, self-expression, and confidence. By offering Ballet Arizona's transformative programs to the children and families we serve, we are opening doors to new possibilities and fostering a deeper sense of joy and well-being. We're thrilled to partner with such a renowned organization to bring the magic of dance to our community.”

“Ballet Arizona's vision is ‘ballet for everyone,’ and this wonderful expansion is taking a significant step toward achieving that vision with this new satellite campus,” said Ballet Arizona's artistic director, Daniela Cardim. “We are thrilled to bring our world-renowned faculty

and teaching artists further into our community with these new programs and look forward to discovering young talent eager to pursue their love for dance. It has been a shared dream to bring the performing arts and dance education into this space. Healthy and vibrant communities have strong roots in arts education. Having access to this serves both Ballet Arizona’s mission, as well as the mission of Child Crisis Arizona.”

To learn more about Ballet Arizona and its new dance studio in the East Valley, as well as the schedule of classes, visit _____. For more information about Child Crisis Arizona, visit www.childcrisisaz.org/.

Ballet Arizona

Since 1986, Ballet Arizona has been dedicated to preserving and celebrating classical dance while creating new and innovative works. Under the new artistic direction of internationally acclaimed choreographer Daniela Cardim - a former soloist with the Ballet of Municipal Theatre of Rio de Janeiro and Dutch National Ballet - Ballet Arizona is excited to follow her lead to the future of dance in Arizona. During its 38th season, the Valley’s professional ballet company will present *Swan Lake*, *The Nutcracker*, the U.S. premiere of *Frida*, *Spring Mix*, *All Balanchine* and *Eroica*. 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 25,000 children and families every year through its free and low-cost outreach programs. For more information, visit balletaz.org.

Child Crisis Arizona

Since 1977, Child Crisis Arizona has served vulnerable children and families in Arizona and is committed to preventing child abuse and neglect through education, holistic health and wellness, prevention and intervention. CCA offers emergency shelter, residential care with education and health services for children and youth from birth to 21 and offers foster care and adoption services, early education as well communitywide parenting classes, workshops, support groups and much more. Child Crisis Arizona has positively impacted nearly 100,000 children and families since its inception. Visit www.childcrisisaz.org to learn more.

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