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15 Professional Ballet Schools Create Unified Collective for Summer Intensive Auditions

The School of Ballet Arizona Hosts In-Person Auditions on Jan. 26 for Ballet Students Nationally

PHOENIX – <u>The School of Ballet Arizona</u> is excited to announce that it is joining professional ballet schools nationwide to offer in-person auditions for various <u>National Summer Intensive</u> (<u>NSIA</u>) programs. This allows dancers to audition one time, for 15 different ballet schools in various states.

Students will have the unique opportunity to audition for 15 schools from across the country while attending one in-person audition in the city of their choosing. Their on-site audition will be observed by all 15 schools. Students will have the opportunity to indicate which schools they would like to audition for; however, all schools in the collective may reach out to any students who audition.

The NSIA audition at The School of Ballet Arizona will be held on Jan. 26, 2025. For students ages 11 to 20, The School of Ballet Arizona's Upper Division program within its Summer Intensive offers intermediate and advanced training experience, which will run from June 9 to July 11. This five-week program provides dedicated ballet students with top-tier classical training, complemented by a broad range of dance styles essential for success in today's diverse dance world.

"We are very excited to be one of the participating schools within the NSIA collective," said Ballet Arizona artistic director Daniela Cardim. "We understand the time and cost commitment it takes to just apply for summer intensive programs across the country and we hope this will provide easier access to the arts for ballet dancers."

Students must pre-register and pay the registration fee directly to the host school in the city where they audition, as well as fill out a secondary registration form to be considered by observing schools. All auditions are in-person, and the remaining schools will observe the audition through Zoom. Students are required to follow the safety protocol of the school at which they audition. The auditions will be recorded so they can be reviewed if needed.

In addition to the NSIA, The School of Ballet Arizona will be hosting in-person auditions throughout the country in January and February, as well as offering virtual auditions with a recorded video submission. The list of audition dates and the states these will be held in can be found at <u>The School of Ballet Arizona's website</u>.

To register for the NSIA audition at The School of Ballet Arizona and more information, visit <u>https://balletaz.org/school/summer-programs/summer-intensive-classes/national-summer-intensive-audition/</u>.

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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 <u>balleta.org</u>.

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