

# BALLET ARIZONA

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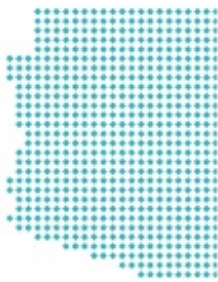
## Community Engagement Impact Report 2022-2023

Let us take a look back on the 2022-2023 season and the impact made throughout Arizona!



## Community Engagement's Mission

Ballet Arizona seeks to educate communities about the transformative power of dance. Through our work we strive to empower individuals to engage more deeply with the art form and eliminate barriers to participation that prevent people from experiencing dance.



**20,242  
ARIZONA  
RESIDENTS  
SERVED**

**15 PROGRAMS**

Lifelong Learning  
Programs for Teachers & Schools  
Community Programs  
Behind-the-Scenes Programs

**73%** of programming is **FREE** to participants

## Programs for Teachers & Schools

### DanceAZ

DanceAZ is a completely free in-school residency program for Title 1 schools, allowing students to explore the world of dance, choreography, and performance while developing essential social and emotional skills.

This year, Ballet Arizona partnered with a total of **8 schools** and served



**159 students.**

At the end of the 2022-2023, season Ballet Arizona awarded **8 scholarships** to DanceAZ students for entry into The School of Ballet Arizona, covering tuition and uniforms.



**\$14,020**  
in scholarship  
money awarded



*Photos: David Knox*

*“The DanceAZ program provides an incredible opportunity to so many students that would otherwise never have the chance to experience the world of ballet. The program inspired, planted seeds of curiosity and sparked a passion for dance within the students. It also created a beautiful memory for them and their families.”*

– Teacher, School Partner

## Student Matinees

Student Matinees are an educational field trip opportunity for grades K-12th.

This season, **5,850 students, teachers and chaperones** experienced a student matinee and gained insight into all aspects of a ballet performance.



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## Community Programs



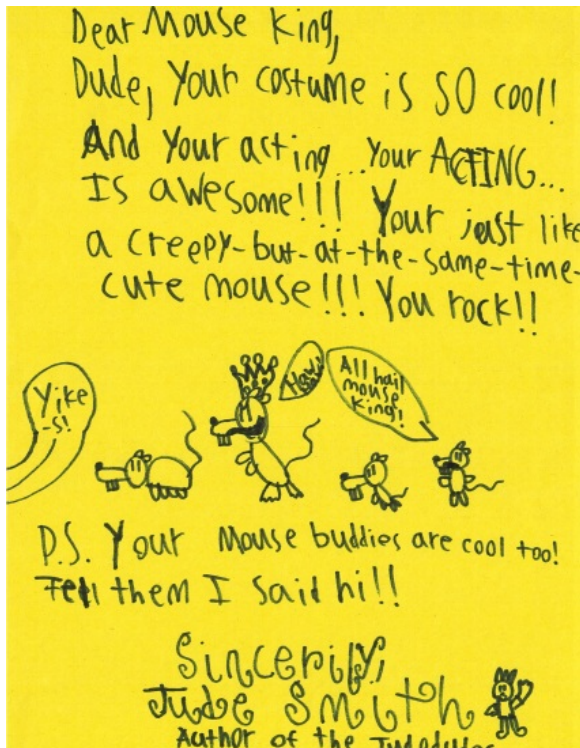


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## Ballet Under the Stars & Class Act

Ballet Under the Stars brings fully staged performances to local-area parks around the Valley, making dance free and accessible to the Arizona community.

In conjunction, Ballet Arizona partners with four elementary schools to bring Class Act to 3rd and 4th grade students. This year, Class Act provided **71 local elementary school children** with the opportunity to dance, create and perform under the guidance of professional dancers at the Ballet Under the Stars performance.



## Angel Night

Each year, Ballet Arizona partners with social service and veteran organizations to help distribute free tickets to children and families, providing them with the opportunity to attend our mainstage productions for free.



Community Angel Nights distributed free tickets to

**3,686 CHILDREN  
AND FAMILIES**

*“They are so appreciative of how many smiles you’ve put on their faces. We could not have shared such incredible cultural events if not for the kindness of Ballet Arizona.”*

– Angel Night Attendee

## Experiencing Ballet Arizona

### Performance Hour

Performance Hour gives community members a window into the world of dance, featuring a behind-the-scenes tour of our state-of-the-art facility, a ballet class demonstration, a rehearsal viewing, and a Q&A with professional artists.

This year, **261 attendees** joined us at the Ballet Arizona studios.



*“Everyone had an amazing time. One of the parents called today to say that her son did not stop talking about it and was dancing at home (this is out of character for him). She was thankful for his experience. Performance Hour makes a difference.”*

– The Habilitation Center



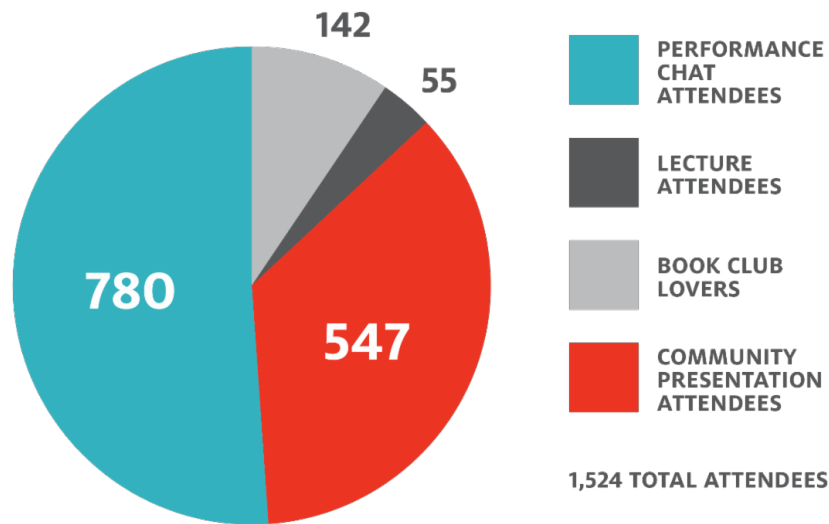
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## Community Presentations and Programs



*“The behind the scenes experience, and then seeing the ballet performed was exhilarating for me. I’m forever hooked.”*

– Performance Chat Attendee



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### Hoop Dance

**29 Native American students** had the cultural opportunity to learn an intertribal dance rooted in cultural tradition that ultimately builds confidence, coordination and self-esteem.

This program facilitates inclusivity between the Native American community, Ballet Arizona and The School of Ballet Arizona.

## Open Programs



Adaptive Dance for Down



Dance for Parkinson's Disease



## Syndrome

**26 children** with neurodiversities were able to experience dance in a safe and nurturing environment.

Students were able to explore how music, movement, and self expression are connected while discovering the joys of friendship.

**32 individuals** living with Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers were able to participate, find support, respite, and community through the practice of dance.

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## NOTABLE PARTNERSHIPS

Thank you to our partners for helping bring ballet to the community.



## Accessibility

Ballet Arizona strives to improve accessibility for all members of our community.



ASL Interpretation was provided at events such as Student Matinees, Performance Chats & Studio Spotlights.



Installed OTOjOY T-Loop system in Ballet Arizona's Dorrance Theatre!



Provided a large print program option at every performance.

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