

# STUDIO WEST *Dance Academy*

July/August 2018 Newsletter

## 2018-2019 School Year Classes are Filling Quick!

Enrollment for our 2018/19 school year is FILLING FAST, with many classes almost full or already full! We offer many classes on different days and times, so be sure to take a peek at our schedule and pick the one that works best for you.



**Free Master Class for Ballet 4-8**  
Save the date! Lauren Ostrander, Sarasota Ballet company member and former student of Miss Stephanie, will teach a master class at SWDA on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am – noon. Please sign up at the front desk. Thank you Guild & Panowicz Jewelers.



**Developing Artist Showcase – Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 pm**  
Join us in our SWDA studio black

## Where in the World are SWDA Dancers This Summer?

Many of our dancers are hard at work right here at SWDA's studio, and some of our dancers have been accepted to summer intensives across the country, including Ballet Arizona, Ballet West, Boston Ballet School, Eugene Ballet, Evergreen City Ballet, Houston Ballet Academy, Joffrey Ballet Chicago, Joffrey Ballet Musical Theatre New York, Oregon Ballet Theatre School, Pacific Northwest Ballet School, Paradosi Ballet Company, Pittsburgh Ballet Theater, School of American Ballet California, and Texas Ballet Theater.

Check out Studio West's [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and studio bulletin board throughout this summer for updates on our students' summer adventures.



## Free Nutrition Seminar for Ballet 3-8

A couple of years back we invited Melissa Shafer to give a nutritional seminar, and it was met with rave reviews! We are bringing Ms. Shafer back to talk to us about the importance of what we eat! Ms. Shafer is a well-rounded wellness coach with 16 years of experience in massage therapy and 3 years of experience in nutritional therapy. She will be happy to answer any questions you have about what you are fueling your body with! This class is FREE, thanks to our Guild and Panowicz Jewelers, and will take place on Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-5:30pm. Please sign up in advance at the front desk.



## SWDA Alumnus BROADWAY BOUND!!

You may remember Julio Iguina-Pascual light up the stage as our Nutcracker and in many other SWDT productions a few years ago. On July 14<sup>th</sup>, we were thrilled to have Julio come back and teach a fabulous musical theater master class to some lucky ballet 3-8 dancers. Originally from San Juan, PR, Julio is going into his senior year at Penn State University as a musical theatre major. He is currently the youngest company member in the 75th Anniversary production of *Oklahoma!* at Ogunquit Playhouse in Maine. In August he will be

box theater for an evening of innovative choreography created by our very own students.

Developing Artist Showcase debuted two summers ago to give our students an opportunity to wear a choreographer's hat and see their own dance vision come to life. We hope you can join us for this free event and support our students in their creative journey. Check out the video below from our 2016 inaugural showcase:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67WIE1UNvY>



### Dressing Room Construction

Next year we are excited to have a very large and talented Ballet 8 class – which means they will not fit in the dressing room we have upstairs for them! Our answer to the problem...CONSTRUCTION and REORGANIZATION! YAHOO! Construction has already started! During this time we ask that dancers take home as much as possible, and bring only the minimum with them to class, as dressing room space will be tight. We are excited for the renovation and hope to unveil the new space soon!



### Hip Hop Performance Division Auditions

Auditions for EDGE and Beat Box Jrs. for the 2018-2019 school year will be held on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at The Beat Box studio. Please note, if selected to be a part of Hip Hop Performance Division, a participation fee will apply and not all dancers who audition may be selected to participate. More information will be sent to families soon.

appearing in the musical *Holiday Inn* in Auburn, NY, at Merry-Go-Round Playhouse/Finger Lakes Musical Theatre Festival. Prior to attending Penn State he was a trainee with Nashville Ballet.

Julio shared with us following his training at SWDA: "Thanks to the training I received at Studio West, I've been able to accomplish so many things... I've gotten to perform in several professional theatre productions as well as work closely with Nashville Ballet as their first male trainee and was later offered a second-company contract."

Having Julio back at Studio West for a week was such a treat! We are all very proud of Julio and his accomplishments. To stay up-to-date on Julio's latest exciting theatrical ventures, follow Julio Rey on instagram @juliorey717.



### SWDA Teachers We Will Miss!

We are sadly saying "see you later", not good-bye to the following instructors:

**Ms. Elizabeth Piper** has taught ballet with Studio West for the past five years.

We'll miss her as she continues her education full time next year at the University of Puget Sound to work towards her doctorate in physical therapy.

**Ms. Angela Brandenburg** will be focusing her energy next year on becoming a Para-educator. Ms. Angela is part of SWDA's original crew and has been a ballet teacher with us since we opened in 2008!

**Ms. Emily Coello** commuted this past year from Seattle to Olympia to teach with us. This next year, Ms. Emily will be focusing her energy exclusively up north and teaching with Pacific Northwest Ballet School. We are happy to say that Ms. Emily plans to return and teach in our 2019 Summer Intensive program.

**Mr. Lui Tangaro III** has been a hip-hop teacher with us for the past two years and we will miss his fabulous energy and fun personality. We hope to stay connected with Lui and have him teach community hip-hop classes next season.

**Stay tuned... for new teacher announcements in the next newsletter!**



### Nutcracker Auditions

The sun may be shining and the sand at our toes, but who is dreaming of the Sugar Plum Fairy? Save the date for Studio West's 10th annual production of the Nutcracker at the Kenneth J. Minnaert Center for the Arts December 9-16, 2018. **Auditions** will be held September 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>! Dancers must be enrolled in ballet and be at least 7 years old by December 31, 2018. Refer to [SWDA's online calendar](#) for audition levels/times.

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