

WESTSIDE BALLET OF SANTA MONICA

PROJECT **relevé**

Raising the Barre





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[Noun **relevé**
(ballet) A movement in which the dancer rises from any position to balance on one or both feet to at least demi-pointe, or possibly full pointe.]

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PROJECT **relevé's** MISSION IS TO INSPIRE PEOPLE, YOUNG & OLD, TO **RISE** ABOVE ALL EXPECTATIONS & MOTIVATE THEM TO **RAISE THE BARRE** FOR SANTA MONICA AND THE GREATER COMMUNITY THROUGH THE POWER AND MAGIC OF BALLET.

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Yvonne Mounsey



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Continuing the Legacy

Yvonne Mounsey founded *Westside Ballet* in 1967, and trained three generations of dancers until her passing in September, 2012. She danced the lead in numerous ballets for George Balanchine during her tenure at New York City Ballet, where she learned his teaching style, and has imparted this technique to the Westside Ballet artistic staff. Yvonne built a faculty that continues her tradition of excellence in training and the development of the student as an artist.

For over 40 years, Westside Ballet, a non-profit organization, has been Santa Monica's premiere pre-professional training company, with over 120 dancers ranging in age from 8-18 years.



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Partnering with Our Community

We are proud of our partnerships with the following community organizations:

- Santa Monica Unified School District
- Santa Monica College
- Dance Into Unity with ASIS: Autism Spectrum Integrative Services
- Venice Family Clinic
- Everybody Dance
- Free to Be Me Dance

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Nurturing
Emerging Talent

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Inspiring Generations

Professional Performances

Producing highly disciplined precisely trained dancers at our annual shows of *The Nutcracker* and *The Spring Performance*

Scholarship Program

Expanding our financial aid program to allow less privileged children to explore the possibilities of dance

Community Connections

Cultivating and inspiring a love of dance in the community by providing affordable ticket prices, and supporting underserved youth with complimentary tickets to our annual performances

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Rising Young Dancers

Working Together

Through The Nutcracker, The Spring Performance and educational outreach, our dancers at Westside Ballet explore their creativity, while developing immeasurable life-skills like teamwork and self-discipline.

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Giving - Extending the Legacy

Cash Gifts may be made by check or by credit card. Westside Ballet accepts MasterCard, Visa, and American Express.

Matching Gifts are often available from corporate matching gifts and programs and can double or even triple an employee's contribution.

Gifts of Common Stock allow the donor to give to Westside Ballet the fair market value of appreciated securities while avoiding capital gains tax on the appreciated value of the stock.

Designate Westside Ballet as a recipient of a grant from a family foundation, charitable gift, or donor advised gift fund.

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