

WESTSIDE SCHOOL of BALLET

Martine Harley, Artistic Director

2023 Year-End Demonstration

John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center, Santa Monica, California

About Westside

Founded in 1967 by Yvonne Mounsey and Rosemary Valaire, Westside School of Ballet is a premiere training facility dedicated to excellence in training and the development of a diverse student body as artists. We are a non-audition school, open to all, where students receive training which includes a degree of finesse rarely encountered. Several hundred of our students have been awarded scholarships and contracts with major ballet companies and summer dance intensives. Many of these students have gone on to distinguished professional careers. Artistic Director Martine Harley, a Westside Ballet alumna with an illustrious professional ballet career that spanned 24 years, was appointed in 2013, succeeding the late Yvonne Mounsey.

Offering a fundamental approach to classical ballet training, the curriculum begins with Creative Movement and Pre-Ballet and continues through Pre-Professional to include technique classes, variations, partnering, repertoire and jazz, and a Boys Division designed just for them, plus wellness workshops for healthy minds and bodies.

Artistic Staff

Most of the WSB faculty are alumni and have been in residence for more than 20 years

Melissa Barak, Laura Chachich, Damien Diaz, Aimée Gaudio, Francine Kessler Lavac, Cassidy McAndrew, Michele Bachar Mendicelli, Adrian Blake Mitchell, Sophie Monat, Mizuki Sako, Evan Swenson, Sven Toorvald, Caprice Walker, Liz Wasynczuk, Carol Youngjohn

Production Credits

Volunteer Coordinator

Richard Tahvildaran Jesswein

Costume Director

Liz Kok

Photography

Anne Slattery, WSB Alumna

Videography

Jake Miller, SMC Student Videographer



Dancer: Westside Ballet alumna Shelby Tzung, National Ballet of Canada

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Allegra Clegg, Owner/Executive Director
Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Managing Director



SUMMER 2023

Children's Themed Programs

Junior Intensive

Advanced Ballet Workshops

Adult Workshops

To learn more about this year's programs and to register, please go to westsideballet.com/summer/

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The Nutcracker



Broad Stage

Santa Monica College
Performing Arts Center

November 25 & 26

December 2 & 3

2023

Thank you for
entrusting your children
to our school.

We appreciate your
dedication and support.
Please be sure to sign up
for Summer Sessions to
continue your dancer's
training!

Martine Harley
Artistic Director

Sunday, June 4, 2023 2:00 pm

Music by Frederic Chopin

CREATIVE MOVEMENT

Mizuki Sako, INSTRUCTOR

A Presentation of the Foundation of Movement and Musicality

Lilia Rubinfeld, Valentina Herrera, Maya Neuman, Ruby McNitt, Isla Hefferman, Molly Kosinski, Ayla Shakiba, Zelina Shakiba

PRE-BALLET A/B

Laura Chachich, Cassidy McAndrew, Mizuki Sako, Liz Wasynczuk
INSTRUCTORS

A Presentation of the First Approach to Ballet Form and Positions

A: Adya Abhiram, Lily Fishbach, Adrianna Reva, Cassia Varela, Madelyn Satterwhite-Garside, Olivia Rinsky, Avery Heald, Camila Yuliana Vasquez, Luna Powell, Isla Kate O'Reilly, Rowan Redfern, Mika Khakpour, Samantha Sorenson, Zenobia Collina, Annabelle Levey, Charlotte Jumaily, Sophie Marcus, Odette Lewis, Noor Hamdan, Olene Weissbecker Kushner, Alessandra Hernandez, Sofia Charlotte Husky, Rani Olina Misa, Georgina Stone, Nola Klainer, Madaleine Kehl, Céline Gertrude Smith, Georgia Hare, Aria Altman, Ava McGowen, Anika Son, Max Strong, Mia Decanis

B: Avery Gu, Chloe Gu, Angelica Donovan, Emilia Mariscal Sheinbaum, Madelon Gaffney, Romy McLaughlin, Daisy Gehry, Ray Lyons, Rowan Anderson, Ines Herrera, Hanna Eirwen Pritchard, Iris Clyde Spangler, Penelope Einziger, Mia Williams, Ayla Kirschenstein, Cooper Overton, Vail Thomas, Theadora Grinage, Isabel Schneider, Adeline Polidoro, Emma Juliette Philippe, Georgie Rodriguez, Karson St. Claire, Celina Huang

PRE-BALLET C

Liz Wasynczuk, INSTRUCTOR

A Presentation of Ballet Class Fundamentals

Eugénie Battesti, Poppy Pappas, Marcela Gimeno Martinez, Sylvie Buchholz, Djuna, Durkin, Sabrina Goldblum, Ava King LaJonchere, Colette Flandro, Lillian Fine, Caroline, Soloman, Artemis O'Connell, Anoushka Mahajan, Laurel Kim, Olivia Nachtomi, Penelope Harvilicz, Vivienne Bond, Ginger DeWoody, Blair De La Rosa, Emma Osher, Tehani Lei Binder, Helen Fee, Giuliana Bello Calvo, Aria Khakpour, India Groening, Luna Groening, Coventry English, Alexandria Hall, Sienna Matthews, Lila Goldberg, Cassandra Olivas, Selah Cohn, Vivian Elizabeth Lerner, Yuna Han, Claire Rita Singh, Ruby Vanessa Smith, Mila Marks, Savannah Heffernan, Talulah Einziger, Mackenzie Adams, Siena Shen, Chase Beck

BALLET LEVEL 1

Liz Wasynczuk, INSTRUCTOR

A Presentation of Ballet Class Basics and an Introduction to Swan Lake

Georgia Gyer Opal Gehry, Kotaka Gotanda, Nia Pompey, Andie Bernstein, Monty Zwierzchoowski-Nguyen, Elise Rendon, Margot Blache, Madeleine Tower, Milena Athreya, Nina Shepnick, Mia Elena Filosto, Claricia Lis, Cadence Russell-Cruz, Liat Ulman, Penelope Garcia, Melis Mina Kessenich, Zeynep Ela Kessenich, Calise Paullin, Mariah Young, Ava Elana Scott, Leona Marie King, Greta Bruno, Claire Lim, Audrey An-Min Yang, Alyssa Reva, Victoria Sophia Jauregu, Sophia Bella Orellana, Kaia Rainbow Schmidt, Aziliz Pernet, Ivy Rendon-Gray, Violet Christman, Izzy Sexton, Keira Mossman, Jeanne Esselin

BALLET LEVEL 2

Caprice Walker & Michele Bachar Mendicelli, INSTRUCTORS

A: Micaela Gimeno Martinez, Inès Battesti, Audrey Schwartz, Alessandra Pei, Ines Macpherson, Mathilde Guay, Cypress Snow Classen-Main, Kaylee Barrow, Imogen Marble, Noa Kim, Zion Reign Arnell, Ainsley Rosslind, Everleigh Kim-Bergman, Zoey Wong, Olivia Shepnick, Ruby June Johnson, Nikki Wang, Zohar Avital, Alix Weissbecker Kushner, Hannah Woods

B: Chloe Besson, Anita Leda, Sophie Kuo, Carlin McCaffrey, Mackenzie Olesky, Aya Toloui, Skye Strand, Zoe Nakamura, Serena de Lourenco-Halati, Vienna Bourgault, Léa Fedida, Kaya Fleming-Cordon, Oliver Bartlett, Julieta Maysles

BOYS SUNDAY BALLET

Adrian Blake Mitchell, Evan Swenson, Damien Diaz, INSTRUCTORS

Oliver Bartlett, Linus Badelt, Deicon Eleke, Daniel Lopez, Zachary Messinger, Dezso Tiesiera

TEEN BALLET

Liz Wasynczuk, INSTRUCTOR

Eva Gutierrez, Riley Spitz, Emmy Applebaum, Rachel de Wulf, Kaya Mack, Sara Lord, Gigi Priselac, Emma Christman, Julia Christman, Navah Sadie Gould, Jordan Stein, Ainsley Rosslind, Anouk Charley Parreira, Celestine Oppenheim, Matisse Rogozyk Keane, Nicole Levins, Liliana Castro, Meadh Brown

BALLET LEVEL 3 & 3+

Caprice Walker, INSTRUCTOR

Cataleya Hernandez, Lila Bruno, Bridget Cooney, Lux Saevitz, Addison Russell, Mavis Meredith, Zoe Samanta, Milla Jessalynn Gonzalez, Brooke Laskar, Asha LeeBogart, Zuzu Weneker, Valentina Finci, Alexandra Toledo, Ines Chavira, Clara Ditter, Lavinia Allen Dutton, Evelyn Choy, Kaia Sappington, Isla Segar, Ella Abramson, Hannah Gruenberg, Laurel O'Donnell, Ellington Zucker, Julia Enayati

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BALLET LEVEL 4 & 4+

Aimée Gaudio, Carol Youngjohn, Michele Bachar Mendicelli, INSTRUCTORS

Zoya Abyzov, Delilah Ahmadi, Genevieve Oppenheim, Alexandra Moccia,
Evelyn Chung, Chloe Meyer, Evie Tontonoz, Sienna Nikolov, Kyler Sziraki,
Luna Soleil Alatorre, Ella Williams, Elise DuFour, Kalia Marie Lucas

Archer Anderson, Lena Tsay, Sorcha Cinadr, Momo Yamamori, Ina Coulter-
Bracey, Billie Dane, Beatrice Williams, Eden Harker, Elizabeth Cruz

BALLET LEVEL 5 & 5+

Francine Kessler Lavac, Carol Youngjohn, Aimée Gaudio, INSTRUCTORS

Elle Shim, Antonia Crytrynowicz, Ilyssa Freedland, Zoe White, Naya
Farrell-Katseanes, Violette Marie Rice, Zola Maksimovic
Lyla Brugger Isabelle Choy, Nadia Hofer, Serena Klipfel,
Koko Miyamoto, Olivia Moccia, Sophie Wilson, Riley Slater

BALLET LEVEL 6 & 7

Martine Harley, Sophie Monat, Adrian Blake Mitchell,
Francine Kessler Lavac, Carol Youngjohn, Evan Swenson INSTRUCTORS

PAS DE SIX:

Ava Bakhshandehpour, Catia Boucher, Ava Cherniss,
Hadley Hill, Ava Renshaw, Eleanor Smith

TRIO:

Francisca Bugacov Sawyer Jordan Isabel Bugacov

BOYS & PAS DE DEUX:

Spencer Collins, Evan Hull, Dylan Weinstein

Catia Boucher & Dylan Weinstein

JAZZ B

(Levels 4/4+)

“Electro Swing”

Choreography Michele Bachar Mendicelli
Music Chinese Man “Artichaut”

Luna Soleil Alatorre, Ina Coulter-Bracey, Spencer Collins,
Sorcha Cinadr, Alexandra Moccia, Kalia Marie Lucas, Billie Dane,
Kyler Sziraki, Linka Tiesiera, Ella Williams, Genevieve Oppenheim,
Sienna Nikolov, Chloe Meyer, Zoya Abyzov, Delilah Ahmadi

JAZZ A

(Levels 2/3+)

“All That Jazz”

Choreography Michele Bachar Mendicelli
Music from the Chicago Musical

Serena de Lourenco-Halati, Vienna Bougault Julieta Maysles, Cypress Snow
Classen-Main, Anita Leda, Mackenzie Olesky, Kaia Sappington, Clara Ditter,
Laurel O'Donnell, Ines Chavira, Isla Segar, Evelyn Choy, Addison Russell, Ella
Abramson, Hannah Gruenberg, Valentina Finci, Adelina Stroh, Serena de
Lourenco-Halati, Evelina Menshykova, Ainsley Rossind, Vienna Bourgault,
Julieta Maysles

FINAL BOW

**PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL THE END OF THE
SHOWCASE AS ALL THE STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO
THE STAGE FOR A FINAL BOW**