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OUR CORPORATION NAME: SANTA CRUZ ACADEMY OF  
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*Cover photo of alumna Lauryn Winterhalder with guest artist  
Richard Smith in "The Nutcracker" by Michael Gerald-Yamasaki.*

*All in-studio photos by James Schwartz.*



#### SANTA CRUZ BALLET THEATRE

The Studio is the official academy of Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre, Regional Dance America Honor Company. Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre is a non-profit organization which presents the annual *The Nutcracker* with full symphony orchestra conducted by Music Director Pamela Martin, a spring repertory production, and collaborates annually with the Santa Cruz Symphony as well as Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music. Dancers aspiring for a professional ballet career or who want to experience the thrill of performance are encouraged to audition for Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre company membership. For more information, please visit [scbt.org](http://scbt.org)



*Top photo of Molly Winslow Hanson and Nabshon Marden at the  
2014 Regional Dance America Festival by Scott Martinez; photo below  
of "The Nutcracker" by Michael Gerald-Yamasaki*

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## 2015-2016

THIRTY-NINTH SEASON



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# THE STUDIO

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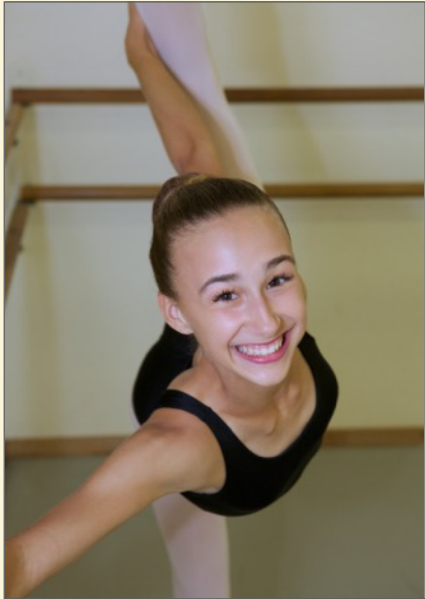
*Classical ballet training at The Studio builds increased learning abilities, organizational skills, confidence, poise and physical fitness. Our students are excellent academic students and contributing members of the community.*

*Give your child or yourself the benefit of savoring the fulfillment of long-term goals while building increased strength, flexibility, coordination, grace and artistry. Class size is limited, which encourages camaraderie and esprit de corps among our students. It is proven that ballet training can help overcome dyslexia and improve cognitive thinking.*

*The Studio is proud to have trained many professional dancers, currently dancing with companies throughout the United States. Many of our graduates attend dance programs in prestigious colleges and universities. Other graduates who have continued on to higher education are continually thankful for the discipline, work ethic and organizational skills their ballet training instilled in them. Whether or not you make dance your career, our classical training will improve your future.*

*Your quest for a lifetime of beauty and fulfillment begins here!*

Find more information about our programs at our website:  
[www.thestudioschoolofclassicalballet.com](http://www.thestudioschoolofclassicalballet.com)



# SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL BALLET

## PROGRAMS + PHILOSOPHY

The Studio has been directed by Diane Cypher and Robert Kelley since 1998 and is recognized for its consistent excellence in classical training. Located in Soquel off Soquel Drive near 41st Avenue, our facility boasts three spacious studios with sprung floors and professional marley surfaces. The Studio has its own official syllabus, based on traditional training methods, influenced by our extensive teaching experience and successful practices. We strive to help dedicated students reach their goals.

**Preparatory Ballet Program** (age 4-7) fosters your child's enthusiasm and joy of dance while introducing rudimentary coordination, stretching and cooperation exercises. Students learn to listen and respond to music, follow instructions and work together in a group. Our Primary level introduces the discipline of ballet training to students who are ready to embark on that challenge.

**Professional Training Program** guides students from ages 8 and up through our demanding syllabus. Students who have talent and perseverance will graduate with the tools necessary to succeed in the competitive field of professional ballet. Graduates who do not continue on as professional dancers will have gained the means to become successful academics, community leaders and arts lovers.

**Adult and Teen Program** welcomes students of all ages who have a love for dance. Taught with the same knowledge as our Professional Program, with less demand for rigorous consistency, these classes are taught with the building blocks to ensure safe and rewarding results.



Photos by James Schwartz

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## FACULTY

**Diane Cypher** has been teaching ballet since 1983. Her own career as a professional dancer and student of Barbara Crockett (founding director of Regional Dance America/Pacific) has influenced her teaching skills and perspective. Having performed leading roles in the classical, Balanchine and contemporary repertoire gives her a unique eye for technical clarity and artistic interpretation.

**Robert Kelley**, Santa Cruz County Artist of the Year 2010, has taught all levels of ballet for thirty years and inspires students of all ages. With a background in a diverse ballet career, his choreography has received numerous awards. Robert is active in the Santa Cruz community, serving on several boards of arts and community organizations.

**Linda Lock** excels at introducing the discipline of classical ballet training to young students, and challenges her charges to aspire to greatness. She is experienced in all physical aspects of ballet training and is astute in alignment and injury prevention.

**Jeani Mitchell** is a longtime Preparatory Ballet instructor. She guides the youngest students through the joy and exuberance of dance while introducing them to the basic skills necessary to begin their quest for beauty.

**Lyndsey Loosley** teaches Modern dance to upper level students. She has an extensive background in Horton technique with influences from Graham and Limón, and a teaching style which echoes formats from the Alvin Ailey School.

