

October 14, 2020

35th Anniversary



This is California Dance Theatre's 35th Year in the Conejo Valley! California Dance Theatre celebrates 35 years of providing the finest in dance education and instilling a love for the performing arts! This couldn't be possible without the support of our community! Thank you for your love and support for our studio, with everything going on in the world, we are especially grateful and look forward to many more years of sharing our love and passion for dance with you!

Covid Update

Ventura Country has moved into the red tier and we will be

CDT Will be closed the following holidays 2020-2021

Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2020 Classes resume on Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Thanksgiving Break	Wednesday, November 25, 2019 - Saturday, November 28, 2020 Classes resume on Monday, November 30, 2020
Winter Break	Monday, December 21, 2020 - Saturday, Jan 2, 2021 Classes resume on Monday, January 4, 2021
Spring Break	Friday, April 2, 2021 - Saturday, April 10, 2021 Classes resume on Monday, April 12, 2021
Memorial Day	Saturday, May 29 2021 - Monday, May 31 2021 Classes resume on Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Last day of classes	Saturday, June 12, 2021

We are OPEN on Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Martin Luther King Day and President's Day

evaluating which of our classes will move indoors. For now, most classes will continue to take place outdoors while we work out the logistics and capacity of our indoor studio space.

Zoom and Tap Classes

Currently, our tuition based Zoom classes and tap classes are discontinued. As classes move indoors, we will eventually be able to offer tap classes again as well as Zoom options of our live classes and Zoom make-up classes. Stay tuned for more information as we make progress in transitioning to our indoor studio spaces.

Adult/Teen Zoom Classes

We continue to offer "walk-in" zoom classes for our teen and adult dancers on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 11:00am. You may purchase these \$15 classes and gain Zoom access from our [CDT website store](#).

Our Gratitude



Thank you for your diligence in bringing your filled out [medical questionnaire](#), face coverings, hand towels, and yoga mats to the studio each day! We are so pleased at the pleasant cooperation of our students and families during this time. We are grateful that you have chosen to continue your training with us even when it is inconvenient and at times uncomfortable. Your hard work and dedication is clearly evident and it is inspiring for us to watch our students grow and overcome the challenges facing us in order to keep dancing!

Ballet Barre Covers

Sew Contagious

We encourage you to purchase your own Ballet Barre Cover. It is an easy and comfortable way to ensure your health and safety and maintain physical distance while you dance at the barre. Visit [sewcontagious.com](#) to purchase your ballet barre cover.

Dancer Volunteers

Keeping our outdoor studios clean and safe is a top priority for us and it is also a time consuming and never ending job. We'd love to have the help of our older dancers

to wipe down the barres at the end of their classes. If you have a few extra minutes at the end of your class, please let your teacher know that you will stay to give the barres a wipe-down. Wipes and/or cleaner will be provided.

Add/Drop Form

Adding or dropping a class is now conveniently completed by using the [add/drop](#) form online. Dropping a class will be effective on the date of the form submission. However, if you are requesting to add a class, please wait for an email confirmation of enrollment before you attend class. If you are placed on the waitlist, please do not attend class until you are notified that there is a spot for you. You will not be billed for the class until there is space for you to attend.

Make-up Classes

Due to Covid-19 we are unable to allow students to do make-ups in our in-person classes. At this time, please use the [make-up class request form](#) on the CDT website to let us know the class # and date of your missed class. We will schedule Zoom make-ups when we have enough students requesting the same style and level of class. For our teen dancers, if your schedule permits, you may take our

morning Adult Zoom ballet classes on Monday, Thursday or Friday at 11:00am as your make-ups. Please fill out the make-up class request form for access.

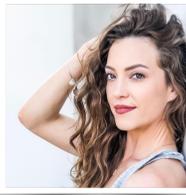
Master Class with Jonalyn Saxer



Last month we were very excited to offer two very special Master Classes with Broadway Star and CDT Alumni Jonalyn Saxer. Jonalyn is back home in the Conejo Valley with her family due to the COVID Shutdown of Broadway and was very excited to spend time with our students in her Musical Theatre and Broadway Tap Master Classes.

Some of Jonalyn's notable credits are: WEST SIDE STORY remake directed by Steven Spielberg, Karen in the First National tour of MEAN GIRLS, CATS, HOLIDAY INN, HONEYMOON IN VEGAS, BULLETS OVER BROADWAY.

Teacher Spotlight



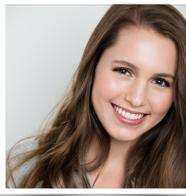
Kara Hess is a professionally trained dancer in both Classical and Jazz style dancing. Originally from Minnesota, Kara's training includes studying with the Summit Dance Shoppe, Ballet Arts MN, MDT, Hopkins

Dance Center, and many dance conventions across the country. She completed her high school degree at the St. Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists. Kara then proceeded to study at Loyola Marymount University, where she earned her Bachelors Degree in Dance and Business. Read Kara's full bio on the [CDT website Faculty page](#).



Sharon Stevens is a full time student at Pepperdine University. She has been dancing since she was three years old, and joined CDT in 2017. She has performed in the Spring ballets as well as the Nutcracker shows. Sharon

started assisting ballet classes in 2015, and feels so blessed and excited to share her love for ballet with aspiring ballerinas.



Abigail Thompson is a 17 year old senior at Westlake High School. She has been a dancer at CDT since age five, and has participated in many of Pacific Festival Ballet's main stage productions including The Nutcracker,

Camelot, Sleeping Beauty, Peter Pan and more. Some of her favorite roles in PFB's ballets include "Fritz" and "Pierrot" in The Nutcracker and "Fire" in Camelot. In 2019, Abigail represented PFB at "Charity Karaoke- Sing For A Cause", taking first place and earning PFB \$1,000 to help underprivileged children experience the magic of live theatre. Abigail has always been passionate about the arts and hopes to get a BFA in Musical Theatre from a college or university before working on Broadway or in television/film. She is excited to share this love with young dancers who are eager to learn!



PFB Welcomes Sofia Rochin, PFB and CDT Alumni and Trainee at Indianapolis Ballet, as their new social media manager. Follow PFB @pacificfestivalballet and on Facebook at Pacific Festival Ballet.



Check out PFB's new Social Media Series: **Then to Now!** Weekly interviews with Pacific Festival

Ballet alumni will showcase everything they've been up to since graduation.



Congratulations to our **A Holiday Angel** cast!

Rehearsals and filming for this original dance film are already underway and you can look out for this special

presentation in mid-December as our angel brings us the holiday spirit from around the world!



PFB's first original dance film, **The Secret Garden**, is available for streaming and purchase on [Vimeo](#) now! You definitely do not want to miss it!

October 26-31 is dress-up week! Wear your recital costumes from last spring (or any costume of your choice) to this week's classes! We didn't get to dazzle audiences in our June recital but we can sparkle and shine in our costumes now!

Happy Halloween

