

DANCE CLASSES

1 YR 6MO-3YR BALLET/TAP/JAZZ with parent

Mon 9:00 Kristy AVI Thu 5:00 Katie AVI
 Mon 10:05 Kristy AVI Sat 9:00 Katie AVI
 Mon 3:25 Katie AVI Sat 9:50 London AVI
 Tue 10:05 Kristy AVI Start a class w/ 3 dancers
 Tue 4:55 Katie AVI



2 YR 6MO-3YR 6MO BALLET/TAP/JAZZ w/o parent

Mon 9:30 Kristy AVI Tue 5:30 Katie AVI Start a class w/ 3 dancers
 Mon 10:35 Kristy AVI Thu 5:35 Katie AVI
 Tue 9:30 Kristy AVI Sat 9:00 Shelby AVI
 Tue 10:35 Kristy AVI Sat 9:35 Katie AVI
 Tue 4:05 London AVI

3 YR 6MO - 4 YR 6MO BALLET/TAP/JAZZ

Mon 4:00 Katie AVI Thu 4:10 Katie AVI Camp Mon-Fri 9:15-11:15
 Mon 4:50 Kristy AVI Sat 9:35 Shelby AVI details on back
 Tue 3:15 London AVI Sat 10:10 Katie AVI
 Wed 4:00 Kristy AVI
 Wed 4:50 Katie AVI Start a class w/ 3 dancers

4 YR 6MO - 5 YR 6MO

BALLET /TAP/ JAZZ
 Mon 3:10 Kristy AVI Sat 9:00 London AVI Camp Mon-Fri 9:15-11:15
 Tue 4:40 London AVI Sat 10:25 Shelby AVI Camp Mon-Fri 9:30-1:30
 Wed 4:50 Kristy AVI Start a class w/ 3 dancers details on back
 Thu 6:10 Katie AVI

HIP HOP Jr 4.5-6.5yrs

Mon 4:50 Katie AVI Wed 3:10 Kristy AVI
 Tue 4:05 Katie AVI Sat 11:00 Katie AVI

5 YR 6MO - 7 YR 6MO

BALLET /TAP/ JAZZ
 Mon 4:00 Kristy AVI Sat 11:35 Kat AVI Camp Mon-Fri 9:30-1:30
 Tue 5:30 London AVI details on back
 Sat 10:25 London AVI

HIP HOP Jr 4.5-6.5yrs

Mon 4:50 Katie AVI Wed 3:10 Kristy AVI
 Tue 4:05 Katie AVI Sat 11:00 Katie AVI

6 YR 6MO - 10 YR 6MO

BALLET /JAZZ **HIP HOP** **CONTEMPORARY JAZZ**
 Mon 5:40 Katie AVI Mon 5:40 Kristy AVI Thu 3:25 Kat AVI
 Tue 3:10 Katie AVI Wed 4:00 Katie AVI For students that have
 Sat 11:15 Shelby AVI Sat 11:15 London AVI completed a Lev III or II+

SUMMER CAMPS & INTENSIVES details on back

PRIVATE LESSONS accelerate your skills -book a 30 45 or 60 min private

MUSIC LESSONS

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

We offer music lessons for all ages including adult!

Students age 7 and above are usually ready for a private music lesson (Violin, Piano & Guitar Jr begin at 4 ½)

Call us today to try a single lesson and our teachers can determine if they are developmentally ready to begin private music lessons.

PIANO min 4 ½ yrs

Mon Athena Jonny Noelle AVI
 Tue Josh Athena Mahsa AVI
 Wed Faith Jonny AVI
 Thu Noelle AVI

VOICE min 7 yrs

Mon Jonny Athena Noelle AVI
 Tue Athena Josh AVI
 Wed Faith Jonny AVI
 Thu Noelle AVI

GUITAR & BASS min 4 ½ yrs

Mon Greg AVI
 Wed Greg AVI
 Thu Kazuki AVI

VIOLIN min 4 ½ yrs

Back in Aug '26

DRUMS min 7 yrs

Tue Cole AVI
 Thu Gerry AVI



Pre-Register for '26-'27 School Year!

Priority Pre-Registration is coming up on March 16th at 10am! When you pre-register for fall before Apr 11th your annual \$55 registration fee is waived!

The '26-'27 Schedule comes out on March 9th! The day after our company shows on Mar 8th! Come watch our ballet company perform "La Sylphide" Sun Mar 8th at 12pm & our Jazz & Hip Hop teams perform "Show Stars" at 3:45pm at Redondo Performing Arts Center!

HIP HOP PRETEEN - TEEN

HIP HOP TEEN
 Wed 5:40 Kristy AVI

BALLET/ JAZZ PRETEEN - TEEN

BALLET/JAZZ TEEN
 Tue 6:20 London AVI

PREPOINTE & POINTE

BALLET IV & POINTE BEG

Mon 6:20 Josh AVI

Wed 6:20 Josh AVI

POINTE INT- ADV

Mon 5:00 Josh AVI

Wed 5:00 Josh AVI

DANCE PRIVATES

Want to level up your dancer's training? Cant find a class on the summer schedule? Many of our dancers take the 5 weeks over summer for individual private dance training. Ask us about your teacher availability to set up your private or semi-private with a friend today!



CAMPS & INTENSIVES

ALL IN ONE DANCE CAMPS

Celebrating our 26th annual dance camps!

Each week is different for all you camp lovers that take more than 1 week!!!

All camps end with a performance for family and friends!

Students dance & sing to songs from Broadway favorites to today's pop icons!

Hip Hop- Jazz - Jumps & Turns- Tumbling- Yoga- Technique- Cheer – Musical Theater



3.5-5.5yrs

Mon-Fri 9:15am-11:15am

July 20 - July 24

4-6.5yrs

Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:00pm

July 13 - July 17

July 20 - July 24

July 27 - July 31

Aug 3- Aug 7



6-9.5yrs

Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:00pm

July 13 - July 17

July 20 - July 24

July 27 - July 31



SONGWRITING LAB MUSIC CAMP!

Make your own song! No Experience Needed!

Learn music theory and put it into practice!

Write and record your own original song in 4 days!

Led By Teacher Sofia!

Jun 29th - July 2nd !

Mon-Thu 9:30am-1:30pm

Ages will be separated!

7yrs- Adults welcomed!



Program Details

- Melody
- Harmony
- Rhythm
- Explaining Scales
- Mastering Intervals
- Choose Your Chords
- Figure out Your Melody
- Creative Writing Support
- Drum Circle
- Music Games
- Go Home with a 2-3 min Original Recorded Song by YOU!



BALLET INTENSIVE 8 YR – Teen

Give your dancer an incredible experience!

Have them gain flexibility, push to the next level and have tons of fun!

Classical, character, contemporary, variations, modern and more!

Will conclude with a showcase!

Open to all dancers that have completed their first year in Ballet III thru Adv Pointe.

June 23-June 27 Tue- Sat 9am-3pm



JAZZ INTENSIVE 7 YR – Teen

Dedicate a week to focus on your flexibility, jumps & overall dance technique with your fellow training dancers.

Groups will be separated by age and skill.

Open to dancers that have completed their first year in Ballet I Jazz I thru Advanced Elite

Contemporary Conditioning
Stretch Ballet Acro & Technique

Aug 3-7 10am- 3pm Mon-Fri



SUMMER TUITION

Music Lessons

Dance Classes

Dance Camps

Music Camp

30 min \$49 per

30 min \$21.25 per

All In One 3.5-5.5yr \$249

Songwriting 4 hrs \$413

45 min \$73.50 per

45 min \$34 per

All In One \$434

60 min \$96 per

50-80 min + varies

Jazz Intensive \$698

Ballet Intensive \$790

Dance Privates 30 min 1 student \$59 / semi-privates vary please inquire

Summer lessons & classes are single rates- Multi-class discounts are offered in our school year

Early Bird All In One Summer Camp Special – Register by Apr 1 & save \$25 per week

For regular dance classes & music lessons you can register single lessons around your travel!

CALENDAR

Jun 22

Last day of school year

Jun 23-July 5

No classes – Open for Privates & Intensive

July 6 – Aug 8

5 week session

Aug 17

First day of school year

**REBECCA JACKSON** *Joined SDM in Sep 2007*

Rebecca graduated from LMU in 2007 with a BA in dance, and in 2017, graduated from CSULB with her MA in dance. She has been dancing since the age of four and has a strong background in ballet, tap, jazz, pilates and is a certified yoga instructor. Rebecca has performed in many dance concerts, parades and special events with Disney. She was a scholarship intern at the Broadway Dance Center in New York City and has been teaching for competitive dance teams since 2007.

**JESSICA TORRES** *Joined SDM in Jan 2012*

Jessica is a choreographer, lecturer, director, film maker & dancer. She received her MFA in Dance from UCI, her MaED at UOP, & her BA at LMU. Jess is currently Adjunct Faculty at Chapman Univ & LB City College, and directs her own company. She was Senior Lecturer at LMU for years, and is master teacher/ballet director at the SDM. She has taught at UCI, AMDA, Cal State LA, POPs, APA, ACDA, and international master classes. Jessi has received many awards over the years but her best creations are her 2 daughters.

KRISTY FLORES *Joined SDM in Jul 2013*

Kristy was born in the Bronx, N.Y. from immigrant parents. She started dancing at the age of two and singing at the age of four. In high school she choreographed for her dance team and performed in school plays. Since graduating high school with honors, her career led her to travel all across the globe. She has performed in competitions, festivals and has been seen in films such as MGM's remake of Fame, You Got Served and Beat the World. The arts have always been an outlet in her life and she is so excited to be a part of our SDM family as a very beloved instructor and the Director of SDM Hip Hop company.

**JESSICA WIERZBA** *Joined SDM in Jul 2014*

Jessica starting training at age of four. She began her training as one of Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute's youngest students and continued training at Westside School of Ballet and starting competing at 7yrs old. She earned her B.F.A. in Musical Theatre from Emerson College and also worked to choreograph some of Emerson's Main Stage productions. Jessica works as a recording artist and is an active member of the Road Theatre Company in North Hollywood and a member of the Screen Actor's Guild. Credits include Pitch Perfect, Hot Tub Time Machine 2, Netflix's Daredevil and Flaked. Her greatest joy is sharing her love of the arts with the next generation.

**JOSHUA BROWN** *Joined SDM in Feb 2019*

Joshua started his dance training in New Zealand. After getting 2nd place at the largest ballet competition in the southern hemisphere, he toured professionally throughout England, Germany & the US. After graduating the School of American Ballet he danced with Miami City Ballet School and then joined LA Ballet as a soloists and also joined American Contemporary Ballet. He continues guest performing and has been not only teaching ballet but also specializes in strength & conditioning not only for dancers but in-home seniors as well.

**KAYLA ROSE** *Joined SDM in Aug 2021*

Kayla started learning ballet from her mom at age three. She graduated with her BFA in Dance Theater from AMDA in 2014. Since then, she has traveled worldwide performing for Royal Caribbean, Doll Face Dames, and more. Kayla has studied all types of dance but her favorite is ballet, contemporary, pointe, jazz, and lyrical. You might even catch her performing around LA!

LONDON LANE *Joined SDM in Jan 2022*

London has performed in many dance concerts, musicals, and toured with Tremaine. She was a member of Humphrey's School of Musical Theatre. She graduated in the spring of 2019 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts for Acting in Film and Television. She has performed at multiple venues, danced in music videos & appeared in film and television. She also choreographed, directed and produced multiple dance films or music videos. Be sure to check her out in the DISNEY online series entitled 'SHOOK'.

**LAUREN BRAMLETT** *Joined SDM in Aug 2022*

Lauren is a dancer and choreographer based in Orange County who grew up training at KJ Dance in Plano, TX. She pursued a BFA in Dance Performance at Chapman University. She has performed with SoulEscape the Company at El Portal, the Dallas Dance Festival, and for Julianne O'Brien at the 8th Annual Evans/Williams Somatic Dance Conference and Festival. She discovered her passion for teaching in high school when she began working with young dancers and loves to share the joy that dance brings.

**COLLYN TAYLOR** *Joined SDM in Jul 2023*

A native of Hernando, Mississippi, Collyn Rose Taylor first stepped onstage at the tender age of two. Dance, choir, band, color guard, theatre, commercials, and modeling - she poured herself into every performance opportunity while growing up. Collyn attended the University of Southern Mississippi, majoring in dance performance and choreography. She relocated to Los Angeles to expand her studies at AMDA College of the Performing Arts, where she trained under the expert guidance of Broadway professionals in musical theatre, dance, voice, and acting, earning her BFA.

**MEGAN HIGAKI** *Joined SDM in Mar 2013-2019 and now came back Aug 2024*

Megan is originally from the Bay Area where she began her ballet training. She further pursued dancing at the University of California, Irvine, obtaining a B.A. in Dance, with a minor in Education. She has performed with Peninsula Ballet Theater and Menlowe Ballet and has been featured in works by Pavel Zustiak and Patrick Corbin. Megan has always loved helping young dancers achieve new levels of success and believes that each dancer has their own unique journey.

SHELBY WIECZOREK *Joined SDM in Mar 2024*

Raised in Las Vegas, she spent her youth as a competitive dancer training in ballet, jazz, tap, modern, pointe, & contemporary. After she graduated from the Las Vegas Academy for the Performing Arts where she studied Horton and Graham technique, she went on to receive her BA in both Dance & Advertising at the University of Oregon. She continued at the USC where she received a Masters in Communication Management. She has performed at the Univ of Oregon, Portland Trail Blazers NBA games, NCAA Tournaments, and at Oregon Ducks football games. Shelby is excited to shape the next generation of dancers by empowering them to shine.

**KAT KALAMARAS** *Joined SDM in Aug 2024*

Kat, originally from Chicago, grew up a bunhead studying at Judith Svalander School of Ballet. After also studying with the Joffrey Ballet, she received her BA in Dance Performance. at Alma College in Michigan. She danced professionally several ballet and contemporary companies, managed a ballet program at Sarasota Dance & Onyx Ballet Studio where she was head choreographer for YAGP & UBC. From being a model for Bloch's split pointe shoe, dancing in lead roles from Swanhilda to the Sugar Plum Fairy, Kat stays busy by offering master classes nationally while still performing. She has taught children for the past 10 years and is excited to continue her passion in her new home at SDM!

**MADLYNN BROWN** *Joined SDM in Dec 2024*

Madelynn is from a rural town in northern Connecticut and grew up training at a competitive dance studio. She attended the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts for high school, and graduated from the Boston Conservatory with a B.F.A in commercial dance in 2024. Madelynn danced as a soloist with Garett & Co contemporary dance company for three seasons, performing in New York City, Philadelphia, Hartford, and more. She loves sharing her passion for dance with others through performance and teaching, and has been doing so for many years.

**LUNA WEINTRAUB** *Joined SDM in Apr 2025*

As a young student, she attended several intensives, including those at American Ballet Theater, Orlando Ballet, and Ballet West. Luna went on to attend California State University, Long Beach, where she graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Dance Science. Luna also trained with the Los Angeles Ballet and had the opportunity to perform in Sleeping Beauty and The Nutcracker in various theaters in Los Angeles. Luna has shared her passion for dance at several ballet studios and is committed to helping dancers reach their full potential, both athletically and creatively, by combining her diverse training and knowledge in movement & science.

SASHA SERDYUKOV *Joined SDM in Apr 2025*

Sasha has worked in the commercial, concert, and theatrical realms of dance not only performing as a member but also recently begun her choreographic journey, developing original works for stage and film as well. She Sasha received their BFA in Dance Theatre from AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts, and is currently pursuing their MA in Clinical Psychology from Pepperdine University. Above all, working with kids is one of her greatest joys.



LEAH MCCALL *Joined SDM in Apr 2025*

Leah McCall has danced with Los Angeles Ballet, Boston Ballet, and various project-based companies. Her repertoire includes Balanchine's Agon, The Four Temperaments, Serenade, and works by Azure Barton, Alejandro Cerrudo, and Christopher Wheeldon. Leah has also performed in projects like Jennifer Lopez's Vax Live Global Concert, The Masked Singer, and Kevin Hart's What The Fit. She specializes in classical ballet, pointe, contemporary, YAGP & competition coaching, & audition prep.



KATIE FRANQUIERA *Joined SDM in June 2025*

Katie started dancing at the age of 3 in Danbury, Connecticut. After years of competing and assistant-teaching, Katie attended American Musical & Dramatic Academy at both the New York & Los Angeles campuses & graduated with her BFA in Musical Theatre in 2019. Since then, Katie has been signed professionally to Connor Ankrum & Associates talent agency and continues her passion for dance and performance. Katie loves sharing the joy of dance with kids of all ages!



SAMI VIZZI *Joined SDM in Jan 2026*

Sami began dancing at the School of Dance and Music at just two years old! Over the years, she has trained extensively and developed both strong technical foundations and a deep love for performance. She has performed in many ballet company productions, gaining valuable stage experience and a true appreciation for the artistry and discipline of dance. Sami is excited to create an encouraging environment where dancers feel supported, challenged, and inspired!

LINA PERSSON *Joined SDM in Aug 2026*

Lina Persson is a ballet artist, and Pilates instructor based in Los Angeles. She trained under the guidance of Diane Ratley, Jeff Amsden, Kevin Williamson, and Kevin Le. A graduate of the UCSB with a B.A. in Dance, she has performed in several principal roles, including the Sugar Plum Fairy in *The Nutcracker* (2025) and Cholerick in George Balanchine's *The Four Temperaments* (2020). Lina has also trained with Joffrey Ballet in Chicago and the American Ballet Theatre.



GREG WISHON *Joined SDM in Jun 2005*

Gregory plays over 30 instruments professionally including Sitar. He studied with brilliant musicians such as Scott Henderson, Mike Stern and Victor Wooten before graduating from Musicians Institute: Guitar Institute of Technology. Greg has recorded or performed with Wu Tang, Ice Tea, the Black Eyed Peas, Kid & Play, Slick Rick, Coolio, Pharcyde and Patrick Moraz (Moody Blues). Greg lives in the South Bay with his family, and continues to perform locally on a regular basis.



GERRY DOOT *Joined SDM in Jul 2010*

Gerry started at the age of 10, and later taught at a music school in Fremont, CA. He graduated from San Jose State University with a Theater Arts emphasis. After playing in numerous bands in the San Francisco Bay area, Gerry took a chance to explore his musical options in LA. There he was swooped up by the pop/rock band "Letters Burning" with whom he recorded an album and played the Vans Warped Tour and also started a funk/ soul/rock/hip hop band "Ginger," in which he still plays & records albums.



ATHENA MURPHY *Joined SDM in Aug 2016*

Over the past twenty-three years of teaching piano, voice and guitar, Athena has worked individually with over 3500 kids and adults who have learned musical skills, performance technique, and most importantly, how to love playing an instrument for life! She's great at using neuroscience to help students tap into the innate musical skills they already have and how to apply that to an instrument. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Jazz/Commercial Piano performance (and a Minor in Opera!) and has performed professionally since 1988.

MAHSA JARAHZADEH *Joined SDM in Apr 2017*

Mahsa studied at Azad University of Tehran in Iran where she earned her Bachelor's degree. She has worked as a private piano instructor around the world. She has the ability to teach patiently, and keep her students organized and motivated to reach their potential. She currently resides in Los Angeles where she continues her work as a musician, playing and teaching whenever she can.



FAITH BENFORD *Joined SDM in Aug 2018*

Faith is a multi-instrumentalist from Baker, Louisiana who specializes in flute, guitar and voice but piano is her first love. Though she began her career as a church musician, she has moved on to study music therapy and perform music for meditation. Faith studied music therapy at Loyola University in New Orleans with a concentration on piano. She enjoys playing classical, jazz, & popular music and cannot wait to share her lifelong passion for music.



NEAL ROSENFELD *Joined SDM in Oct 2018*

Neal is a multi-instrumentalist with a background in music composition for film and television, and a guitarist for an international touring band. Neal has been teaching piano, guitar, violin, bass and recording technology and has worked with a number of artists including Ike Willis (of Frank Zappa Band), Bernard Fowler (Black Uhuru), John Mayer and The Doobie Brothers. Neal has a Music Composition B.A. and a Performance A.A. degree from University of South Florida.



JONNY ROSTAM ABADI *Joined SDM in Aug 2017*

Jonny is a singer, pianist, and songwriter. He holds a Bachelor of Music Degree from Berklee College of Music, with a Dual-major in Vocal Performance and Professional Music as well as a minor in Contemporary Conducting. He has experience in performance, writing, arranging, conducting, vocals & acting for with Performing Arts Workshops. Jonny has acted in film and web series, and performed in various venues, including LA's own Mint and Whiskey A Go Go.

ESTEBAN PEREZ *Joined SDM in May 2018*

Esteban Perez and has taught and performed in Mexico, Los Angeles and Italy. He graduated from the Autonomous University of Nayarit in Mexico. He was part of the opera Universidad Autónoma de Nayarit, the Coro Del Estado de Nayarit, and the Coro Universitario Giuseppe Verdi. He was a member of the chorus Guillermo Zarabia in the city of Mazatlan. He has sung several operatic roles & was a featured soloist with the Coachella Valley Symphony under the direction of conductor John Mario Di Constanzo.



SOFIA OVIEDO- MORENO *Joined SDM in Jan 2022*

Born in Mexico, Sofia Oviedo a.k.a. "Sofia Élan" is a singer-songwriter, composer, arranger, and graduate of Berklee College of Music. She started teaching music at 17 and worked at music camps in Mexico for 3 years teaching harmony, piano, and voice. When she's not busy teaching she can be found working on her own music and recently released her debut EP "Yubarta". As an incredibly emotional and existentialist human, Sofia tries to keep a big acoustic sound in her music — simple but intense.



KAZUKI TOKAJI *Joined SDM in Jan 2023*

Kazuki is a professional guitarist from Japan. Kazuki has been playing guitar since age 7 and has been teaching professionally the past 5 years. As a student of the Guitar Performance Program at Musicians Institute, he performed with many talented artists, including Steve Vai, Marty Friedman and Chuck Wright (Quiet Riot). Kazuki is currently endorsed by ESP guitars, Ernie Ball, Hughes & Kettner, Evidence Audio and Anatomy of Sound. Kazuki is excited to share his love of music with his new students.



NOELLE FORESTAL *Joined SDM in Aug 2023*

Noelle is an active alum of the L.A. County High School for the Arts, where she also worked with LA Opera. Noelle sings many genres of music including rock, soul, country, opera, jazz, pop, bossanova, blues, musical theater, Irish trad, and indigenous folk music. After living in Austin, Texas and finishing her degree in Theatre & Music from Texas State University, San Marcos, Noelle has returned L.A. audiences.



JOSHUA VALDES *Joined SDM in Oct 2024*

Joshua, bass-baritone, is a versatile professional opera and choral singer. He has starred in roles like Don Alfonso from *Così fan tutte* (Mozart) and Aeneas from *Dido and Aeneas* (Purcell) and made his Italian debut as Figaro in *Le Nozze di Figaro* (Mozart). He has participated in award-winning choirs such as the Seraphic Fire Ensemble Artists Program and the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music Chamber. A graduate of the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music Joshua was under the tutelage of baritone Vladimir Chernov.



JENNIFER YOUNGS *Joined SDM in Oct 2024*

Jennifer studied theater and music, as well as classical violin & voice during her time at Boston University. She released her own album entitled "Breath in the Flame" during the pandemic. Her experience as a performing musician on stage, work in recording studios, and her knowledge of Voice, Piano, Guitar, Banjo, and Violin enables her to cater to the specific needs of individuals whether they want to write their own music or want to learn some rock tunes! She's able to bring out the musician/ songwriter in anyone, any age!

LINA BONDEARENKO *Joined SDM in Feb 2026*

Lina is a young Ukrainian artist with a dual degree in Songwriting and Contemporary Writing & Production from Berklee college of music. She is an indie artist, songwriter, producer that has quite a few achievements under her belt (playing LA Pride, being published in the New York Magazine, Spotify editorial placements, Hulu sync deals and many more). Her music is an explosion of honesty and passion wrapped in a catchy hook and a massive band arrangement. Lina has now been teaching guitar, bass, piano, voice, songwriting and production for over 2 years.



COLE BINGHAM *Joined SDM in Sep 2025*

Cole is a Los Angeles-based musician who plays and teaches drums, guitar, piano, and bass. He is a Berklee College of Music graduate and has studied with Bernie Dresel (Brian Setzer Orchestra) and Matt Johnson (Jeff Buckley, St. Vincent), bringing real-world musicianship into every lesson. Cole tailors lessons to each student, focusing on feel, technique, and musicianship across instruments.



SDM STAFFERS



ROCHELLE FARAG *Joined SDM in Jan 2006*

Rochelle is our school director. She likes jewelry making, crafting, and photography. Among her favorite quotes are 'Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.' and 'Leave people and places better than you found them.' At SDM, she enjoys problem-solving and cherishes the profound connections formed with staff, teachers and families.



MICHELLE GREEN *Joined SDM in Jan 2005*

Michelle is our general manager and is a great dance company support for parents as she had her daughter on company for many years when she was younger. She loves relaxing with her dogs Mollie & Annie. Her preferred quote 'Everybody has a Story!' reflects her outlook, while her cherished aspect of SDM is the camaraderie within her SDM family."

MARINA BRACALE *Joined SDM in Feb 2017*

Marina works in our back office. Originally from Italy, the words "rhinestones" & "sequence" helped her learn the English language! She likes reading legal thrillers and listening to music. Her favorite quote is "Carpe Diem" As for SDM, she says that working with the costumes is one of her favorite tasks at SDM and makes her happy.



SHEA GLENN *Joined SDM in Aug 2023*

Shea studied ballet, pointe, musical theater, jazz, hip-hop, acrobatics, contemporary, modern, & lyrical. Upon graduation, trained at Lou Conte Dance Studio, Hubbard Street Dance Center, Visceral Dance Center, and The Joffrey Ballet Chicago. Shea began her dance instructor and choreographer career in 2017. She served as Artistic Director for 2 years at NVarsity Dance Company. Ahe is thrilled to be a part of such an incredible community!



KAYLA FERMANIAN *Joined SDM in July 2025*

Kayla took music lessons as a child here at School of Dance & Music and now is back in our world! She not only is composing music but working both at our front desk and our back office!. She loves playing video games, and board games with friends. Her favorite quote is "Everything happens for a reason!" I love how everyone at SDM, including the staff,



ASHLEY CATALAN *Joined SDM in July 2025*

Ashley enjoys listening to music, trying new foods and thrifting. She has 4 fur babies! Stella, Horizon, Khalessi, and Dutches (the professional biscuit maker)! Her favorite quote is "Its not so much what we have in this life that matters. It's what we do with what we have." Fred Rogers. "Since I've started working at SDM I've felt like I've been a part of the family for many years, the love and support right off the back is strong and I would not have any other way :)

MIKAYLA MASSEI *Joined SDM in July 2025*

Mikayla loves reading, writing, music & singing! She likes to dabble on the piano and guitar in her free time :) Her pets include a senior chocolate lab named Guinness who currently resides with her parents, her my "step-daughter" named Zelda who belongs to her boyfriend (wooly husky), and last but not least a 1-year old beagle named Bagel! Her favorite quote is "You are allowed to be both a masterpiece and a work in progress, simultaneously." -Sophia Bush "Very excited to start my journey with SDM!"



LEXIS ROBERTS *Joined SDM in Aug 2025*

Lexis started at 2 years old at her mother's dance studio in Chino CA. Lexis competed in jazz, tap, ballet, musical theatre, lyrical, pom, acrobatics, and cheer! She was also a member of the national and world award winning Talent Factory Showstoppers, PACE All-Stars, and Chino Hills High Spirit-leaders! Lexis has dedicated herself to sharing her love of dance with students of all ages for 15 years now! Dance has shaped who she is, and is grateful to pass on that same dedication to the next generation!



ANGELINA GARCIA *Joined SDM in Mar 2026*

Angie enjoys dancing and hiking in nature. She has 2 Chihuahua pugs named Lila & Jax. Since she has been 5 she has always stuck by this quote "Dance like nobody is watching! She excited to join SDM and loves being part of a supportive collaborative team! She also loves that she is surrounded by dance & creativity!



KIMBERLY SEGURA *Joined SDM in Apr 2026*

Kimberly enjoys writing and her favorite genre is romance. She is a cat mom to 2 beautiful hairless sphinx cats named Muñeca & Siren. Her favorite quote comes from an anime called 'Attack on Titan' " "My soldiers do not buckle or yield when faced with the cruelties of this word" Being an upcoming artist myself, one of her favorite thing about working at SDM is the positive artistic environment and that it is a supportive place e to grow and enhance your skills.

IFEOMA O'GONUWE *Joined SDM in Apr 2026*

Ifeoma loves reading & spending time with her family. She also likes dressing up and getting dolled up every now and then. She loves the family atmosphere of SDM and how everyone comes together to build a beautiful working relationship and builds a great atmosphere for the families.

