



# LA DANSERIE: NEWS ON THE MOVE

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Happy fall, friends, hope everyone had a great summer and is energized for an exciting and productive year ahead. Read on to see what's new...

## PERFORMANCES

Be sure and join us on **Sunday, November 23 at 4:00 PM** for **On the Way**, a sneak peak at works-in-progress and fundraising event. We will showcase new works by Artistic Director **Patrick Frantz**, Resident Choreographer **Judy Pizarro-Grant**, and **Nicole Mathis**. Besides a chance to check out these new works, you can enjoy a wine, cheese and dessert reception and a raffle drawing.



Tamara McCarty & Meagen Mendoza rehearse Artistic Director Patrick Frantz's Proof Sheet



Robbin Shahani rehearses with choreographer Judy Pizarro-Grant

We are getting some really great raffle donations, including boxed DVD sets of Classic Oscar Winners, and a fabulous Audrey Hepburn collection; a Simpsons Grab Bag; concert tickets from the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra; hand-crafted pottery and (as they say) Much More!

This is an in-studio event, **generously hosted by California Dance Academy**, so **space is very limited**. To be sure and reserve space and to receive a **special online discount**, go to [www.ladanserie.org](http://www.ladanserie.org). You will also be able to purchase tickets at the door, space permitting. Address and all details are available on our web site, or call 818-341-0530.

**Looking ahead**, performances are booked for **Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009** at the Plaza del Sol Performance Hall, CSUN. We'll keep you posted on those performances as we get closer.

## **LA DANSERIE PEOPLE**

We are excited to welcome **new dancers Ruth Fentroy, Ksenia Litomisky and Robbin Shahani** to the company. Many of you know Robbin, co-owner, along with his wife Jen of California Dance Academy, La Danserie's home studio. Robbin danced with Boston Ballet and we are thrilled to have him join us.

We also extend a big **welcome back to Nicole Mathis**, who has performed with La Danserie since 2000. This time around she returns as choreographer, setting a lovely trio to Rachmaninoff's Vocalise.

## SCHOOL OUTREACH

We have just finished our first residency of the year at one of our favorite schools, **Balboa Gifted Magnet** in Granada Hills, getting our school program off to a great start. We are looking forward to our other upcoming residencies as part of LAUSD's Arts Partner Community Network Partner program. In this, our fifth year with the ACPN program, we will be visiting schools throughout Los Angeles communities including Silverlake, Monterey Park and Highland Park.

In 2008-2009 we are also excited to have a **Pratt Whitney Rocketdyne grant** that supports additional classes for students at selected elementary schools, building on the ACPN program in order to provide a more in-depth dance experience. Under this grant, we not only provide instruction for students, but help students develop their own work to showcase for friends, family and other students.



Ruth Fentroy and Tamara McCarty rehearse Nicole Mathis' new work



Patrick Frantz and Tamara McCarty enjoying a rehearsal moment!

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

We are aware that these are uncertain economic times for all of us and that we all have to make hard choices about where to lend our support. **For those of you who feel able to contribute to La Danserie we are most grateful**, and would like to alert you to **sponsorship opportunities** for our March CSUN performances. Sponsorships will be available at a variety of affordable levels and will help underwrite costs for dancers' fees, theater rental, costumes, set and lighting design. Sponsors will receive benefits including invitations to special events, VIP tickets, program acknowledgment, and other perks. More details will be given at the Nov 23 fundraiser, and will also be posted online in the near future.

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