

presidio dance theatre

SHERENE MELANIA, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

UNITING COMMUNITIES THROUGH DANCE

THE YOUTH COMPANY



The Youth Company of Presidio Dance Theatre provides its young artists-in-training with an unprecedented opportunity for artistic and cultural exchange. We offer two programs: an Elite Division, focused on international tours & performance and an Ensemble Division focused on after-school enrichment classes.

PDT classes emphasize artistry, precision and versatility. Our program offers a unique combination of dance styles, while providing a cultural education: students study pure Classical Ballet, Character & Historical Court Dance, and Performance, drawing from a variety of international styles and folkloric traditions. Our students have been accepted into professional dance companies, collegiate dance programs, and summer intensives with the Kirov, Royal, Bolshoi, and ABT, amongst other prestigious institutions.

The Youth Company of Presidio Dance Theatre was launched in 2006 by Sherene Melania. The Youth Company combines rigorous dance curriculum, with our unique cultural sensitivity and leadership training, with an emphasis on mastery learning. The faculty trains aspiring young dancers in a pedagogy based on the Vaganova Method and the performance aesthetic of dance theatre. The training is sequential and builds technical excellence. Such training has produced most of the world's exceptional dancers, including Pavlova, Nijinsky, Nureyev, Baryshnikov, and Makarova.

YOUTH COMPANY DIVISIONS (By Invitation Only)

Pre-Company Division

Pre-Company Class: Students take one-two classes per week. One Classical Ballet/International Folk, and one Performance Class for preparation to perform in PDT's three annual productions:

- Beyond the Land of Sweets™
- The Little Lantern Ballet®
- Dancing Across Cultures™

Junior Division

Beginning B & Beginning A Classes: Students take two-three classes per week: Classical Ballet; Character Dance; and Performance for preparation to perform in PDT's three annual productions:

- Beyond the Land of Sweets™
- The Little Lantern Ballet®
- Dancing Across Cultures™

Senior Division

Intermediate & Advanced Classes: Students enroll in three-four classes per week: Two Classical Ballet/Pointe; One Character Dance Class; and Performance Classes for preparation to perform in PDT's three annual productions.

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CHOREOGRAPHERS WORKSHOP SERIES: Youth Company students attend two weekend workshops per session, mandatory to the performance program. Besides Choreography, workshops include instruction on drama and theater, musical theatre, and stagecraft. As our students technique grows, so must their artistic expression on stage.

All students in the Youth Company are required to commit to a certain number of core classes per week, additional optional electives are available. *Please Note: Tuition and Fees are not refundable. *Tuition includes the school year of classes, 4 workshops, and all production rehearsals.*

SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2022

Class	Age	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SCHOOL DIVISION							
Les Petites Étoiles	3-5yrs	PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CREATE A CLASS!					
Electives	6-12yrs						
COMPANY DIVISION							
Pre-Company	5-7yrs					4:30-5:30pm Ballet/Folk	
Beginning Level B	8-10yrs	4:45-6:30pm Ballet		4:45-6:30pm Character/Repertoire		5:30-6:30pm Pre-Pointe/Conditioning	
Beginning Level A	11-13yrs	4:45-6:30pm Ballet		4:45-6:30pm Character/Repertoire		5:30-6:30pm Pre-Pointe/Conditioning	
Intermediate	13-15yrs		5-7pm Ballet/Pointe		5-7pm Ballet/Pointe Repertoire		10:30am-12:30pm Conditioning Ballet/Pointe, Repertoire
Advanced	15-18yrs		5-7pm Ballet/Pointe		5-7pm Ballet/Pointe Repertoire		10:30am-12:30pm Conditioning Ballet/Pointe, Repertoire

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