

Tucson Dance in the News

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Discover the Difference at Tucson Dance Academy!

Tucson Dance Academy is a professional dance academy offering comprehensive lessons to all dance students, regardless of an individual's ability or reason for study. Our central philosophy is to encourage the best effort of each dancer, and to help them achieve their full dance potential, whether or not he or she plans to perform professionally.



Tammy Booth
Owner/Artistic Director

Many of our teachers are certified to teach by *The Dance Masters of America*, one of the longest running and largest dance teacher organizations in the country. Our amazing and accomplished teaching staff have years of experience in dance and teaching dance, and enjoy sharing the art of dance with our students! *Tucson Dance Academy* is under the artistic direction of Tammy Booth, an accomplished gymnast, dancer and choreographer. She and her husband, musician/composer/producer Tom Booth, have traveled the world professionally working in dance and music. As native Arizonans, and as owners of *Tucson Dance Academy*, they are grateful for the opportunity to share their love of the arts with people of all ages.

Show Debut Successfully Spreads Spirit!

Playing to a sold-out house, the enthusiastic and talented performers of *Tucson and Tempe Dance Academy*, delighted their audiences as *Spirit of Christmas* debuted in Tucson on December 12th.

Positive buzz in the lobby during show intermissions had some arts-savvy patrons proclaiming that *Spirit* outperformed many shows they'd seen on Broadway! Others were grateful to have such an entertaining alternative to the numerous local Nutcracker productions. Pusch Ridge teacher Tamara Stombaugh said, "I was captivated by the creativity variety, and professionalism of the show."

Clearly, many were pleased with a program that went beyond entertaining to honor the true meaning of Christmas. TDA dance mom Angie Wright said,

"The Christmas show was a breath of fresh air ~ I believe that the birth of our lord Jesus Christ gets so lost around this time of year when it should be of the highest priority."

Many attendees left excited to let others know about next year's show. Stay tuned for details about *Spirit 2010's* dates & venue!

Kudos to all who helped to make *Spirit's* debut in Tucson so successful!



Bringing NYC to Tucson: Tucson Dance Foundation offers FREE Jazz Master Class with Suzi Taylor!

As part of an ongoing effort to fulfill its mission to provide top-notch master classes to aspiring artists, *Tucson Dance Foundation* is pleased to be bringing renowned jazz instructor and choreographer Suzi Taylor direct from New York City to provide a 1.5 hour workshop to all qualified (Level 3 Jazz and up) *Tucson Dance Academy* students Saturday, January 16th at the studio from 11:30am to 1:00pm!

Internationally regarded for her passionate style of lyrical jazz, Suzi continues to serve as an inspiration to dancers worldwide. Suzi has taught for 20 years at *Steps on Broadway* on Manhattan's upper west side; a cultural hub for dancers where aspiring professionals may take classes alongside seasoned veterans from Broadway, the opera, and major dance companies like New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theater, Kirov and Royal Ballets, Alvin Ailey American Dance, and Martha Graham.

Her many years of teaching in NYC and abroad have well equipped Suzi to effectively communicate solutions to dancers' technical issues and, as a longtime faculty member of New York City Dance Alliance, Suzi knows what makes a dancer stand out in auditions.



Share the *Spirit of Christmas* year-round! ~ Purchase your DVD of the show at the TDA studio front desk.



FUN Opportunity! Volunteers Needed: TDF's Accenture Fundraising Tent

From Catering, food & beverage providers for the *Accenture Match Play Tournament*, a prestigious golf event featuring the world's best golfers, has, once again, invited Tucson Dance Academy to man its beverage tent at the 1st hole. Last year's volunteers will attest that it's a fun fundraising event and a unique opportunity to view the international golf scene. (February 17-21, 2010)

To volunteer or get more info, please call Beth Fedor at 744-9730 or email fedor4@comcast.net

