

# Ballet

**SAN FRANCISCO BALLET SCHOOL**  
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The San Francisco Ballet Student Trainees return to the Arts Center with an entirely new repertoire to enchant the audience with performances of exquisite beauty. One of the pleasures of becoming a member of our ballet audience is to observe these youthful careers unfold and transform from student into the renowned stars of tomorrow's world of dance.

Seven of the dancers who performed at Gualala Arts Center last year were contracted by San Francisco Ballet's Artistic Director Helgi Tomasson and will be dancing with the Company at the Opera House in the coming season. Wan Ting Zhao and Francisco Mungamba are now members of the Corps de Ballet. Those named as Apprentices are: Ellen Rose Hummel, Elizabeth Powell, Shion Yuasa, Sean Bennet and Henry Sidford. Trainees returning to Gualala for a second year are Trygve Cumpston, Alex-Reneff-Olson and Lacey Escabar.

Dance in the Redwoods once again graciously thanks an Anonymous Donor for their generous participation as Partial Underwriter. If you would like to match this \$2,500 donation to underwrite this vibrant troupe's performances as they embark on their professional careers, please contact Irma Brandt, Dance Event Coordinator or David (Sus) Susalla, Executive Director of the Gualala Art Center, 884-1138.

You can become a supporter of the San Francisco Ballet School Trainee Program in additional ways, by purchasing a Ballet Sponsor ticket for \$78, or by contributing to their housing, food and transportation. This additional support includes a Sponsor Reception with open wine bar and appetizers, and first seating availability, on Saturday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m., one hour prior to the performance.

Become a member of the Gualala Arts' ballet audience. Get your tickets early for these performances.



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### **Sponsors Reception:**

Saturday, November 5, 6:30 p.m. (must have Sponsor Ticket)

### **Performances**

Saturday, November 5, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, November 6, 1:00 p.m.  
at the Gualala Arts Center

### **\$78 Sponsor Ticket includes:**

- Performance for Saturday
- Doors open one hour prior to performance so you can choose your seats
- Open wine bar & appetizers

**\$20 General Admission**, Doors open 30 minutes prior to performance

**\$10 Youth 7-17**, Doors open 30 minutes prior to performance

Don't miss the Radio Preview!

**Fred Adler** will interview **Wendy Van Dyck**, the Trainee Program Coordinator and formerly a Principal Dancer with San Francisco Ballet. She will share her insights of the transition from dedicated student to accomplished performer.

The interview will air locally on KTDE 100.5 FM on **Sunday, October 30th at 9:30 a.m.** and **Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:00 p.m.**