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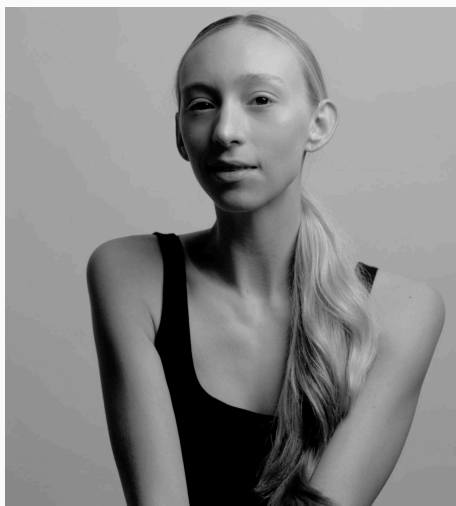
About Ballet Project OC

Ballet Project OC aims to create a premier professional ballet company in Orange County, emphasizing excellence in both technical skill and creativity. While we currently operate on an event-by-event basis, we are seeking to establish full-time positions for our staff and dancers.

We engage our Southern California audience through live performances at various venues, while also offering online access for global viewers. Our core values of collaboration and communication cultivate a supportive environment for our dancers and artists.

BPOC has commissioned and performed over 50 works from renowned choreographers, including pieces by the iconic George Balanchine, enhancing the cultural fabric of our community.

[Learn more at balletprojectoc.org](https://balletprojectoc.org)



A Note From

The Artistic Director

Welcome to the 2025 Season: Tradition Meets Tomorrow

Dear Orange County Dance Community,

It is with immense gratitude and excitement that I welcome you to our 2025 season, “Tradition Meets Tomorrow”. This season celebrates the timeless beauty of classical artistry while embracing the bold innovations that shape the future of dance.

As we continue our mission to build a top-tier ballet company for Orange County, I am inspired by the unwavering support of our incredible community. Your belief in our vision fuels our commitment to excellence. To our gifted dancers, who bring these stories to life, and to our dedicated team working behind the scenes, thank you for your passion and tireless efforts.

Together, we are crafting a legacy that honors tradition while boldly stepping into tomorrow. I am thrilled to share this unforgettable season with all of you.

With gratitude,

Ally Helman

Artistic Director



Tradition Meets Tomorrow

Where Traditional Elegance Embraces Modern Vision

"Tradition Meets Tomorrow" bridges the timeless elegance of classical ballet with the innovative energy of contemporary artistry, creating a seamless blend of past and present. By reimagining cherished classics with modern choreography, innovative staging, and cutting-edge technology, this season pays homage to the artistry of yesterday while boldly stepping into the future. Audiences will be transported through a dynamic journey where tradition evolves, proving that the beauty of ballet is as enduring as it is transformative.



**Get Your Tickets Now and
Be Part of the Experience!**

Legends Reawakened

Iconic Musical Artists Coming to Life On Stage

Elvis Presley, Edith Piaf, Elliott Smith,
Fleetwood Mac & Roger Williams

May 2025



Pitseleh

"Pitseleh," choreographed by **Ally Helman** to the music of **Peter Dinklage and Elliott Smith**, explores themes of heartbreak and vulnerability through delicate, expressive movement.



Made In the Shade

"Made in the Shade" captures the carefree and vibrant spirit of the early 1900s, featuring lively jazz music by **Roger Williams** and choreography by **Christina Ghiardi**.



One For the Money

"One For the Money" offers a visually captivating experience set to the timeless music of **Elvis Presley**, featuring choreography by **Anthony Cannarella**.



Ce La Vie

A ballet inspired by the life of singer **Édith Piaf**, choreographed by **Máté Szentes**, weaves her poignant story of love, loss, and resilience into a captivating dance narrative, echoing her iconic music and spirit.



And If

The music of **Fleetwood Mac** inspires a blend of emotion and motion. **Julianna Godlewski's** choreography brings fresh energy to these iconic songs, combining strength, grace, and rhythm in every step.



PITSELEH

CHOREOGRAPHY BY: ALLY HELMAN

MUSIC:

WHAT'S WRONG WITH A STRAIGHT UP LOVE SONG

BY PETER BRODERICK

PITSELEH BY ELLIOTT SMITH,

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NEEDLE IN THE HAY

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EVERYTHING MEANS NOTHING TO ME

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WHAT HAPPEN TO YOUR HEART

BY PETER BRODERICK

EMILY HELMAN-BERRY

ANTHONY CANNARELLA, RACHEL HUTSELL,

MATE SZENTES, CHRISTINA GHIARDI

ALBERTO ANDRADE, ALLY HELMAN



MADE IN THE SHADE

CHOREOGRAPHY BY: CHRISTINA GHIARDI

MUSIC:

TEA FOR TWO BY: THE O'NEILL BROTHERS GROUP

NEAR YOU BY ROGER WILLIAMS

SOFT SUMMER BREEZE BY: EDDIE HEYWOOD

ISLE OF CAPRI BY: JACKIE LEE AND HIS ORCHESTRA

ANTHONY CANNARELLA, RACHEL HUTSELL,

CAMILLE KELLEMS, BETSY LUCAS, JULIA PASQUALE



CHOREOGRAPHY BY: JULIANNA GODLEWSKI,

MUSIC BY: FLEETWOOD MAC
DREAMS

NEVER GOING BACK AGAIN (2004 REMASTERED)
THE CHAIN (2004 REMASTERED)

ALBERTO ANDRADE, EMILY HELMAN-BERRY,
MARK DAVID BLOODGOOD, ALLY HELMAN,
SARAH HURTY, LEAH MCCALL,
ANNABEL MACDONALD, MADELINE MCMILLIN



CHOREOGRAPHY BY: ANTHONY CANNARELLA

MUSIC BY: ELVIS PRESLEY
VIVA LAS VEGAS
HEARTBREAK HOTEL
JAILHOUSE ROCK

CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU
ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?
BLUE SUEDE SHOES

EMILY HELMAN-BERRY, ANTHONY CANNARELLA,
MARK DAVID BLOODGOOD, JULIANNA GODLEWSKI,
ALLY HELMAN, SARAH HURTY, RACHEL HUTSELL,
LEAH MCCALL, ANNABEL MACDONALD, ROBERT MACK,
MADELINE MCMILLIN, ISAIAH SEDANO, NICK SEDANO



C'EST LA VIE

CHOREOGRAPHY BY: MATE' SZENTES

MUSIC:

"LE VIEUX PIANO"

"LES AMANTS D'UN JOUR"

"PADAM, PADAM"

"NON, JE NE REGRETTE RIEN"

BY EDITH PIAF

RACHEL HUTSELL

ALBERTO ANDRADE, MARK DAVID BLOODGOOD,
JULIANNA GODLEWSKI, SARAH HURTY, LEAH MCCALL,
ROBERT MACK, MADELINE MCMILLIN, ISAIAH SEDANO

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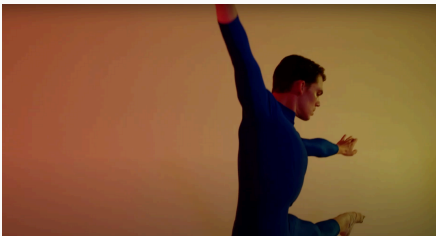
Balanchine Ballet

Ballet Project OC is excited to announce that a Balanchine ballet will be part of this year's program, pending our financial goals. Performing Balanchine's works is a privilege.



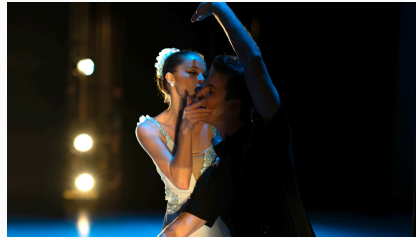
High Noon Saloon

High Noon Saloon, choreographed by **Anthony Cannarella**, encapsulates the novelty and humor of the Wild West, transforming **popular hits** into tunes that perfectly resonate with a cowboy spirit.



NEW COMISSION

Ballet Project OC was established with a focus on new creations, and we are eager to uphold this tradition as we begin our 24/25 season.



Count Me In

A heartwarming ballet created for Ballet Project OC in 2022, featuring the lively jazz music of **Harry James**.



NEW HELMAN

A fresh ballet brought to life by Artistic Director **Ally Helman**, inspired by a legendary American story.

Starbound

Boundless Possibilities: Bringing Ballet into the Future

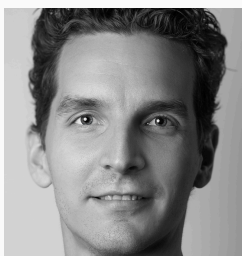
Be sure to catch the world premiere of Mate Szentes' latest creation alongside a work by Wheeldon.

OCTOBER 2025



Wheeldon Ballet

Ballet Project OC has the chance to present a work by Wheeldon this fall, depending on funding availability. Christopher Wheeldon is a globally acclaimed & Tony award winning choreographer, celebrated for his distinctive style and impressive achievements. Help is bring this genius work to OC.



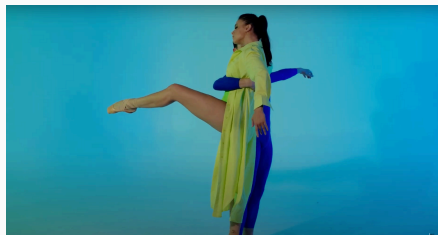
A World Premiere by Mate Szentes

Be the first to experience the world premiere of a stunning new work by choreographer Mate Szentes. This fall, Ballet Project OC invites you to discover the future of dance in an unforgettable performance!



A Flawed Pearl

A Baroque-inspired ballet by **Ally Helman** will take center stage, showcasing the essence of classical art, accompanied by the music of Handel.



NEW COMMISSION

Discover the dynamic new talent in choreography at Ballet Project OC. We have some thrilling candidates lined up for you. Keep an eye out for more updates!

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laguna dance

Artistic Director, Jodie Gates

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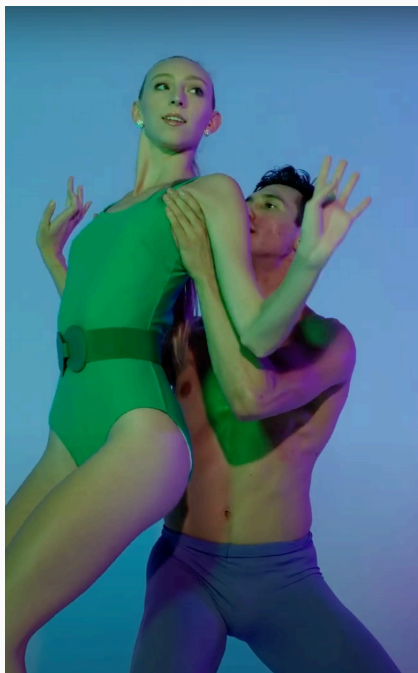


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Supporting the ballet is more than a donation—it's an investment in artistry, culture, and the future of dance. Your generosity directly impacts dancers by providing rehearsal space, costumes, and the resources needed to bring breathtaking performances to life. Beyond the stage, your gift enriches our local community, inspiring audiences, fostering young talent, and ensuring that the beauty of ballet remains accessible for generations to come.



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