# **ELIZABETH MOLAK-HUEBNER**

Artistic Director, Master Instructor, Choreographer

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## **Professional Summary**

An artistic visionary and leader! Elizabeth is the founder of the Classical Dance Center, Classical Dance Academy, as well as partner of Corona Dance Academy. Elizabeth's training began with her parents, and she continued at the San Francisco Ballet, receiving a merit scholarship. She was then invited to the Joffrey Ballet School in New York City on full scholarship and soon after was offered a contract with the Joffrey II Dancers and then subsequently, the world renown, Joffrey Ballet. She was featured in a wide range of ballets, including Sir Fredrick Ashtons "Monotones II" along with various ballet created for her by the Artistic Director, Gerald Arpino. She was honored to be part of the exclusive Joffrey Ballet piece, "Quartertones for Mr. B.", paying tribute to George Balanchine. After her professional ballet career, she began to share her love of dance with the next generation. From Academy level to Collegiate level, she focused on offering her students a well-rounded education at her ballet-based academies. Her vision is centered around building strong technique and artistry in the classroom, along with the opportunity to be on stage and perform. Elizabeth is delighted to be recognized for her artistic efforts with numerous awards by the Youth America Grand Prix, including Outstanding Teacher and School Awards. Her choreography has been performed across the US and the World! Elizabeth is known by her peers as a "Teacher's teacher" along with her ability to instruct a wide range of levels and ages. She was honored during the CDA Summer Gala 2024 at the Irvine Barclay Theatre highlighting her three decades of instructing, inspiring, and choreographing for future generations!

# Experience

Advisory Board/ Adjudicator, 09/2024 - Present Ballet Championships of America - Las Vegas, NV

**Director/Founder**, 09/2010 - 7/2024 **Corona Dance Academy** - Corona, CA

Director/Founder, 06/2014 - Present

Classical Dance Academy - Tustin/Corona, CA

**Director/ Founder**, 06/2010 - 06/2020 **American Classic Costumes** - Santa Ana. CA

**Director/Founder**, 02/1994 - 06/2018 **Classical Dance Center** - Tustin, CA

Director/Founder, 09/2001 - 06/2008

Classical Dance Center Newport Beach - Newport Beach, CA

Adjunct Instructor, 10/1994 - 06/1999 University of California, Irvine - Irvine, CA

Adjudicator/ Master Instructor, 06/1994 - 08/1997

Dance Olympus - Smithtown, NY

Instructor, 09/1990 - 06/1994

Ballet Conservatory - Aliso Viejo, CA

Administrative Assistant to the Director, 06/1987 - 06/1989

Marriott Corporation - Newport Beach, CA

Dancer/Ballet Instructor, 08/1985 - 05/1986 Pacific Ballet Theatre - Portland, Oregon Ballet Dancer, 06/1979 - 06/1985 Joffrey Ballet - New York City, NY

Ballet Dancer, 06/1977 - 06/1979 Joffrey II Dancers - New York City, NY

## **Education**

Saddleback College - Mission Viejo

#### Skills

- Master Instructor
- Adjudicator
- Leadership Abilities
- Artistic Collaboration
- Staff Development
- Budget Control
- Business Development and Administration

- Choreographer
- Creative Vision
- Stage Direction
- Costume Design
- Social Media Management
- Facilities Management
- Staff Management and Supervision

### **Awards**

- Chorographer Ensemble, David Koch Theater, Lincoln Center NYC YAGP April 2017
- Youth America Grand Prix Outstanding Studio Award 2019
- Guinness Book of World Records Most dancers "En Pointe" with American Ballet Theatre Principals, James Whiteside, Isabella Boylston Sept. 2019
- Youth America Grand Prix Outstanding Teacher Award 2020
- Youth America Grand Prix Finals Top 12 Ensemble and Duo April 2021
- Nervi Music/Ballet Fest Italy, YAGP Invited Choreographer July 2021
- Choreographer Ensemble, Straz Theatre, YAGP Stars of Today Gala April 2022
- Choreographer Ensemble, Laguna Dance Festival, Surf and Sand Hotel December 2023
- Youth America Grand Prix First Second Third Place Awarded for Soloist and Ensemble for over 10 years along with Youth Grand Prix Award

#### Social Media

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# Certification/Training

**Dance Adjudicator Certification Training**, 09/2024 **Danscend**Teachable.com – Mental Wellness

References (contact information available upon request)

Jodie Gates, Founding Director, USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance Tom Mossbrucker Director, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Lu Bauer, Irvine Barclay Theatre