

February 2017



# Education & Community Engagement Leap N Learn Newsletter



**Lots of Love**  
being shared here at  
**Colorado Ballet's**  
**Education & Community**  
**Engagement!**  
[Every. Body. Dance.](#)

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## **Student of the Month: Staci**

Staci is a student in the Ballet II class of our [Be Beautiful Be Yourself dance program](#). She stepped up as a true leader in her class this month and has set a fantastic example for her classmates as the semester continues!

Her instructor, Jen GaNun, nominated her this month and wrote:

*"This month, I had something I feel is especially extraordinary happen in my Ballet 2 class. While I was getting our music ready for warm up, Staci quietly announced "I am Jen today," and started to announce we were doing warm up now. I asked the rest of the class to please follow along. Staci then proceeded to lead our entire 10 minute warm up, with confidence and grace. The students followed along without a problem and at the end of our warm up, clapped and encouraged Staci with praise. It was a really special teaching moment for me. To see a student take initiative and do so well with her self-appointed task, for her too be able to read our class environment and know what needed to happen to start our class, and to have her peers support her so much. It was really awesome! We have now taken her lead and are asking other students if they would like the chance to lead warm up."*



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## Join us for Upcoming Events!

- March 4, 10:30am - **Free** Creative Movement class at [Schlessman branch library](#)
- March 11 - [Attitude on Santa Fe](#) performance featuring Jairo Heli's work, **RedBeat**

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## Free Creative Movement Classes!

### GET YOUR STUDENT MOVING!

Colorado Ballet's Education & Community Engagement department is offering a **free** day of Creative Movement for 5 X 5 families on **May 7, 2017**. Classes will occur 3 times that day: 10am, 12pm and 2pm, lasting 45 minutes.



Students will learn about a variety of dance concepts, such as, size, balance, rhythm, levels, shapes, and energy. The class will develop spatial awareness, problem solving, and strengthening the body and brain.

Advance arrangements needed: Reserve your spot by contacting Samantha Hyde at [samantha.hyde@coloradoballet.org](mailto:samantha.hyde@coloradoballet.org).

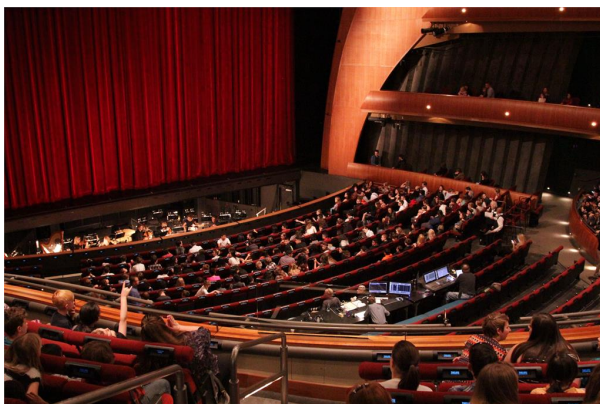
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## Colorado Ballet Education Around Town



Whittier K-8 School Students study [TAP & HIP-HOP](#)



1,325 Students & Families attend the [Student Matinee](#) of *Ballet MasterWorks*



Students at Castro Elem. learn traditional and contemporary Mexican dance with guest artist, Jairo Heli

Over 300 students at several elementary, middle and high schools in the Denver area spent time in Mexican dance workshops with Jairo. When listening to a folk song played on the jarana guitar, students said they imagined:

*the rainforest, the beach and a river*

*people making peace and being on a journey with friends*

*dancing in a peaceful meadow*



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