

# LOS ANGELES BALLET

**OUTREACH PROGRAMS** 

Power of Performance (POP!) & A Chance to Dance

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Founded by Artistic Directors Thordal Christensen and Colleen Neary, and Executive Director Julie Whittaker, Los Angeles Ballet (LAB) is LA's only professional classical ballet company and has become recognized as a world-class ballet company. LAB's mission is to perform outstanding classical and modern ballets that set the standard for dance in Los Angeles, nationally and internationally. In addition, LAB aims to be an instrument of hope, healing and joy, sharing the gift of dance with the broadest possible audience and in particular, distressed communities.



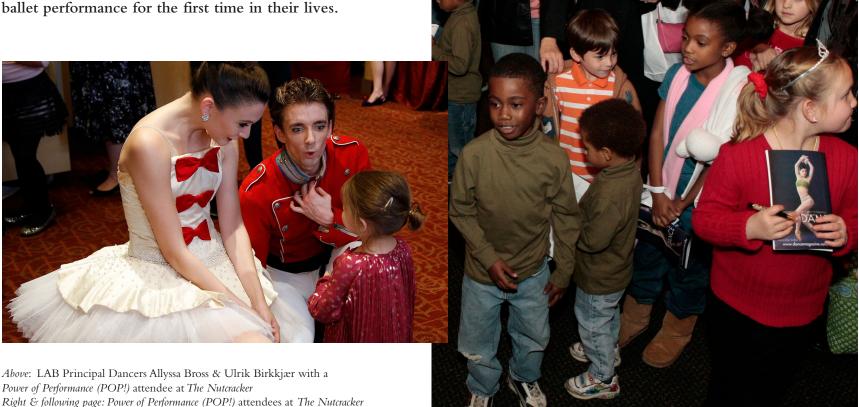
Above: Kenta Shimizu & LAB Ensemble in Swan Lake; Following: Children attending A Chance to Dance Community Day



Power of Performance! (POP!) outreach program is committed to providing a minimum of 10% of all tickets to all performances, free of charge, to Los Angeles County's underserved communities. LAB now partners with 49 social service agencies from all 5 Supervisorial Districts to ensure that a variety of populations are served, including special needs children, domestic violence survivors, veter-ans and youth in the county probation system. In its first decade, (2006 to 2016), LAB served 164,483 individuals with free tickets. Many attended a ballet performance for the first time in their lives.

# Power of Performance! LOS ANGELES BALLET

Thordal Christensen & Colleen Neary Artistic Directors





### PARTICIPATING *POP!* ORGANIZATIONS 2018

Angelica Center for Arts and Music

artworxLA

Big Brothers Big Sisters Los Angeles

City Stage LA

Endeavor College Preparatory Charter School

everybody dance!

GLAD (Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness)

Hope Street Family Center

Introducing Inner City Youth to the Arts

The Good Shepherd Center for Homeless

Women and Children

Union Rescue Mission/ Hope Gardens Family Center

Violence Intervention Program (VIP)

Boys and Girls Club of Carson

Trinity Dance Ministry

Short Avenue Elementary School

**PATH** 

Children of Promise

PTVLA- Program For Torture Victims

HealthRight360

Performing Arts For All

Marina Del Rey Middle School

Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services

A Place Called Home

LA County Department of Probation

Guadalupe Center

The Alexandria House

Aviva Family and Children's Services

Being Alive

**Good City Mentors** 

Resolve Recovery

CAST (Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking)

Camp del Corazon

Los Angeles Family Housing

Brookdale Assisted Living

WISE and Healthy Aging Club 1527

Domestic Abuse Center

Beit T'Shuvah

Malibu Beach Recovery Center

Free 2 Be Me Dance

Cancer Support Community Redondo Beach

Pregnancy Help Me Center

The Hush Foundation

Boys and Girls Club of Whittier

South Bay Center For Counseling

YWCA San Gabriel Valley

Granada Hills Charter Public HS

Cherished High Desert

**Knollwood Elementary** 

Green Dot Public Schools

KIPP Scholar Academy

Aspire Public Schools

Salvation Army Adult Rehab Center

Vet Tix



A Chance to Dance (ACTD) provides one day of free classes per month, for 10 months, at the LAB Center in West L.A. LAB's professional dancers teach a variety of dance classes, give informal performances and coordinate wellness lectures. ACTD promotes knowledge of dance, a healthy lifestyle, confidence and joy. In LAB's 2015/2016 Season, 1,200 individuals participated in ACTD, (or 120 per ACTD event). Participants from schools, arts organizations, and social service agencies are invited to participate. Registration is open to all, with classes offered to a variety of age groups.



A Chance to Dance Community Day













Now in our second decade, it's time to do more. Los Angeles Ballet's plan for growth includes additional productions and performances. The number of individuals served by *POP!* will grow exponentially. Consequently, maintaining our commitment to *POP!* would represent a greater loss in potential earned income (ticket sales). In Season 10, 2015/2016, for instance, the value of all tickets provided to *POP!* participants was \$185,504. For more information about Los Angeles Ballet Outreach Programs

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Previous: A Chance to Dance attendees Right: Power of Performance (POP!) attendees wiht LAB Principal Dancer Allynne Noelle

