

PAULA VAN DER ZWAAN

Studio Owner and Director

In 1989, Paula graduated from Vlaamse Dance Academy in Belgium where she trained in Ballet, Jazz, Modern, and Tap Dance. Paula has been dancing professionally since the age of 18, performing on European television programs and many authorized stage musicals. She has also danced with several dance companies in Greece, Spain, and Portugal. Paula taught for 10 years at the San Francisco Jewish Community Center and 4 years at Belvedere Community Center and the Berkeley YMCA before starting Van der Zwaan Dance Studio.

SANTIA ANDREWS

VDZ Competition Team Director

Zwaan Modern Dance Company Director

Santia graduated from the University of California, Berkeley (as a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars) with a Major in Dance and Performance Studies, a Minor in Theater and Performance Studies, and was a 3-year member of the University of California Dance/ Cheerleading Team. Santia has been dancing for over 30 years, teaching for over 20 years, and is an International Dance Champion, as well as a 14-year California State Talent Competition Winner in: Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical, Creative, Modern, Hip Hop, and Productions. Her summer intensives included: San Francisco Ballet, Lines, American Ballet Theater, and more. While attending CAL, she was accepted into the Alvin Ailey Summer Intensive Program in New York and was offered a coaching position at National Dance Alliance in Los Angeles. In 2000, Santia was selected as a member of Team USA and traveled to the International Dance Competition in Prague, Czech Republic where they won first place in their routine.

MARIO PONCE

Mario has been a dance instructor for over 15 years and has worked for many dance studios and unified school districts around the Bay Area. He has directed many award-winning dance companies leading them to America's Got Talent and Hip Hop International. Mario strives to educate the youth through his passion for dance and music.



VAN DER ZWAAN DANCE STUDIO

SPRING SHOWCASE 2

Saturday, June 8, 2024 | 6:30 p.m.

Choreographed by: Santia Andrews, Theresa Knudson, Michelle Lynch,
and
Mario Ponce

Performing Arts Theater
El Cerrito High School
540 Ashbury Ave, El Cerrito, CA 94530

2024 SPRING SHOWCASE

VDZ All Star Team (with a Hip Hop Routine)

Never Come Down - By Santia Andrews

Saraya Hampton, Cecelia Lutz, Chloe Quevy, Ava Reek, Josie Richards, Tallulah Seuser, Sydney Soto,
Layla Waladi

Modern 3

cloudy but bright - By Michelle Lynch

Pear Canada, Ariana Fany, Nina Malin-Roodman, Alice Perry, Olive Ziegler

Modern/ Contemporary 3

Welcome to the Dark Side - By Santia Andrews

Neali Aguayo, Olana, Akhille-Ghos, Mia Boyd, Elowyn Dasgupta, Teah Kani, Ariela Kaplan, Lily Kohnen, Benjamin Lee-Lim, Belle Lehrer, Ruby Lutz, Lea Maietti, kaila Mangel Ratner, Olivia Monika, Audrey Mundro, Eliana Nelson-Isaacs, Blakely Parma Watters, Rina Pass, Ardyn Pon, Cienna Quan, Teiya Quan, Ash Ramm, Willa Richards, Sohini Roy, Maya Shin, Maud Wallin, Sofia Weidler

VDZ Mini Team - Lyrical Acro Solo

Competing at the World Dance Pageant

Blythe - By Santia Andrews

Caitlyn Moldenhauer

Hip Hop 2

Sueltate - By Santia Andrews

Milin Amompan, Aveline Austin, Adeleine Blair, Akira Davidson, Charley Harnett, Kaia Inouye-Militar, Sara Kinoshita, Élodie Koné, Georgiana Lewinski, Kiko Lim, Junie Maldonado Present, Noah Maletti, Saba Mazzola, Alexis Moldenhauer, Audrey Sedgwick, Marlowe Sernoffsky, Aviva Tabibnia, Holly Tompkins, Margrethe Toven-Lindsey

VDZ Hip Hop Team

Ting-A-Ling - By Santia Andrews

Lillie Chamberlain, Fiona Groth-Reidy, Ella Howard, Lily Kohnen, Cara Likas, Nico Otto, Olive Otto, Ava Reek, Taylor Reynaud, Soumi Roy, Tallulah Seuser, Layla Waladi

Pre Teen/ Teen Beginner Hip Hop

I'm a Boss - By Mario Ponce

Sivan Davis, Meadow Hess, Fallon Marston-Chakan, Sienna Meyers, Maren Olsen, Autumn Vecchiato Winemiller, Zoe Vecchiato Winemiller

SHOWCASE DVD FOR SALE

Please note, we do not allow photography/ videography during our shows. If you are interested in ordering a DVD of your child's showcase performance, please email Mario directly at:

marioaponce310@gmail.com

Our Dance Team is Going to Worlds!!!

We are thrilled to announce that our talented Mini and All Star Dance Teams have qualified for the World Dance Championship! This event brings together the best dance teams from around the globe, and we are honored to represent our community on this international stage. Santia and our dancers have worked incredibly hard, showcasing their dedication, passion, and exceptional skills.

We deeply appreciate the unwavering support from our Team Moms and our community whose encouragement has been vital to our success. We ask for your continued support as we embark on this incredible journey to Worlds. Thank you for being a part of our incredible adventure and helping us achieve our dreams!

Hip Hop 3

Feelin' Myself—By Santia Andrews

Neali Aguayo, Mia Boyd, Cate Brasfield, Maggie Calvert, Beverley Edmunds, Blair Jackson, Yaya Jubb, Hikaruko Kamada, Benjamin Lee-Lim, Belle Lehrer, Ruby Lutz Lilly Mitchell, Eliana Nelson-Isaacs, Calia Newlan, An Nguyen, Rina Pass, Wilhelmina Richards, Samantha Riley, Stella Ringler, Delphine Silas, Eden Silas, Siylvie Thiessen, Magdika Toy-Vanya, Maud Wallin, Julia Warren

Intermediate/ Advanced Modern/Contemporary

White Flag—By Santia Andrews

Amrita Dhillon, Natalie Gross, Fiona Groth-Reidy, Isabella Hernandez, Aviva Kaplan, Taylor Reynaud, Layla Waladi

VDZ Dream Team (with a Hip Hop Routine)

All in the Family—By Santia Andrews

Teah Kani, Ariela Kaplan, Lea Maietti, An Nguyen

Advance Hip Hop

Head Over Heels—By Mario Ponce

Neali Aguayo, Avery Aki, Elise Bray, Lily Kohnen

VDZ All Stars (with a Ballroom Routine)

“Fabulous in Fringe Award”

Invited to compete at “Battle on the Seas”

Whine Up—By Santia Andrews

Chloe Quevy, Josie Richards, Tallulah Seuser, Sydney Soto

Regional Champion VDZ Mini Team

Competing at Worlds

1st Place Overall

Choreography Award

Le Monde—By Santia Andrews

Kaia Inouye-Militar, Caitlyn Moldenhauer, An Nguyen, Wilhelmina Richards

Dream Team Trio (with a Lyrical Routine)

Don't Know My Name—By Santia Andrews

Amrita Dhillon, Isabella Hernandez,
With Trainee: Nina Sanghvi

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VDZ Mini Team (with a Lyrical Acro Routine)
***Bird Set Free*– By Santia Andrews**

Neali Aguayo, Beverley Edmunds, Belle Lehrer, Caitlyn Moldenhauer, An Nguyen, Willa Richards

Hip Hop Select 4B

***Level Up* - By Santia Andrews**

Dylan Dasgupta, Elowyn Dasgupta, Amrita Dhillon, Anya Forde, Isla Forde, Sofia Guzman, Audrey Mundry, Ash Ramm, Indigo Reynaud, Paloma Rojas-Cheatham, Ramona Ros, Nina Sanghvi, Sofia Weidler

Hip Hop Select 4B

***Go Hard* - By Santia Andrews**

Jude Baltaxe, Lillie Chamberlain, Dylan Dasgupta, Sofia Guzman, Kai Hanschen, Isabella Hernandez, Teah Kani, Ariela Kaplan, Aviva Kaplan, Lea Maietti

VDZ Junior Team (with a Tap Routine)

***These Boots* – By Santia Andrews**

Neshia Geoghegan, Fiona Groth-Reidy, Adell MacGillivray, Isla Marvin

VDZ Mini Team Hip Hop Solo
Competing at the World Dance Pageant

***Game Time* – By Santia Andrews**

An Nguyen

VDZ Modern Dance Company

***God Bless America*. Santia Andrews**

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