

Lessons FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

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-Rebecca Chornenky
Educator, Dancer, and Muralist

Rebecca adds finishing touches to the student-created Heroes of New Mexico mural, featuring our founders, Catherine Oppenheimer and Jaques d'Amboise.



NDI NEW MEXICO PROGRAMS HELP BRING OUT THE BEST IN A CHILD.

Confidence, tenacity, and respect are built along with work-ethic and character. Outreach students learn about these qualities in each class and years later, alumni reveal that these values stick with them. Executive functioning skills such as; problem solving, planning, and prioritizing, along with collaborative skills and self-efficacy empower our participants to become productive leaders in their communities.

John S. Gulas, President & CEO of LANB, appreciates the "NDI factor" in one of his staff members, Candice Herrera, who participated in NDI New Mexico programs over a decade ago. "Candice is a great representative of NDI New Mexico's teaching and lifestyle programs. Her time there translated well into her role at LANB. She is a Universal Banker, someone who is constantly in motion trying to identify solutions for our customers' financial needs. She is great at what she does and is a valued member of the LANB team."

Candice attributes her workplace success to NDI's focus on "participation and working together as a group".

NDI New Mexico's performances impact thousands of young dancers from schools throughout the outreach programs in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Northern New Mexico, and in smaller satellite locations around the state. Students come together from different schools, grades, and backgrounds, and are supportive of one another as they reach for a shared goal. Whispered encouragements – "You guys were so great!" and "Good luck! You've got this!" – circulate during rehearsals and performances.

"Teamwork and respect are part of NDI's very deliberate curriculum," says outreach teacher, Melissa Briggs-Bransford. "At the beginning of the year we talk about how you can support your team by practicing together at recess, offering

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(Lessons for Future Success, continued)

help with choreography, and exchanging compliments with one another – caringly called ‘warm-fuzzies’. NDI New Mexico students learn to look for the good in one other – recognize, express and appreciate it – and, receive it from their peers.”

Muralist Rebecca Chornenky, worked with students at the 2017 Wallis Annenberg Santa Fe Summer Institute and witnessed NDI’s influence in action. “NDI New Mexico embodies a uniquely successful educational culture, and aspects of this are mirrored by the positive and energetic dispositions of the students I worked with at the Summer Institute.” Rebecca collaborated with students at the workshop which focused on the theme of heroism, to create a student-driven mural about New Mexico heroes. “They were confident and willing to participate, far more than children I see in other classroom settings. I think it is because these students have already had the experience of being seen and affirmed at NDI New Mexico - and of being met with kindness, care, and joyful guidance.”

The combination of joyful learning along with rigorous standards is key to the students’ growth experience.

Candice Herrera says, “NDI New Mexico had a great impact on my success in the workforce. I learned that collaboration with many individuals can create a fluid environment. My skills in working with others increased greatly through the enthusiasm I was shown, and encouraged to carry into all aspects of life. NDI taught me that even in the back row of a performance, I have an impact on the outcome.”

Calling ALL ALUMNI!

WE LOVE OUR ALUMS!
#ndinmtaughtme

Stay in touch with us! Let us know what you are doing and share your favorite memories of your time spent with NDI New Mexico! Is it the Core Four, is it something an instructor said, is it a friendship you treasure?

We consider you family and want to know how we can continue to support YOU, our beloved graduates. Please let us know where you are and what you are up to via Email (bkastner@ndi-nm.org), Facebook or even better - stop by and visit!

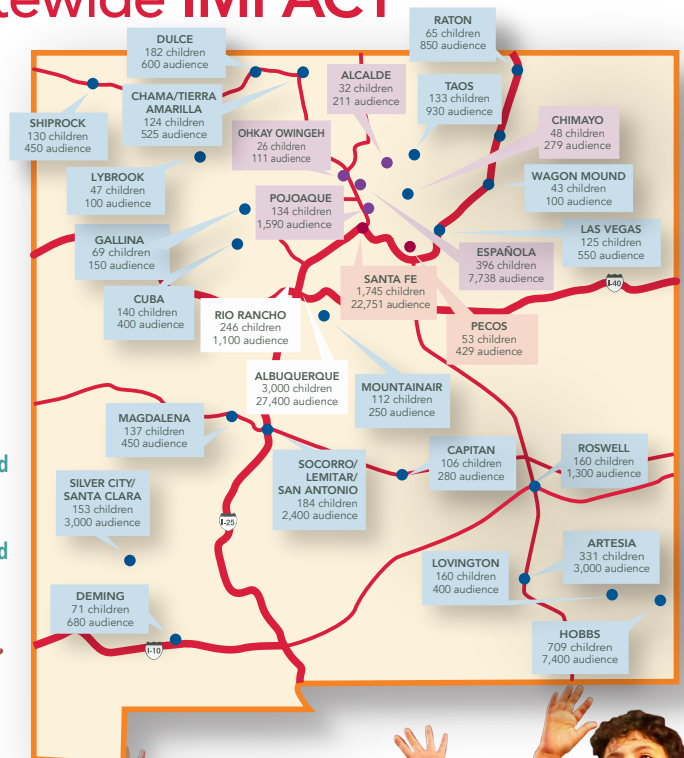
WAYS TO GIVE!

There are many ways you can support NDI New Mexico’s mission: individually, through a family foundation, business, United Way or employee-matching plans, and legacy giving – all will ensure our programs continue and thrive. Visit ndi-nm.org or contact Kelsey Brown kbrown@ndi-nm.org to make a life-changing donation today! Thank You!

Annual Statewide IMPACT

NDI New Mexico programs positively impact 10,000+ children in 98 schools, in 32 communities annually:

- 7,144 students through In-School Classes
- 2,611 students through After-School Classes
- 1,030 students through Community Partnerships
- 85,600 audience members (families, friends, community leaders, and peers)
- 80% children and families served qualify for free or reduced-cost lunches
- 79% children and families served are from minority ethnic groups



HIGHLIGHTS



HONORARY ALBUQUERQUE GALA CHAIRS APRYL AND NOTAH BEGAY III

NDI New Mexico was honored by The Begays fulfilling this role, and by their leadership in providing opportunities to children in the greater community through their support of NDI New Mexico.



Thank you to PNM Resources Foundation for awarding a Centennial Grant to NDI New Mexico to support teaching our Albuquerque students to work hard, do their best, never give up and be healthy!



CONGRESSMAN BEN RAY LUJAN MASTER OF DANCE AT SANTA FE GALA!

A NATURAL, and an excellent sport Congressman Lujan smiled every second on stage and inspired children and audience members.



NDI NEW MEXICO RANKS TOP 18% OF NATIONAL CHARITIES

NDI New Mexico earned the four-star Charity Navigator rating for the third year in a row which means we're accountable, transparent, and financially healthy!



CATHERINE OPPENHEIMER WINS PLATINUM MUSIC AWARD

We congratulate our founding artistic director CATHERINE OPPENHEIMER Recipient of the Lee Berk Award and one of New Mexico's musical heroes.

ANN REINKING VISITS THE HILAND

Our Albuquerque students had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with the fabulous, Ann Reinking, master of Fosse-esque choreography, who taught the slinky and sophisticated piece, *Suite Kander*.



NDI NEW MEXICO TAKES TWO FIRSTS AND A THIRD

NDI New Mexico takes FIRST PLACE WINNER for Best Youth Program, and Best Dance Company, and THIRD PLACE for Best Performing Arts Group!



ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL TEAMS UP WITH NDI NEW MEXICO FOR THE CHILDREN

Our heartfelt thanks to the Italian Film Festival of New Mexico for the gift of a beautiful screen and projector to NDI New Mexico at THE HILAND. Gifts from the 2017 NM Italian Film & Culture Festival totaled more than \$31,000!



A warm welcome to our newest Board Members, David Morris, and Sandy Seligman. We are delighted to have your expertise. Louise Campbell Tolber became an Emeritus Director.



FAMILY FRIENDLY BUSINESS AWARD

NDI New Mexico earned distinction for its workplace policies by Family Friendly New Mexico, a statewide project developed to recognize companies that have adopted policies that give New Mexico businesses an edge in recruiting and retaining the best employees.



NDI NEW MEXICO STUDENTS MAKE A COLORFUL SPLASH ON ALBUQUERQUE BUSES

Have you seen our rolling billboards in town? Buses and benches featuring NDI New Mexico ambassador students create an exciting presence in the city and encourage sponsoring a student!

SPRING INTO MOTION

at The Dance Barns in Santa Fe

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February 23 and 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

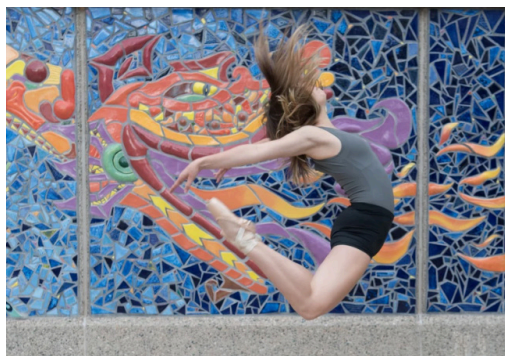
February 25, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

A PERFORMANCE TO RAISE THE SPIRITS OF OUR AUDIENCE MEMBERS AS WINTER BEGINS TO LEAN INTO SPRING! Highlighting a variety of high-level choreography, the cast of dancers consists of The Dance Barns' most dedicated and advanced students – members of Company XCel, XCel Too!, Apprentice Company – and guests from New Mexico School for the Arts Dance Department.

The program will include live music and choreography by prestigious guests: Zippora Karz, former NYC Ballet dancer and repeteur of George Balanchine's works; Catherine Oppenheimer, NDI New Mexico's Founding Artistic Director and NMSA Founder; Penny Saunders, former dancer

with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago; Francisco Gella, former professional dancer and worldwide choreographer; and NDI New Mexico's Allegra Lillard, Tara Debevec, Donna Scheer, Melanie Monsour and Brian Bennett.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT NDI-NM.ORG OR
BY CALLING THE BOX OFFICE 505.983.7661



WINTER DANCE ESCAPE

at The Hiland in Albuquerque

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March 2 and 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

THE HILAND'S ANNUAL WINTER PERFORMANCE FEATURES THE RETURN OF EL SALÓN NUEVO MEXICO, A BALLET HIGHLIGHTING THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO THROUGH THE SHARING OF DREAMS AND HUMAN SPIRIT. Choreographed to the music

of Aaron Copland, by Hiland Artistic Director Evelyn Cisneros-Legate and Stephen Legate D.C., the performance will feature a live chamber orchestra and NDI New Mexico's most advanced dancers, and is sure to inspire you!

We are thrilled to be welcoming Ann Reinking back to The Hiland - the iconic Broadway Dancer and Choreographer will be staging a new piece for our most advanced dancers of Company XCel that you won't want to miss! Also joining our Winter Dance celebration are: Garrett Anderson; former professional dancer of Pacific Northwest Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, and current Dance Department Chair of New Mexico School for the Arts; NMSA dance students performing a beautiful work by renowned contemporary choreographer, Quinn Wharton; original modern choreography by Hiland instructor, Corey Nagel; and the Albuquerque Celebration Team sharing a sneak peek from NDI New Mexico's newest End-of-Year show, *Think! A Math-Magical Journey*, featuring choreography by guest artist Bianca Johnson from National Dance Institute in New York.

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Save the Date

For information
in Albuquerque call 505.872.1800
in Santa Fe call 505.983.7646
or visit www.ndi-nm.org!

FEBRUARY

23-25 Spring Into Motion/The Dance Barns

MARCH

2-3 Winter Dance Escape/The Hiland

12-18 Italian Film Festival/The Hiland

15 Summer Registration
The Dance Barns

21-22 Northern New Mexico
End-of-Year Event
Pojoaque Valley High School

APRIL

2 Summer Registration/The Hiland

7 Creative Movement Showing
The Hiland

13-14 Junior Showcase/The Hiland

14-15 Junior Showcase/The Dance Barns

MAY

3-5 Albuquerque End-of-Year Event
THINK!, Week One/The Hiland

5 Albuquerque Annual Gala
The Hiland

10-12 Albuquerque End-of-Year Event
THINK!, Week Two/The Hiland

10-12 Santa Fe End-of-Year Event
GOT JAZZ!, Week One
The Dance Barns

12 Santa Fe Annual Gala
The Dance Barns

17-19 Santa Fe End-of-Year Event
GOT JAZZ!, Week Two
The Dance Barns

25-26 Senior Showcase/The Hiland

JUNE

2-3 Senior Showcase/The Dance Barns

4-22 Annenburg Summer Institute
The Dance Barns

11-15 Early Steps Performing Arts Camp
The Hiland

22 Summer Institute Performances
The Hiland/The Dance Barns

25-29 Early Steps Performing Arts Camp
Arts In Motion Too/The Dance Barns

JULY

9-20 Arts in Motion/The Dance Barns
The Hiland

23-27 Early Steps Performing Arts Camp
Arts in Motion Too /The Dance Barns

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Teacher Training/The Hiland

TWO HEART-STOPPING SHOWS COMING THIS SPRING!

AN ORIGINAL NDI NEW MEXICO CREATION AND A CLASSIC – BOTH BREATHTAKING!

NDI New Mexico's newest show, **Think! A Math-Magical Journey**, is premiering in Albuquerque Spring of 2018. Math is a tool for unlocking the beauty and wonder of the world around us. From predicting the path of a bouncing ball on the playground, to learning the notes of your favorite song, or creating the designs of a work of art – math gets you there! In NDI New Mexico's newest show, **Think!**, students will be inspired to harness the power of math and apply it to any pursuit they can dream of. Children will see math leaping off the paper and transform into movement, music, and drama. **Think!** will help children discover how to learn from mistakes, break down complicated problems into achievable steps, and never give up! And, in true NDI New Mexico style, they will have fun along the journey! Join 600 dancers in Albuquerque using dance and music to unlock the creativity and power of math in **Think! A Math-Magical Journey**.

Performances held May 3-5, 2018 and May 10-12, 2018.
Tickets available by calling the box office at 505.340.0200

Featured in the Santa Fe and North programs in Spring 2018, **Got Jazz!**, is a tribute to the history and influences of jazz music – one of our country's greatest cultural achievements. The performance will begin with a journey to New Orleans – where Ragtime, the Blues and Spirituals blended and gave birth to jazz music. Students will pay homage to some of jazz's greatest performers including: Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday, Cab Calloway, Miles Davis, Charlie Parker and Tito Puente – all of whom have influenced our music, culture and imaginations. Our students will take away an appreciation for jazz music, celebrate its richness and diversity through dance, and sing in a chorus of 500 students a song which sums up the artistry of jazz and one of the life lessons NDI New Mexico teaches: "Ain't what you do, it's the way that you do it ... that's what gets results!"

North Performances held on March 21 and 22, 2018.
Tickets available by calling 505.557.6033.

Santa Fe Performances held May 10-12, 2018 and May 17-19, 2018.
Tickets available by calling the box office at 505.983.7661



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DANCE PERFORMANCE IS MIND-BOGGLING...



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FIVE-HUNDRED PLUS CHILDREN SO FULL OF JOY...



THESE CHILDREN ONSTAGE MELT YOUR HEART...



NDI NEW MEXICO GALAS 2018

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THE HILAND IN ALBUQUERQUE GALA – MAY 5, 2018 THE DANCE BARN IN SANTA FE GALA – MAY 12, 2018



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TWO DECADES OF EXCELLENCE

NDI New Mexico Costumer, Sandra Ortiz, and Music Director, Bert Dalton, are embarking on their third decades with the organization.



made an impact for these kids."

Bert agrees,

"It's so meaningful to be a part of an organization that's done such consistently great work and touched so many lives."

Recalling one such life, Bert describes a former student with a degenerative muscular disease performing in an

NDI New Mexico show at the Lensic "I remember, he got to his place on the stage near where the band was playing. I heard him call out, 'I'm having the best time of my life!' This boy, who would eventually be confined to a wheelchair, will always know he danced onstage at the Lensic. **And that was just one moment that NDI has given to one kid; there are so many.**"

We are truly fortunate to work with these veteran artists who bring the richness of their experiences and love to NDI and the students. Thank you, Sandra and Bert!

"NDI IS SO MUCH A PART

of who I am and it's a part of my family," says Sandra, whose children went through NDI's programs. "NDI teaches kids to stretch and to push themselves, to work for the goals they decide to pursue. **I've seen kids go on to college who might never have without NDI.** I feel like my life's work has had meaning and

