

ARTISTIC STAFF

NANCY DOIZE´ (ND), owner and artistic director of the Nancy Doizé School of Dance for 36 years, began her dance training at the age of four. She began dancing professionally in San Francisco at 17 after studying ballet locally with Dimitri and Francesca Romanoff. While in San Francisco, she had the opportunity to work with Rudolf Nureyev, Natalia Makarova and Mikhail Barishnykov. She has earned many choreography awards and judged many dance competitions. She has an AA degree in Music, a BA degree in Business, is listed in the National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals and in 2008 was inaugurated into the Youth Mentors Hall of Fame. Nancy's happiest moments are spent sharing her love of dance with her students and watching their joy as they master dance in a caring, positive and professional environment. Many of her students have been inspired to have gone on to dance careers.

ALEXANDRA ALIAS (AA), was four years old when she started taking dance with Nancy. Alex was a captain and member of the Doizé Dream Team (DDT) and was the Doizé Dream Teen 2006/2007. She has earned many Grand Champion awards and was a member of her high school dance team at Branham High. She graduated from SJSU in May 2013. In her first year as director of the competition tap team, her dance "I Want to be a Rockette," earned Video of the Year 2013 from the Rainbow National Dance Competition.

HALEY LAUNER(HL), currently attends West Valley College and is majoring in nursing. Haley was three years old when she started in Creative Dance classes and has grown up in the School of Dance taking ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical and hip hop classes. Haley is a former member of Doizé Dream Team and has earned many awards for her lyrical solos. This is Haley's sixth year of teaching dance and she has been the Director of the Summer Dance Camps for the past two years. Haley's favorite style of dance is lyrical and her students love her enthusiasm, talent and creativity.

KRISTEN JANSEN MARTIN (KM), grew up in the School of Dance and received the California State Talent Grand Champion trophy for two years for her lyrical solos before leaving for Hawaii Pacific University on a Dance Scholarship. She won the National Dance Alliance Collegiate Championship in 2004 with the Hawaii Pacific University Dance Team. Kristen graduated from SJSU in 2008 and has taught dance for ten years. Kristen is the director of the competition team Doizé Dream Team that has been California State Talent Grand Champions for 20 years and competes regionally and nationally. She now shares her love of dance with her baby Sophia.

LEANN NGUYEN (LM), attends Willow Glen High School and is a platinum award winning member of the Doizé Dream Team and is excited to share her love of dance with her students. She earned the title of Regional Dancer of the Year at the 2016 Rainbow Dance Competition. LeAnn loves being able to share her passion for dance with underprivileged children at the Boys and Girls Club in San Jose.

KRISTYN PEARSON (KP), graduated from SJSU in May 2014 with a BA in Dance and is a former member of the Doizé Dream Team. Kristyn began dancing with Nancy at the age of three, taking classes in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical and hip hop. She received the Overall Champion Award for her solo at Nationals in July 2008. She has traveled with a musical theater group and currently is part of the Radio Disney Dance team. Kristyn choreographed the Dreamettes award winning 2013 tap dance. She is part of the talented team of choreographers for the Doizé Dream Team.

JENNIFER SCHELL HUME(JH), is Nancy's niece and began her dance career at the age of three. Jennifer studied dance in San Francisco for a short time and enjoys teaching all styles of dance. Besides raising four children, Cameron, Baylie and the twins, she is certified with the Aerobics Fitness Association of America, pilates and Zumba. This is her 24th year of teaching at the School of Dance.

BAYLIE SCHELL (BS), is Jennifer's daughter and Nancy's great niece. She recently graduated from high school and is beginning college this fall. As soon as Baylie could walk, she was dancing and taking classes with Aunt Nancy. Baylie loves dance and is excited to start her first year of teaching. She is also very passionate about theater and has performed in many of her high school plays.

ERICA VALENZUELA (EV), has been teaching and choreographing for 18 years and has won many awards for her choreography. She began her dance training with Nancy at the age of 5. Erica was an officer for the award-winning Pioneer High School Dance Team and then professionally danced for the San Jose Saber Cats, Golden State Warriors, and the San Francisco 49ers Gold Rush Cheerleaders. Her specialty is jazz, but she has a well rounded background in all styles of dance. She is part of the talented team of choreographers for the Doizé Dream Team.

RACHEL BARNETT WELLINGTON (RW), is a Bay Area native who grew up dancing in the South Bay competition circuit. She received a full scholarship to Hawaii Pacific University for dance and won the National Dance Alliance Collegiate Championship in 2004 with the Hawaii Pacific Team. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance from SJSU and was named Outstanding Senior in 2009 for excellence in performance, choreography and academics. Rachel is part of the talented team of choreographers for the Doizé Dream Team and she will be sharing her dance time with her son, Leo, now one year old.