

## Palomar College Dance Vocational Board Agenda

1. No changes for Palomar Dance Program
  - a. No funding for outreach
  - b. No funding for lighting equipment
  - c. No FTE to add classes
  - d. No funding for Director of World Concerts
  - e. Last minute funding for Latin Nights for band, ringers and food.
  - f. No change in curriculum issues with UC's and CSU's dance offerings affecting our ability to change or update our curriculum
2. Updates from Board members.

Palomar College Dance Vocational Board Minutes  
4/15/24

Palomar Dance Vocational Board Members

Board Members in attendance.

Molly Faulkner, Ph.D. Professor Palomar College

Patriceann Mead, M.A., M.F.A. Professor Palomar College

Sue Gilson, Georgia Studio Owner and Director and PT Palomar Faculty

Kay Partridge, Juxtaposition Studios Founder and Director and Palomar Alumni

Bruce Blackwell, President and Founder of Luminary Arts Palomar Alumni

Ami Yaro, Iowa Ballet Academy founder and director

Christina Wurst Masters student in Kinesiology CSUSM

Candance Carbajal, Teaching Artist Luminary Arts

Paul Stine, Choreographer Lego Land, Palomar Alumni

Joseph Waldron, Director Axxiom Dance Collective, PT Faculty Palomar College

Roma Watkins, Co-Owner Polaris Talent inc.

Robin Worley, HS Dance/Theatre teacher, Valley Center HS. Palomar Alumni

Karen Schaffman, Ph.D., Professor of Dance CSUSM

Lydia Contreras, San Marcos High School Teacher

Dirk Stenger, Casting Director LegoLand

Member updates:

Roma Watkins: Dance Instructor and Business Owner

I am teaching school classes ages 6-17 at Evolution Dance Center and have been leading the YAGP and Ballet Competition program. I have also been in charge of our Daddy Daughter recital program for the last 3 years, as well as managing rehearsals for our Hollywood Connection Nationals Parent Dance. I also have the privilege of teaching open adult ballet classes at Dance PAW (Performing Arts Workshop), as well as substitute teaching various ballet classes around San Diego when I can.

Sue Gilson: Associate Professor - Performing Arts Dept. Dance AND Owner of Georgia's School of Dance.

This year Georgia's School of Dance celebrated its "70th Anniversary". 45 alumni students returned to the annual Recital in June to perform. A number returned from outside California.

Karen Schaffman, Ph.D.

Professor and Program Director,

Dance Studies School of Arts CSUSM

Amazing things at CSUSM:

Dance Studies has a new hire since fall 2022, Assistant Professor Cherie Hill.

Cherie is working with Professor Merryl Goldberg and a team from School of Arts faculty to launch an arts certification for teaching artists in support of the teaching credential changes and "windfall" of funding for the arts in CA public schools. PROP 28!

We have begun the process of proposing the major in Dance Studies! Hopefully launch in 2026 or 2027!

Upcoming spring dance concert.

I'm course coordinator for CSU Summer Arts:

<https://www.calstate.edu/SummerArts/Courses/Pages/Dance-Improvisation-and-Ritual.aspx>

Please encourage students - There's lots of money!

Youth Day/invited tour and dress rehearsal -

Ami Yaro

Director -Iowa Ballet Academy

Artistic Director-Yaro Dance Company

Artistic Team Co-director-Iowa Dance Theatre

Secretary-Dance Masters of Mid-America, Chapter #34

Our studio won a Best In Class award from the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce for the second year in a row. I've also been teaching all over the country for Dance Masters of America. So far I've taught in Atlanta, Philadelphia and Cleveland. I'd love to chat with you by phone with the semester is over! F

Christina Wurst: Former owner of New West Ballet

Started Kinesiology Masters at CSUSM



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Molly Faulkner and Patriceann Mead

This past year has been a busy one here at Luminary Arts. We are wrapping up another wonderful school year providing arts education to students in North County (specifically in FEUSD and VUSD) and are in the process of negotiating contracts for next school year. We currently employ 10 Teaching Artists providing in-school instruction in dance, music, and theatre. We are actively in the hunt for new artists to join the Luminary family.

During the 2023-24 season, we put on several successful community performances. During the summer, we had a summer camp production of **101 Dalmatians** with 40+ kids ages 6-12 years old. In addition to being in a fully-staged production, students received lessons on costuming, make-up, and stage craft. We had older youth act as Assistant Music Director, and Assistant Directors and Assistant Stage Managers. This past summer also brought our first teen/adult mentoring project. We mounted a production of **Little Shop of Horrors**, with two casts running in repertory: one adult cast who mentored a teen cast. The production included a live pit band with both adult and youth musicians. Additionally, we put on two elementary school holiday choirs and two after-school productions, **Finding Nemo** and **Seussical Kids**. Our lead dance teacher has also choreographed for other organizations throughout the season.

In our studio, located on Furniture Row in San Marcos, we offer lessons in dance for all ages, theatre and exercise classes, and private voice lessons. This year we started holding monthly "Open Mic Nights" where both students and community members can sing, recite monologues, or perform small ensemble dances. Additionally, we are proud to provide a rehearsal space for other local performing arts organizations.

This year Luminary Arts expanded our board and hired a Managing Director. While our funding stream is strong, we are continuing to expand our grant outreach in order to broaden our mission. We are always looking to add more Teaching Artists to fill expanding opportunities.

Thank you!

Bruce Blackwell  
Artistic Director / CEO  
Luminary Arts

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