

LAGUNA DANCE FESTIVAL™

JODIE GATES, FOUNDER & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

cincinnati BALLET **IMPACT REPORT**

FEBRUARY 23-26, 2023

Thanks in part to Margaret and Michael Valentine for supporting this tour initiative.

16

Main Company Dancers on tour

2

performances featuring Cincinnati Ballet

1

open working rehearsal – Q&A with Jodie Gates

800

audience members

“It was an electric weekend! The dancers performed beautifully with a standing ovation each night, and the production team and staff were extraordinary. I am incredibly proud to be the artistic director of this remarkable company.”

~ Jodie Gates, Cincinnati Ballet Artistic Director



“Watching the dancers from the Cincinnati Ballet this past weekend at Laguna Dance Festival’s annual festival was amazing. Their execution and the choreography of each piece showed their skills, energy, and passion which filled the theater with joy and delight. We were so fortunate to have this nationally recognized dance company perform right here in Laguna Beach, they delighted our audiences each night.”

~ Nancy Meyer, Founding Board Member of the Laguna Dance Festival

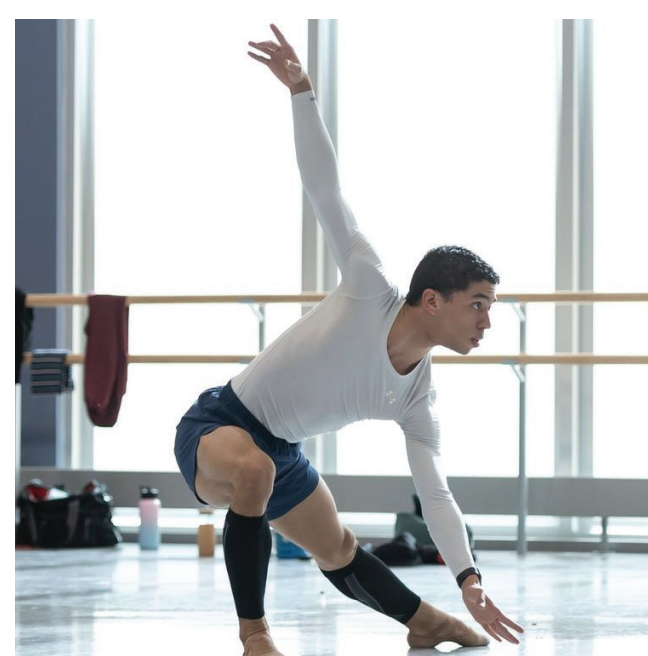
“I am still floating from Cincinnati Ballet’s performances at the Laguna Dance Festival. Our high-caliber performers and exciting program will be long remembered. How wonderful to have experienced the electric feel of the audience as many see Cincinnati Ballet for the first time. I am so happy for all at Cincinnati Ballet for this success.”

~ Dale Shields, Cincinnati Ballet Rehearsal Director



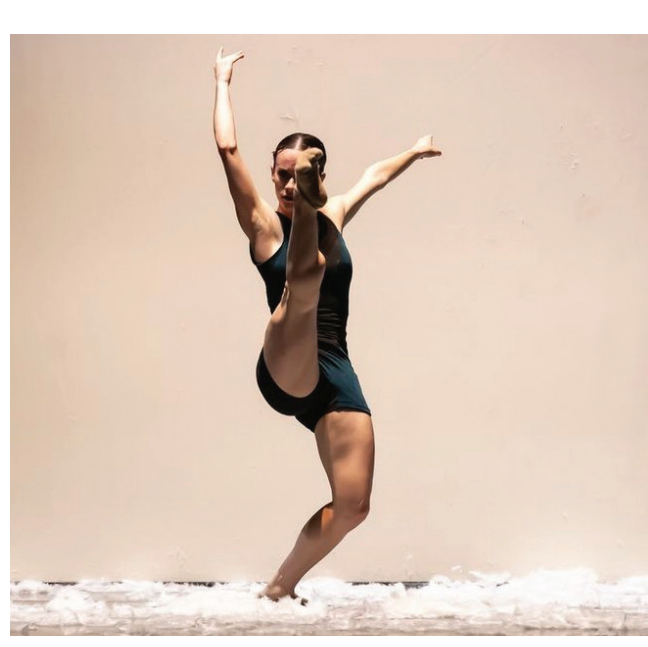
“The tour was a triumph, our dancers represented Cincinnati Ballet beautifully. Sharing our second program with Hubbard Street, energized us all and the audience was mesmerized.”

~ Cervilio Amador, Cincinnati Ballet Rehearsal Director



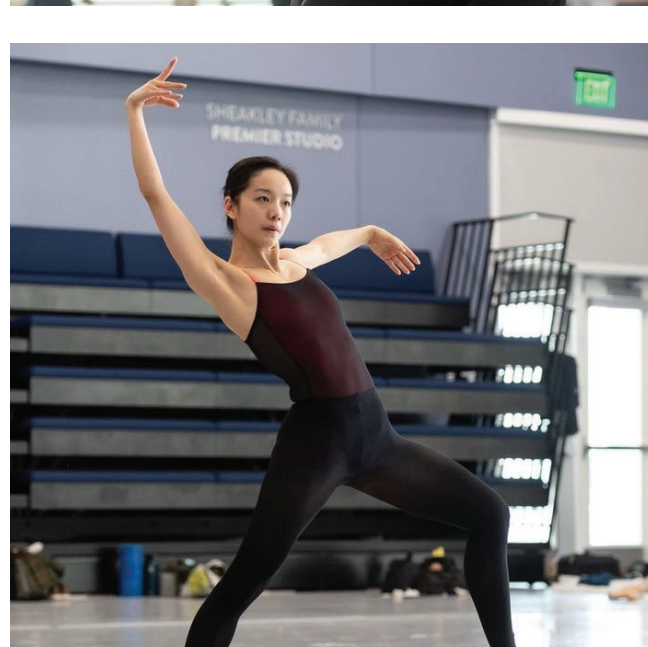
Cold weather and rain did not dampen the sheer excitement and energy of Cincinnati Ballet’s new Artistic Director, Jodie Gates. It was remarkable watching Jodie on the stage with our dancers during the working rehearsal; you could feel the trust and collaboration between dancer and director. I look forward to future touring opportunities for our company.”

~ Rhonda Sheakley, Emeritus Trustee and Longtime Supporter



“I wasn’t sure what to expect from the Laguna Dance Festival but what I saw there were CB dancers who wowed a local audience with their artistic grace and athleticism. My favorite, the piece from *Don Quixote*, had them whooping and on their feet in appreciation.”

~ Karen Maier, Longtime Supporter

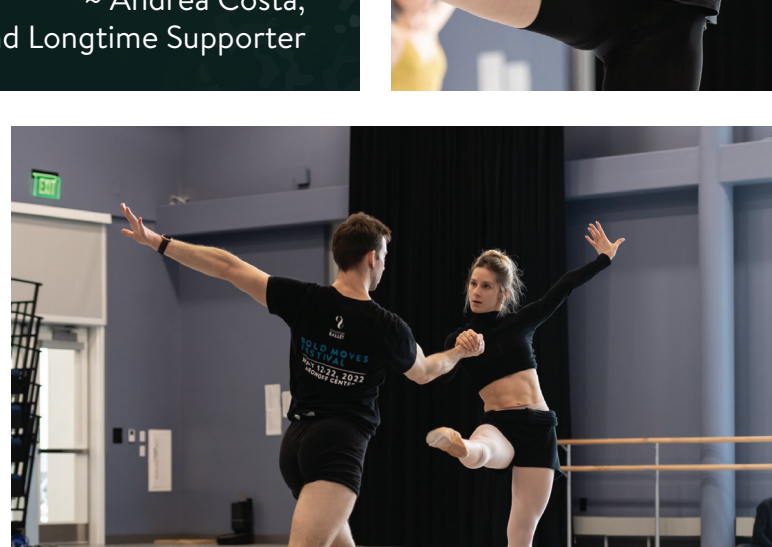


“I so enjoyed being with our Cincinnati contingent seeing our dancers perform on a stage in a city with a long history of supporting the arts, Laguna Beach, where I used to live. I was proud to bring my California friends to the shows, especially watching our dancers with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago. They were all fantastic!”

~ Jennifer Knight Zelkind, Cincinnati Ballet Trustee and Longtime Supporter

“The arts community in Cincinnati really punches above its weight, and our Cincinnati Ballet is no exception. I was honored to join in building relationships with our friends in Southern California who follow Jodie Gates and her journey. This was a big step into the national spotlight! Our dancers learned so much from this experience. There is nothing like adapting to a new venue to build a dancer’s resilience and confidence.”

~ Andrea Costa, Cincinnati Ballet Trustee and Longtime Supporter



“I was thrilled to attend the Laguna Dance Festival for the first time with our hugely talented Cincinnati Ballet. My good friend (Laguna Beach resident) and I were very proud to affiliate ourselves with CB. The performances were so spectacular, audience members were congratulating us!”

~ Lydia Jacobs-Horton, Cincinnati Ballet Trustee and Longtime Supporter

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February 24, 2023 at Laguna Playhouse, CA