

# Tucson Dance in the News

October 2009

Volume II, Issue 4

## Discover the Difference at Tucson Dance Academy!

Tucson Dance Academy is a professional dance academy offering comprehensive lessons to all dance students, regardless of an individual's ability or reason for study. Our central philosophy is to encourage the best effort of each dancer, and to help them achieve their full dance potential, whether or not he or she plans to perform professionally.



**Tammy Booth**  
Owner/Artistic Director

Many of our teachers are certified to teach by *The Dance Masters of America*, one of the longest running and largest dance teacher organizations in the country. Our amazing and accomplished teaching staff have years of experience in dance and teaching dance, and enjoy sharing the art of dance with our students! *Tucson Dance Academy* is under the artistic direction of Tammy Booth, an accomplished gymnast, dancer and choreographer. She and her husband, musician/composer/producer Tom Booth, have traveled the world professionally working in dance and music. As native Arizonans, and as owners of *Tucson Dance Academy*, they are grateful for the opportunity to share their love of the arts with people of all ages.

## Golf Tournament = FUNdraising

Raising over \$9,000.00, the first annual *Tucson Dance Foundation Golf Tournament*, held at The Golf Club at Vistoso, September 18<sup>th</sup> was deemed a huge success by golfers, comedy show attendees, and sponsors.

Golf tournament organizers have been told that the tournament was "an outstanding golf experience," "the classiest tournament" they'd ever played in, and that the show was "hilarious." Tournament sponsor Hosea Graham wrote, "The *Tucson Dance Foundation Golf Tournament* was a wonderful experience! The venue, hospitality and Tom Wilson show were all first class. All participants thoroughly enjoyed the event, supporting young talented artists in Tucson. We look forward the future of the Foundation and next year's event!"

**The TDF Golf Tournament was a wonderful experience. The venue, hospitality and Tom Wilson show were all first class!**

Hosea Graham  
– Tournament Sponsor



Golfing was not a prerequisite for a fun time. Show attendees were chuckling for days afterwards about Tom Wilson's take on the founding of Tucson "Let's stay here, I like the feel of hot rocks under my feet!" his

impersonations of native birds too hot and lazy to fly, and much more.

On Thursday, prior to the event, Tom Wilson spent time with dance students at a "Meet & Greet" session at the TDA studio, entertaining them with his numerous *Spongebob* character voices, inspiring them to put forth their best effort in all endeavors, answering their questions about the entertainment industry, and applauding their performances.



Tom Wilson & TDA dancers

## Dancers off to Regional Competition

Tucson Academy company dancers are gearing up with extra rehearsals, preparing to compete in upcoming NYCDA regional competitions October 30-31 in Salt Lake City and November 14-15 in Los Angeles. TDA Director Tammy Booth wants all advancing dancers to benefit from participating in New York City Dance Alliance (NYCDA) convention/competition weekends at some point in their training. NYCDA offers dancers a comprehensive educational experience;



competition weekends aren't just about winning trophies, but involve classroom learning from dance teachers who are at the top of their field. Each year, the season is capped off by a week-long nationals convention in New York City which offers dancers a truly enriching experience, including opportunities to try out for Broadway shows.

Finally after 21 Years of Entertaining Phoenix Area Residents, Tucson Dance Academy and Tempe's Christian Dance Company are Proud to Present the Tucson Premier of ...

### Spirit of Christmas

Celebrate the Season with a Variety Show to Delight all Ages!  
Featuring a cast of 100+ dancers plus nationally renowned guest performers, musicians and choreographers

**Saturday, December 12, 2009**  
6:00pm - 8:00pm & 7:00pm  
Inwood Ridge H.S. Auditorium  
2475 West Naranga Drive

**Tickets:**  
\$16 Adults / \$4 Seniors  
\$9 Children ages 12-17  
(Group Discounts Available)

**For Tickets Go To:**  
[www.tucsondanceacademy.com](http://www.tucsondanceacademy.com)  
Or, Call: 520.744.6882  
Proceeds to Benefit Gospel Rescue Mission

## Wanted: Santa's Helpers

Now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year in the Phoenix area, the *Spirit of Christmas* production has been successful thanks in no small part to the well-oiled machinery of a parent group that views their children's and grandchildren's participation in the show as a time-honored family tradition.

Tom and Tammy Booth are excited to see the *Spirit of Christmas* become a treasured part of your family's holiday celebration, too, and they're placing a call for all those willing and able to step forward to help make the show's Tucson premiere a huge success.

**Please plan on attending a "Spirit of Christmas 2009" informational/ planning meeting on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am. This will also be the first release of show tickets to studio families.**

Participation from dads, particularly for the Props Committee, would be most appreciated.

We will fill you in on the details of the production and appeal for volunteers to join a committee including: Props, Poster Distribution, Concessions, and Advertising.

Let the countdown for Spirit begin!

