

Southold Dance Theater Mission Statement

Southold Dance Theater (SDT) is a not-for-profit performing arts organization based in the disciplines of ballet and modern dance. SDT provides quality training and performance opportunities which allow each of its dancers to develop technique and artistry in a nurturing creative environment. SDT serves the regional community by providing a variety of programs including high-quality concert performances, in-school presentations and outreach programs which brings new audiences to dance. SDT makes life more enjoyable for people who share in the dance experience.

Southold Dance Theater's plan centers upon five major goals to achieve its mission:

- Artistic Excellence
- Awareness
- Education
- Participation
- Development

About Southold Dance Theater

Southold Dance Theater is a nationally recognized, pre-professional dance company currently in its 45th season. Under the direction of the professional staff, dancers strive to achieve mastery of technique and performance. Many dancers successfully audition for some of the nation's most prestigious dance institutions. Several have gone on to professional dance careers. As the resident dance company at the Morris Performing Arts Center, Southold enriches its audience with high standards of performance.

Year Founded: 1974

Artistic Director: Calin Radulescu

Finances

Southold Dance Theater (SDT) is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, and is funded in part by a grant from the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County through the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, with funds from the Indiana General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Productions

- SDT productions attract approximately 10,000 audience members annually.
- More than 5,000 local school children come to SDT's Nutcracker Youth Concerts each year.
- Nearly 200 dancers participate in each of SDT's annual major productions: *The Nutcracker* in December and a full length major production each spring

Youth America Grand Prix

- Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) is the world's largest student ballet scholarship competition that awards over \$250,000 annually in scholarships to leading dance schools worldwide. The competition is held annually around the world and in New York City, and is open to dance students of all nationalities 99-19 years old.
- Each year, SDT Company dancers participate in YAGP
- In March, 2019, thirty Southold Dancers will compete at YAGP

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School of Dance

- Southold trains approximately 250 students each year.
- Southold offers partial tuition reduction to students who demonstrate financial need.
- Southold's training program is enhanced by working side by side with professional dancers both in the studio and on the stage. Southold engages guest artists and instructors from professional dance companies each year.
- Southold faculty members use the Vaganova based Ballet Method and syllabus as a template for their instruction and early childhood teaching techniques to ensure our Children's Division classes create a nurturing environment that enables each child to begin a lifelong love of dance.
- There are three divisions in the school, designed to challenge students with each year of study:

Children's Division

The Children's Division includes Creative Movement classes for students ages 3 to 5 years and Primary Ballet classes for students ages 5 to 7.

Classical Ballet Division

The Classical Ballet Division offers four levels of instruction (Ballet I – IV). Auditions are required for admission and placement is based on age, strength and physical development.

Pre-Professional Division

The School's Pre-Professional Division offers advanced levels of instruction to students in Ballet V to VIII (Company Level.) Auditions are required for admission and placement is based on strength and physical development and ballet technique.

Adult Ballet Classes are also available on a Drop-In basis.

Southold Parent Guild

All parents of Southold students are invited to join the Southold Parent Guild. The Guild exists to enrich dance-school life through parental participation and to enhance communication between parents, faculty, administration and the Board of Directors. We welcome every parent's involvement and contributions, as each parent has something valuable to offer the Southold community. Thank you for sharing your interests, talents and time with us.

The Guild is headed by a President representing the volunteer leadership of committees, fundraisers and special events at Southold. The monthly Guild meetings include a briefing by the administration, informational presentations by parent representatives and volunteers, special reports on Southold events and discussion of current issues. The Guild President serves as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

The purpose of the Southold Guild is to promote mutual understanding and cooperation among parents, students, faculty, administration and Board of Directors for the improvement and progress of the school.

The Guild shall have set objectives and goals as defined by the Guild President, Southold Administration and the Board of Directors. The purpose of achieving these goals is to fulfill the Artistic Director's vision for studio enhancements and educational development.

The Guild President will select the Guild Officers. Each office will need to attend the monthly Guild meetings. The Term of service is July 1 through June 30.

Southold Parent Guild Positions

President: Appoints Guild Officers (Vice-President, Secretary, Communications Coordinator and Treasurer) and coordinates their committee work, creates agendas for and runs all Guild meetings. The President works closely with Southold administration and parent volunteers answering directly to the Board of Directors. The President directs fundraising efforts in conjunction with Southold Administration.

Vice President: Oversees the appointment and activities of all volunteers. The Vice President advances to Guild President the following year, therefore this is a two-year commitment.

Secretary: Records and distributes minutes at all Guild meetings.

Communication Coordinator: Conducts all Guild correspondence, updates the Guild Parent bulletin board, and works closely with Southold Administration with regard to school communications on behalf of the Guild.

Treasurer: Responsible for depositing of monies collected from Guild fundraisers, issuing payment to vendors for approved distributions, and bookkeeper for the Guild. The Treasurer works closely with the Board Treasurer and Southold Administration.