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## Ventura County Ballet to host inaugural fundraiser

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The Ventura County Ballet Company will host its inaugural fundraiser, Hot August Night, from 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 24.

Highlights will include an exclusive performance by legendary actress Stephanie Zimbalist with an evening filled with artists and world-class international performers in flamenco, ballet, music, song and dance with students from the Ventura County Ballet Company, the Riviera-Sunnarborg guitar-violin duo, and Antoinette Lopez's FlamencOle' Dance Ensemble.

The event will take place at Eucalyptus Lane in Oxnard, off North Victoria Avenue and Gum Street (River Ridge Golf Course entrance turnoff). The cost is \$65 per person. Patron and premier

packages are available for parties of four to 10 and range in cost from \$500 to \$1,500. Hors d'oeuvres, beverages and desserts will be served. Proceeds from a silent auction will benefit the Ventura County Ballet Company. For tickets and information, call 805-653-2800.

Kathleen Noblin established Ballet Academy Ventura, a prestigious youth-based ballet teaching facility, in 1992 and co-founded the Ventura County Ballet Company in 1998 as a non-profit in-residence academy for company members to perform with professionals and pre-professionals. Students are presented with a wealth of experience and knowledge from professional dancers.

Productions are family-oriented and

families are encouraged to participate in the production process.

The academy emulates and teaches its dancers Russian-style ballet based on the Vaganova curriculum and is a premier facility for young students who, over the years, have been accepted into the most prestigious ballet company summer programs around the nation.

Ballet Academy Ventura provides a complete ballet program and instruction from pre-ballet level at age three through pre-professional and adult at beginning and intermediate levels and presents two annual productions of The Nutcracker and Spring Ballet at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center featuring professional dancers and students from the Ballet Academy Ventura.



Courtesy photo

Rachel Arnold, Chelsea Portugal and Hana Goldstone in a recent Ventura County Ballet Company performance.

As part of its education outreach, Ventura County Ballet Company provides an Elementary Dance Education Program to the community and offers ballet instruction to foster youth.

For more information, call 653-2800

or visit [www.balletacademyventura.com](http://www.balletacademyventura.com).

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