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Santa Barbara Dance Alliance Announces**

**2009 The Dancers' Ball Benefit at Maritime Museum**

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**Summary Facts:**

- Dancers' Ball at Maritime Museum, October 10, 2009 8 pm to midnight
- Santa Barbara Dancing Stars join guests on the dance floor
- Fine food from local eateries, wine from premium vintners & a silent auction
- Evening will benefit SBDA's Youth Programs.
- VIP cocktail hour with Wine tasting
- The 13th Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to - TBA
- The 1st Annual Award of Distinction to be awarded to Celesta Billeci for her vision and passion that has brought cutting edge and world-renowned talent to Santa Barbara through her work with UCSB Arts and Lectures.
- Presenting sponsor the Rudi Schulte Family Foundation.
- Music by DJ Mike Loeza

**Tickets:**

- **\$75 Pas de Deux** (two)
- *\$100 @ Door*
- **\$45 Soloist** (single)
- *\$55 @ Door*

**Table Captain \$400**

- One table of eight (8) at the event with VIP cocktail hour tickets for all guest
- VIP Wine tasting
- Gift Bags

**Sponsorship Levels**

Sponsorships enable us to keep our guests' costs low, maximize attendance, and offer a more effective evening of philanthropy. Please contact us if you are interested in becoming an event sponsor.

**Santa Barbara, CA-** Join Santa Barbara Dance Alliance at the Maritime Museum on Saturday, October 10, 2009 when they present "The Dancers' Ball", an annual sell-out event, this year will feature an evening of "Dancing with *Our Stars*." Experience this one-of-a-kind event with unforgettable entertainment, bid on unique silent auction items, satiate your hunger with food from the finest local eateries, quench your thirst, sip wine produced

by our area's premium vintners and dance the night away. *OR*, sit back and relax, taking in the talent of the fabulous exhibition dancers as they spin around the dance floor.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Lifetime Achievement Award, will be presented at The Dancers' Ball to a person (nominated and voted by SBDA's members) who has passionately impacted the dance community, to be handed over by Derrick Curtis our 12<sup>th</sup> (LAA) recipient. New to SBDA this year, join us as we honor The 1st Annual Award of Distinction. This honor will be presented to Celesta Billeci for her vision and passion that has brought cutting edge and world-renowned talent to Santa Barbara through her work with UCSB Arts and Lectures. This new annual award will be given to a recipient who represents an individual or organization service to the Santa Barbara's Dance Community.

Proceeds from the Dancer's Ball support Santa Barbara Dance Alliance's Youth Programs. Since the inception of their scholarship program six years ago, awards of up to \$750 have been given to 114 youth 8-17 year olds to continue their technical dance training in Santa Barbara Studios. The students audition for a professional dance panel and are chosen based on their talent, dedication and financial needs

Santa Barbara Dance Alliance is a unique service organization focused on promoting dance and dance education in Santa Barbara County. In addition to Dancers Ball and the Scholarship Program, SBDA presents year round performances, signature events including the DaM Festival (Multicultural Dance and Music) in September, NEW WORKS: Santa Barbara Choreographers perform original pieces at Center Stage in January, BASSH: (Ballroom, Argentine Tango, Swing, Salsa & Hip Hop) at the Lobero in March. In May at the Marjorie Luke Theater, On The Verge, a showcase featuring pre-professional teen choreographers produce their cutting edge styles, and throughout the year, Master Classes offer the opportunity to dance or observe with distinguished guest artists in collaboration with UCSB Arts & Lectures and Dance Day, making State Street come alive with over 20 groups creating dance in public places. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (805) 966-6950 or visit us online at [www.sbdancealliance.org](http://www.sbdancealliance.org).

- One of our most popular events, sells out every year. Tickets and information at [www.sbdancealliance.org](http://www.sbdancealliance.org) or call (805) 966-6950
- Editors note: **High Resolution 300dpi photos available under "Press Kits" on the SBDA website.**

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