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SB Dance Alliance Summer Scholarship 2006 Awards presented by Margo Feinberg

Santa Barbara, CA, May 30, 2006 – Nine exceptional young dancers were honored with Santa Barbara Dance Alliance Summer Scholarship Awards on Saturday, May 27th. The awards were presented during the ON THE VERGE: 11th Annual Teen Choreographers Showcase at the Marjorie Luke Theatre by Margo Feinberg, scholarship contributor, and Julie McLeod, SBDA Executive Director, before an audience full of dance enthusiasts and supporters.

This year, seven studio scholarships were awarded to Veronica Wenziger, age 13, of Gustafson Dance; Carter Fisher, age 15, of Santa Barbara Jazz Dance Academy; Erika Martin del Campo, age 16, of Cruz Dance; Heidi Juarez, age 15, of Cruz Dance; Marlon Dorantes, age 9, of Linda Vega Dance Studio; Olivia Villalovos, age 10, of Linda Vega Dance Studio; and Ashley Almada, age 9, of Linda Vega Dance Studio. Two full tuition scholarships for this year's *SUMMERDANCE: Kid Connection* were also awarded to Taylor Fisher, age 13 and Rachel Jackson, age 14, both of Santa Barbara Jazz Dance Academy. Scholarship recipients are recommended by their dance studios and selected by a panel of judges at an audition on the basis of talent, dedication, and financial need. As a part of SBDA's mission to serve the dance community, the scholarship funds are dispersed to aid young dancers with the costs of professional summer dance training programs.

Scholarship funds have been contributed by Jean Kaplan, Susan Bower, Margo Feinberg, Mid State Bank, Montecito Bank & Trust, Wood Claeysens Foundation and Ann Jackson Family Foundation.

Fall-Spring scholarships will be awarded by Santa Barbara Dance Alliance for dance classes and will be due September 22. Interested parents and students should contact their studios for applications and nominations. For more information, please contact Santa Barbara Dance Alliance at 805-966-6950 or go to <http://sbdancealliance.org/services/scholarship/>.

Santa Barbara Dance Alliance – 27 Years Strong!

SBDA is a non-profit arts service organization whose mission is to foster, promote, and increase the awareness and quality of dance and other performing arts in Santa Barbara, and to bring the dance/arts community and its resources together.

SBDA annually presents NEW WORKS: Santa Barbara Choreographers, BASSH: Ballroom, Argentine Tango, Salsa, Swing and Hip-Hop, ON THE VERGE: Teen Choreographer's Showcase, The Multi-cultural Dance & Music Festival, The Dancer's Ball, and a variety of Master Classes with special guest artists throughout the year. SBDA also publishes DanceScene (a tri-annual newsletter), serves as a clearinghouse for dance events in the community and provides scholarships for under-served local artists.

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