

## Patrick Davis joins SBDA Board



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### **Former County Arts Exec. Dir. Joins Dance Alliance Board**

**Patrick Davis**, Executive Director of the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission for 18 years, has just joined the Board of Directors for Santa Barbara Dance Alliance, where he teams up with eight others lead by President Richard Hoag, and Executive Director Julie McLeod. who further the Alliance's mission to promote and serve dance in Santa Barbara County.

Winner of the Dance Alliance's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006, Patrick Davis has championed the causes of the arts, promoting arts education, funding,

partnerships and public awareness in the County for more than 25 years. Among his myriad accomplishments as Executive Director of the County Arts Commission, he fostered development for funding for local dance training and performance, advocated for performance and rehearsal spaces, and mentored partnerships to enable the presentation of internationally touring dance companies in our community.

With years' of experience as an advocate for the arts, Davis summarizes dance's integrity and benefits to education: "Dance is a great communication medium; it is immediate, gives instant feedback, then urges you to do it again – better. It is a way to bring the cultural illiterate to the arts. The body doesn't lie to you; it has music, movement and expression. You don't have to be sophisticated, just authentic and true. "

"Art teaches people to be critical thinkers. We come up with serious imagination deficits when the arts are not taught. But you have to reach people when they are young and don't have social restrictions. 4 to 6 year olds flourish in dance; ideally every kid should have a dance class by the 4th grade."

Working to make this all possible are Patrick's colleagues on Santa Barbara Dance Alliance's Board: Rich Hoag, President; Hylla Fischer, Vice President / Treasurer; Patricia L. Frank , Secretary; Derrick Curtis; Gloria Kaye; Jeremy Dawson; Christopher Pilafian and Carrie Diamond.

In 2007, Santa Barbara Dance Alliance will mark 28 years of promoting dance and dance awareness in the County. Its services to dancers, educators, and patrons range from scholarships for talented young dancers, through networking, advocacy, promotion and include production of several major performances each year.

Interested in stepping up to support dance in Santa Barbara? Seeing a performance or providing scholarships for young dancers? Call Administrative Director James Buchanan 805 966-6950 and see our website [www.sbdancealliance](http://www.sbdancealliance).

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