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**San Diego Ballet Presents “Collage: Dance Gallery” on April 18 and 19**

***Original works highlight company dancers as creators, performers and producers***

**SAN DIEGO, Calif. (April 9, 2026)** — San Diego Ballet presents *Collage: Dance Gallery*, a dynamic showcase of original works created, performed and produced by members of the company, with performances in Liberty Station on April 18 and 19.

Curated by San Diego Ballet dancer, Joseph Lister, *Collage: Dance Gallery* provides a platform for dancers to explore their own creative voices, stepping beyond performance to develop and present original choreography. The program features works by company dancers and San Diego Ballet School faculty.

The evening includes a diverse range of pieces from solos and duets to full ensemble works, blending classical ballet with contemporary movement styles. While rooted in technique, the program expands beyond traditional structures, allowing each choreographer to bring their own perspective and artistic identity to the stage.

“Sometimes a dancer is just a dancer—and that is a wonderful thing,” said Javier Velasco, executive and artistic director of San Diego Ballet. “But sometimes a dancer has something they want to say with their dance. Something personal. It has always been important to me to create a platform for our dancers to explore that in a supportive space.”

Velasco describes *Collage: Dance Gallery* as an opportunity for dancers to collaborate and take ownership of the creative process. “The Collage program is a chance for the dancers in the company to work with each other to choreograph and produce the show on their own. I always look forward to seeing what they create and sharing that with our audiences.”

By shifting the focus from interpretation to creation, *Collage: Dance Gallery* offers audiences a deeper connection to the artists behind the movement. The program emphasizes collaboration, creative risk-taking and the development of emerging choreographic voices within the company.

*Collage: Dance Gallery* will be presented April 18 at 8 p.m. and April 19 at 2 p.m. at Dance Place in Liberty Station, located at 2650 Truxtun Rd #207 in San Diego. Tickets are \$25 and available at: [sandiegoballet.org/collage](http://sandiegoballet.org/collage)

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### **ABOUT SAN DIEGO BALLET**

The mission of the San Diego Ballet is to excite, enrich, and entertain our diverse audience through an imaginative presentation of quality classical and contemporary dance. The San Diego Ballet presents a rich repertoire blending classical and contemporary works. Under the direction of Javier Velasco, the company is celebrated for its innovation, artistry, and community engagement.

For more information on performances, tickets, and educational programs, visit [www.sandiegoballet.org](http://www.sandiegoballet.org).