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**BOULDER BALLET APPOINTS ANDREA BASILE AS SCHOOL DIRECTOR – 8.17.2022**

***Boulder, CO – Boulder Ballet welcomes Andrea Basile as the new director of Boulder Ballet School for their 40th season.***

*Boulder Ballet looks to the future of dance to promote mental and physical wellness within the dance education system. Andrea Basile’s appointment as School Director promises a bright future of excellence and inclusivity within Boulder Ballet’s training program and in the field of dance.*

**STATEMENT FROM ANDREA BASILE**

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to join the incredible team of dance educators at Boulder Ballet as School Director. Stepping into the beautiful history of this organization, I am looking forward to building upon the many stories and successes of Boulder Ballet to create new and exciting opportunities for the students and families.

My values as an educator are deeply rooted in respect, authenticity, empathy and wellness. I bring my love of the art form into the studio every day to meet each student where they are, helping to foster exceptional artists and well-rounded human beings.

These values have shaped a wellness program I have developed called The Five Point Dancer Method. This method develops lifelong skills in each dancer that they can use at any age or stage of their dance journey surrounding mental health and physical wellness. I strongly believe that dancers will thrive if they are given support, guidance, and the necessary tools to create an enjoyable dance experience.

**ABOUT ANDREA BASILE**

Basile had an 18-year career as a dancer after graduating from San Francisco Ballet School. Throughout her professional career, she had the opportunity to perform for San Francisco Ballet, LINES Ballet, ODC, Kate Weare and Amy Seiwert among others. Basile has taught for LINES Ballet School, San Francisco Conservatory of Dance, Cincinnati Ballet Academy, Marin Dance Theater, the ODC School, and Magnify Dance Center. She has been a co-owner of Magnify Dance Center and Artistic Director of Magnify Dance Ensemble in Albuquerque, NM. Basile developed a unique wellness program for dancers called the Five Point Dancer Method that focuses on both mental and physical health in relation to dance training. The values of this approach echo the leadership style of Boulder Ballet’s new Artistic Director, Ben Needham-Wood. The organization is thrilled to welcome Basile into the transformative 40th season of the organization.

**ABOUT BOULDER BALLET**

Boulder Ballet is a classical, contemporary, and uniquely theatrical ballet company entertaining Boulder audiences for 40 years. Devoted to cutting-edge performance, high-caliber training, inclusivity and community outreach, Boulder Ballet is Boulder County’s foremost professional dance company and ballet school. Boulder Ballet is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

**WEBSITE:**  [www.BoulderBallet.org](http://www.BoulderBallet.org)

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