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Theatre Ventures International Announces New Principal Teacher / Associate Director

Today, Dennis Nahat, Theatre Ventures International's (TVI) Artistic Director, announced the appointment of Ms. Klar-Kristan Picard to the position of Principal School Teacher / Associate School Director of TVI's Ballet School.

Nahat remarked, "I am pleased and excited to announce that our School has engaged the energetic and talented world-class dance instructor, choreographer and performer Klar-Kristan Picard, to lead our expanding School. Her skill, reputation and vast dance experience will be an asset as well as an inspiration to our School and students. She is committed and dedicated to seeing that the students enrolled in our school and our productions excel in every possible way."

About Klar-Kristan Picard



When Klar was just 3 years old, she'd watch her older sisters in ballet class, imitating the movements in the doorway of the observation room. It was even then she knew she would pursue dance professionally. She extensively trained in the Cecchetti Syllabus with Lucille McClure, Teacher Emeritus, in Whittier, California, through high school. Since then, Klar has enjoyed opportunities internationally and domestically with many companies, in principal and soloist roles, in the ballets Nutcracker, Firebird, Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake, Romeo & Juliette, Giselle, Paquita, Carmen, Cinderella, Don Quixote, and Peter & the Wolf, and has appeared in numerous original ballets.

Klar has been delighted to be on the teaching faculties of Marin Dance Theatre, Dance Connection Palo Alto, Marti Gibeau School of Dance, San Francisco School of the Arts (as Artist in Residence) and San Francisco Dance Center (home of Alonzo King's Lines Contemporary Ballet). Her teaching arsenal includes ballet, pas de deux, pointe, jazz and tap.

Students Klar has trained have received scholarships and acceptance to programs at Ballet Magnificat, Ballet San Jose, Boston Ballet, Joffrey, Long Beach Ballet, Lines Ballet, Marin Dance Theatre, Radio City Rockettes, School of American Ballet and The Gelsey Kirkland Workshop, among others.

About Theatre Ventures International

Headquartered in San Jose, California, TVI specializes in innovative Theater and Dance Productions, initially serving the Greater Bay Area.

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