



Palm Springs

March 26th - April 3rd, 2022

INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL

Presented by Nickerson-Rossi Dance



NickersonRossiDance.com

A woman with her hair in a bun, wearing a pink leotard, is captured in a dynamic dance pose. She is leaning forward with her arms extended, one reaching high and the other lower. The background is filled with tall saguaro cacti and other desert plants, bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise setting.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The Palm Springs International Dance Festival (PSIDF) exists to provide a platform for dance artists to produce and share their work, enhance the local communities of the Coachella Valley's understanding of concert dance, provide comprehensive education to youth, cultivate the sustainability of concert dance, and to celebrate diversity and world cultures."

MICHAEL NICKERSON ROSSI

FOUNDER/ ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Nickerson-Rossi produces the Palm Springs International Dance Festival, is the Owner of Nickerson-Rossi's Dance House, directs the Palm Springs Dance Academy, and is an internationally renowned dance educator & choreographer.



HE'S THE
REAL THING.

- Janice Steinberg, Dance Magazine





Photo featuring Rangoli Dance Company
by Taso Papadakis

Program Line-Up

March 21st - March 25th
Indigenous Choreographer in Residence

Saturday, March 26th
"Indigenous Dance Residency"

Monday, March 27th
"Behind the Curtain"

Tuesday, March 28th
Premiere of "Time.Space.Energy"

Thursday, March 31st
Terri Ketover Party

Friday, April 1st
"Salon Rouge" Ballroom Bash

Saturday, April 2nd
6th Annual "Gala" Performance

Sunday, April 3rd
"Rise Above" Student Showcase

Sunday, April 3rd
AMDA Scholarship Audition

March 26th - April 3rd
14 Masterclasses

PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL presents

INDIGENOUS

DANCE RESIDENCY

March 26th, 2022



SINEW



Our inaugural Indigenous Dance Residency featured guest, **Julenda Satow Freeman**, will navigate us through a series of post-modern dance works that she choreographed in a week-long residency at Nickerson-Rossi's Dance House.

Julenda is a mixed-race woman and card-holding member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians (Lenni Lenape) and the Cherokee Nation. She is also a dancer, choreographer, mother of three, professor, and Chair of the Department of Dance at Mt. San Jacinto College. Julie has performed extensively with several modern dance companies, and performance highlights include dancing at the Japan American Theatre as part of the Olympic Arts Festival and performing solo work at the Edinburgh Arts Festival Fringe in Scotland.



JULENDA SATOW FREEMAN

"I will weave my family's story within the larger history of colonization and assimilation practices, which ultimately led to a cultural loss for many Indigenous families, my own included. I hope to shed light on the cultural disconnect that occurred due to forced relocation, stolen land, dance bans, genocide, residential boarding schools, and policies such as the Dawes Act."

FEATURED DANCERS INCLUDE

Latoya Butler, Martin Carrillo, Carly Embry,

Julenda Satow Freeman, Landon Higgs,

Kirsten Johansen, Joseph Lister, & Norine (Nono) Myers

MUSIC BY

"Antimatter (post)" by Aes Dana; "Heaven's Gate" by Inco; "Hellback Feat. Lightningcloud-BT88" by Hellback (Cree) Music; "Prologue for Aijjaack (Grana)" by Dawn Avery (Mohawk) and Larry Mitchell; "Viento" by Dawn Avery; "Sacred Seed" by Pura Fé (Tuscarora/Taino); "Roots and Wings" and "Peace and Power" by Joanne Shenandoah (Oneida); "Look at This (remix)" by A Tribe Called Red; "Old School is for Lovers (feat. Morningstar River)" and "Big Crow (feat. Black Lodge Singers (Blackfeet Nation))" by DJ Shub (Mohawk); "Drum Battle" by Robert Mirabal (Pueblo)

PSIDF Acknowledges

that we gather on the traditional lands of Indigenous peoples, namely the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. We give honor to the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. NRD gives much gratitude to these traditional stewards of the land we work, play, and live in.



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The "Indigenous Dance Residency" was our first artist in residence program produced in Nickerson-Rossi's Dance House.



The Commissioned Guest Artist Julenda Freeman worked in Nickerson-Rossi's Dance House during a week long choreographic and technically supported process.









TIME.
SPACE.
ENERGY.

Premiering March 29th, 2022

© Nickerson-Rossi's Dance House

The deepest natures of reality, as revealed by science, can be utterly strange and unintuitive.

The Creators



Patrick Olson

Patrick Olson is a recording and performing artist interested in the creative space between art and science. His recent releases include the album, *Music for Scientists* and the single, *Like This*, available on all music streaming services. For this performance, he has written 5 new pieces to be released in June of 2022.



Michael Nickerson-Rossi

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Featuring

Nickerson-Rossi Dance Company

Marissa Andresky, Heidi Buehler, Samantha DeMarco, Chad Ortiz, & Hailee Whiddon

Supporting Vocalists

Raymond Del Barrio, Kellee McQuinn, & Christine Tringali Nunes

Musicians

Mike Avenaim, Pierre Jamerson, Elias Mallin, & Phillip Meneses





as psilocybin sings its song

**"Time.Space.Energy. was easily
one of my top ten favorite programs
I've experienced in Palm Springs."**

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Nickerson Rossi Dance collaborates with composer - performing artist Patrick Olson in an unpredictable exploration of the border between science and art. In their sold-out premiere, this multifaceted production involved live original music, performance art, projection, singing, and dance.



Terri Ketover

Nickerson-Rossi celebrates, acknowledges, and honors our angel, Terri Ketover, who first presented Nickerson-Rossi Dance in 2012 at the Palm Springs Art Museum, Annenberg Theater. Without her recognition and support, we would not be where we are today.

Private Event

Thursday, March 31st, 2022

@ Nickerson-Rossi's Dance House





"Because Terri believed in my work, she ignited a fire in me that won't be extinguished."

Michael Nickerson-Rossi



It was a beautiful evening filled with laughs, tears, and love.

The evening began with live music from pianist Michael Roberts, two Nickerson-Rossi Dance works, one titled "Deeply Rooted" which was dedicated to Terri Ketover, and delicious catering by Lulu's.

We honor Terri Ketover and send her our love and deepest appreciation.





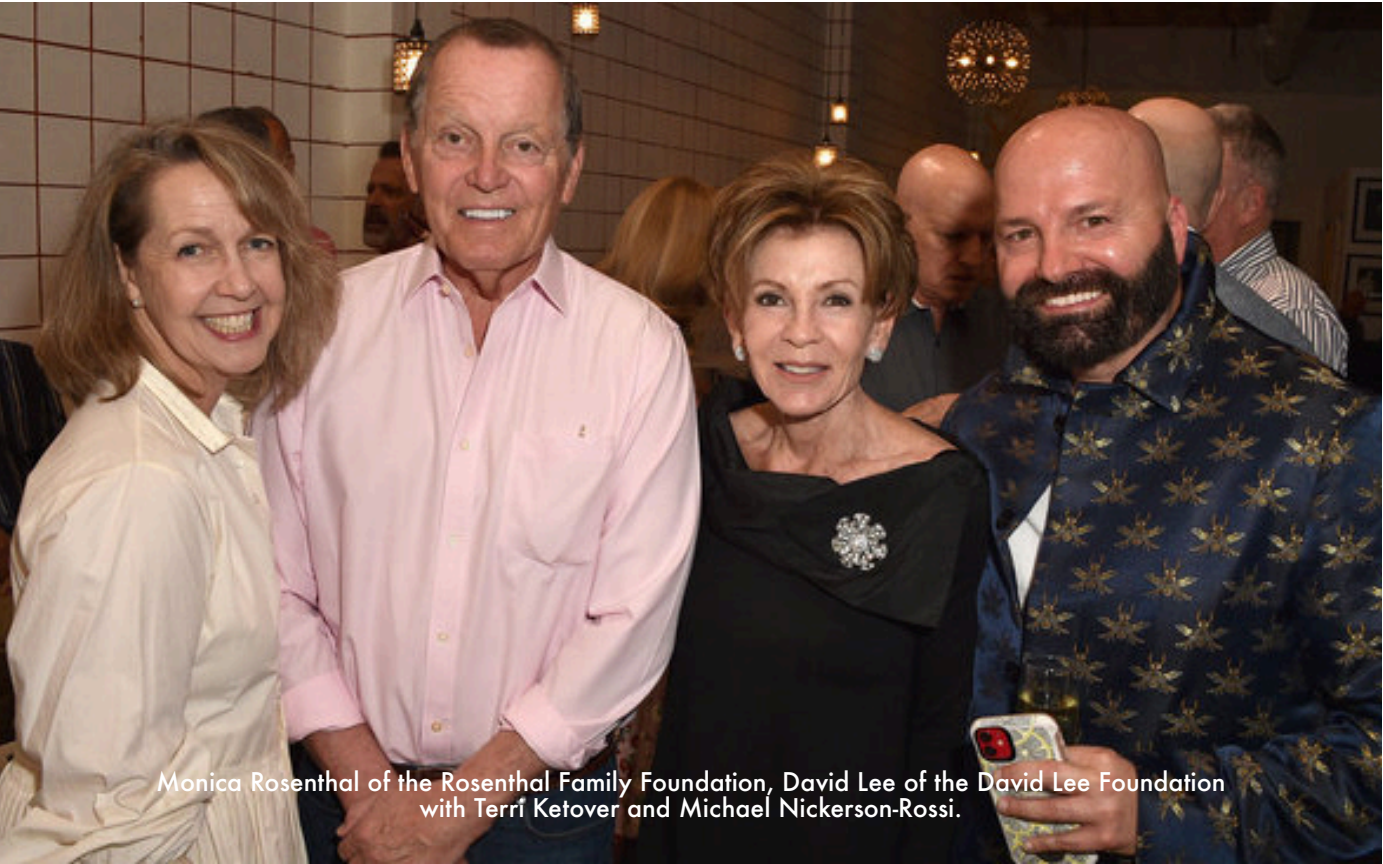
Terri Ketover with the ladies of Nickerson-Rossi Dance



Laurie Bianchin, Michael Nickerson-Rossi, Terri Ketover, John Monahan, Jeremey Hobbs



Barbara Sinatra Children's Center Directors and Board



Monica Rosenthal of the Rosenthal Family Foundation, David Lee of the David Lee Foundation with Terrí Ketover and Michael Nickerson-Rossi.

A man in a red velvet jacket and a woman in a gold sequined dress are dancing on a stage. The man is in the foreground, seen from the back, with his arms outstretched. The woman is in the background, leaning back and holding a long, flowing veil. The stage is lit with warm, golden light, and there are dark curtains in the background.

Salon Rouge



"Salon Rouge!" Ballroom Bash! Another sold-out program that this year featured local dancers and choreographers of Palm Springs Ballroom,
Curtis Collins and Beverly Durand!

Plus live vocals by Tom Lowe and Dj and Performances by RMH Dance!





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G A L L A

**April 2nd
2022**

- 1 **"What Once Was Or Could Have Been"** | *Premiere Work*
 MCKEEVER DANCE THEATRE (Palm Desert)
 Choreography by Cristina McKeever in collaboration with Jack Bianchi
 Music by Coleman Hawkins, Ben Webster, Oscar Peterson,
 Nat King Cole, Gregory Porter
 Performed by Jack Bianchi & Cristina McKeever
 Sponsored by Olga Morales & Allen Burtiner
- 2 **"Equality"** | *Created 2019*
 NICKERSON-ROSSI DANCE (PALM SPRINGS)
 Choreography by Michael Nickerson-Rossi
 Music by The Chamber Orchestra of London & Paul Saunderson
 Performed by Heidi Buehler, Samantha DeMarco, & Chad Ortiz
- 3 **"Danca Musicorum Ritmo"** Sections 1, 2, & 8 | *Created 2018*
 FUSE DANCE COMPANY (Orange County)
 Choreography by Joshua D. Estrada-Romero
 Music by Faruvala
 Performed by Kathy Duran, Stephanie Lin, Joseph Lister,
 Phillip Lu, Katie Marshall, & Maili Schlosser
- 4 **"Deeply Rooted"** | *Created 2014*
 NICKERSON-ROSSI DANCE (Palm Springs)
 Choreography by Michael Nickerson-Rossi
 Music by Westminster Cathedral Choir,
 David de Winter & Martin Baker
 Performed by Heidi Buehler & Chad Ortiz
- 5 **"Mahadeva Shiva Shambho"** | *Premiere Work*
 RANGOLI DANCE COMPANY (Los Angeles)
 Choreography by Malathi Iyengar
 Music by Tanjavur Shankara Iyer, Debur Srivathsa, Gurumurthy G.,
 Madhusudan, & Narasimha Murthy
 Performed by Shivani Aysola, Vyshnavi Aysola, & Nishitha Viswanathan
- 6 **"Now"** | *Premiere Work*
 ALVIN RANGEL (Baltimore)
 Choreography by Alvin Rangel
 Music by Mozart
 Performed by Chase Benjamin & Chase Fitin
- 7 **"Cause & Effect"** | *Created 2012*
 NICKERSON-ROSSI DANCE (Palm Springs)
 Choreography by Michael Nickerson-Rossi
 Music by Moby & Afro Celtix
 Performed by Marissa Andresky, Heidi Buehler, Samantha DeMarco,
 Chad Ortiz, & Hailee Whiddon





The "Gala" performance opened with **McKeever Dance Theater**. A premiere showing for Artistic Director, **Cristina McKeever**. She presented a jazz and tap combination performance that brought us back to a time when love might have been a little more simple.

This work was generously sponsored by Olga Morales & Allen Burstiner.

Festival founder, **Michael Nickerson-Rossi**, presented his professional dance company, **Nickerson-Rossi Dance** in "Equality." A detailed contemporary dance work that showcases the power of when bodies work together as one.





Fuse Dance Company was the winner of this year's submission for "The Chosen." Artistic Director, **Joshua Estrada-Romero** presented a rhythmically challenging dance work as the dancers explored the stage with unique timing, musicality and formations.

Nickerson-Rossi Dance
presented "Deeply
Rooted." A romantic duet
that entangles these
dancers' bodies into
unpredictable shapes and
daring partnering.





The stage was
blessed by
**Rangoli Dance
Company.** Our
cultural highlight of
the evening
featured
choreography by
Artistic Director,
Malathi Iyengar.
One of the oldest
codified dance
forms in existence
today is
"Bharatanatyam," a
classical Indian
dance form.

Alvin Rangel
presented an
intimate and
heartfelt male
duet. Passion,
kindness, and a
deep connection to
each other.





Closing the "Gala" was **Nickerson-Rossi's** first work of his repertoire, "Cause & Effect." The dancers demanded attention in this high-speed, athletically driven dance work.



5 dance companies | 18 dancers



We had a proud moment during our "Gala" performance.



Dr. John and Laurie Bianchin
have been an integral part of our
organization's growth.

In honor and to share our deepest
appreciation, Nickerson-Rossi Dance
has placed two more names on our
donor wall, next to Terri Ketover.



Valley View Dental

John T. Bianchin, D.D.S. on El Paseo

QUALITY TIME,
QUALITY CARE...
ONE GUEST AT A TIME!



(From Left to Right) Michael Nickerson-Rossi with Laurie and John Bianchin
And Director of Events of the PS International Dance Festival Spring 2022, Raymond Del Bario

EDUCATION

A black and white photograph of a large group of dancers, mostly young adults, posing in a dance studio. They are arranged in several rows, with some standing in the back and others kneeling or sitting on the floor in the front. Many are wearing dark, form-fitting dance attire like crop tops and leggings. They are all smiling and making various playful poses, some with hands on hips, some with arms raised, and some with hands near their faces. The studio has large windows in the background with dark curtains, and the floor is a dark, polished surface.

14 masterclasses | 89 performers | 149 students

Spring 2022 Student Enrollment

CALIFORNIA



MARYLAND



1. Riverside County
2. Orange County
3. Los Angeles County
4. San Diego County
5. Baltimore County

4 High Schools, 3 Colleges, and 2 Arts Organizations

Washington



Spokane

California

1. Riverside County
2. San Bernardino County
3. San Diego County
4. Orange County
5. Los Angeles County
6. Ventura County
7. Santa Barbara County
8. Fresno County



Palm Springs

since 2016 !

Over 899 students

Traveling into Palm Springs, CA

30 High Schools

33 Universities / Colleges

20 Other Type of Dance Program

Pennsylvania



Philadelphia County

Chester County

Baltimore

New York

New York City

Morris County

Burlington County

New Jersey

Washington D.C.

Maryland

Puerto Rico







AMDA College taught a workshop that awarded 8 dancers a total of \$175,000 in scholarship money towards college tuition and high school summer programming!

Additionally, **Nickerson-Rossi Dance** awarded \$6,275 in student scholarships for their summer 2022 programs.



THANK YOU TO OUR ARTS PARTNERS!



VERSASTYLE
Performance Education Community



Versa-Style P.E.C. sponsored 16 inner city Los Angeles students.
Artistic Directors Jackie Lopez & Lee Foard

AMDA College of the
Performing Arts



AMDA College awarded \$175,000 in scholarships.
Outreach Director Alexandra Drattel



Palm Desert High School sponsored 23 students to attend the 2022 Spring Festival
Director Cristina McKeever



Helix Charter High School sponsored 30 students to attend the 2022 Spring Festival
Director Katie Pipes

\$196,275

was awarded during the festival for

- College tuition
- Summer dance training
- Palm Springs International Dance Festival Scholarships

WOW



**Nickerson-Rossi Dance (NRD)
is a non-profit 501(c)(3).**

Programs include the

Nickerson-Rossi Dance Company

Nickerson-Rossi's Dance House

Apprenticeship Program

Palm Springs Dance Academy

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Palm Springs International Dance Festival



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