

# NSD SUMMER MASTER CLASSES

## AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

*\*Full Series Beg/Int - \$220, Int/Adv - \$250, one class - \$30*

*(Non NSD students \$245/\$275, on class - \$40)*

### **Beg/Int. Students Ballet level B thru D (& Hip Hop students 8-11yrs)**

*Contemporary w/Rebecca* 10:15-11:30am Thursday & Friday  
*Ballet w/Michael* 11:45am-1:00pm Thursday & Friday  
*Hip Hop w/Sam* 1:15-2:30pm Thursday & Friday

### **Int/Adv. Students Ballet level E & up (& Hip Hop students 12 & up)**

*Ballet w/Michael* 10:00-11:30am Thursday & Friday  
*Hip Hop w/Sam* 11:45am-1:15pm Thursday & Friday  
*Contemporary w/Rebecca* 1:30-3:00pm Thursday & Friday

### **All Students**

Friday Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 3-4:30pm - Injury awareness/prevention Q & A with  
Physical Therapist Michelle McPherson



**Sam Picart** received a BFA from Cornish College of the Arts and has studied on scholarship at the Joffrey Ballet in New York City. Sam has danced featured roles in The Nutcracker, Sleeping Beauty, Jose Limon's Psalm, Camille Brown's New Second Line and Danny Buraczeski's Swing Concerto. He was an apprentice with the Interweave Dance Theater Company in Boulder, CO and a guest artist with Ballet Northwest. Sam is currently dancing with Ashani Dances having danced with Iyun Harrison for three seasons and has been JPB's guest choreographer for the past 2 years.



**Michael Pontius** won the Senior Classical competition at Youth America Grand Prix's (YAGP) semi-finals in Bellevue in 2013. He is a former student of Northwest School of Dance and Emerald Ballet Academy in Bellevue. He began his dance training at the Pacific Northwest Ballet School at the age of 6. At 11, he moved to Washington D.C. and studied at the Kirov Academy of Ballet, and later was a student at the Paris Opera Ballet School. Michael has studied ballet, character, contemporary and partnering technique. He is currently a member of the Estonian National Ballet company.



**Rebecca Smith** is a local dancer, performer, and choreographer. She received her technical training in the UW Dance Program, along with Ewajo Dance Centre and Bainbridge Ballet in ballet, modern, jazz, hip hop, and afro-latin. Over the last year she has performed for choreographers such as Cheryl Delostrinos, Imana Gunawan, and Hallie Scott. Rebecca is a dancer with The Three Yells Performance Company and is a member of Au Collective. Her own work has also been produced through The Studios, as well as in Au Collective's Gold & Skin 2015. She has an immense passion for teaching and is thrilled to be able to share her love for dance with others.



**Michelle McPherson** is a licensed Physical Therapist with 19 years of experience, treating a wide variety of orthopedic, neuromuscular and neurologic injuries. She grew up in the Pacific Northwest and earned two degrees from the University of Washington. Her specialties include working with the spine and rehabilitating multi-sport athletes. She also greatly enjoys working with seniors. Michelle has a full life with a triathlete husband, two daughters and one son. Michelle enjoys yoga, is a sprint distance triathlete and a mud runner!