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Silicon Valley Ballet School Announces 2015/16 Master Class Series

**Taught by Artistic Director José Manuel Carreño
Artistic Associate Karen Gabay**

Principal Dancer Ommi Pipit-Suksun

San Jose, CA, September 8, 2015: Silicon Valley Ballet School announces today its 2015/2016 Master Class Series suitable for all dance students ages 11 and older. The Series begins in September 2015 and runs through April 2016. Master Class instruction consists of technique classes taught by Silicon Valley Ballet Artistic Director José Manuel Carreño and Artistic Associate Karen Gabay, as well as training classes with Carreño and Silicon Valley Ballet Principal Dancer Ommi Pipit-Suksun.

“We are thrilled to offer our dance students the opportunity to train with the very best in the field,” said Dalia Rawson, Silicon Valley Ballet School Director. “Master classes will enable dance students to become more familiar with our world-class dancers and staff, and get to know more about our upcoming productions including *Giselle*, *The Nutcracker*, and *ALICE (in wonderland)*.”

Master Class Series schedule

Sunday, September 27, 2015

***Giselle* Master Class with José Manuel Carreño**

A technique class followed by choreography from Alicia Alonso's *Giselle*, taught by Silicon Valley Ballet's legendary Artistic Director.
Cost: \$100 to participate, \$25 to observe

Sunday, November 8, 2015

***Nutcracker* Master Class with Karen Gabay**

A technique class followed by the opportunity to learn a variation from *The Nutcracker*, taught by the choreographer herself.
Cost: \$75 to participate, \$25 to observe

Sunday, March 13, 2016

José Manuel Carreño

Train with Silicon Valley Ballet's Artistic Director José Manuel Carreño.
Cost: \$100 to participate, \$25 to observe

Sunday, April 10, 2016

ALICE (in wonderland)

Train with Principal Dancer Ommi Pipit-Suksun, in a class inspired by the experience of preparing for Septime Weber's *ALICE (in wonderland)*.
Cost: \$75 to participate, \$25 to observe

Master Classes are suitable for all dance students, ages 11 and up. Pointe shoes are not required, but may be worn by experienced dancers for portions of the class at the discretion of the Master Teacher.

All classes will take place from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, with time for photos and autographs to follow, at Silicon Valley Ballet's San Jose Studios, 40 N. 1st St. in downtown San Jose.

Space is limited. To pre-register please contact school@balletsj.org or 408.288.2820. x223.

About Silicon Valley Ballet School

Silicon Valley Ballet School is the official school of Silicon Valley Ballet, and an American Ballet Theatre Certified School. Established in 1996 as Ballet San Jose School, Silicon Valley Ballet School is proud to include the American Ballet Theatre National Training Curriculum, a breakthrough program that combines high quality artistic training with the basics of dancer health and child development. The ABT National Training Curriculum consists of a comprehensive set of age-appropriate, outcome-based guidelines to provide the highest quality ballet training to dance students of all ages and skill levels.

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