



# VITACCA BALLET

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## **VITACCA BALLET ARTISITC DIRECTOR + FOUNDER KELLY ANN VITACCA JOINS THE 2023 TREES OF HOPE HOUSTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Trees of Hope transforms children’s lives exclusively benefiting the Star of Hope**

**HOUSTON, TEXAS [April 27, 2023]:** Vitacca Ballet is proud to announce Artistic Director + Founder Kelly Ann Vitacca has joined the 2023 Trees of Hope Houston Board of Trustees. Trees of Hope transforms lives through fundraising and outreach activities for the exclusive benefit of children’s programs at Star of Hope, via their Children's Critical Care Fund.

Ms. Vitacca commented, “I am truly honored to represent Vitacca Ballet by joining the Trees of Hope Board. The optimism they bring Houston’s women and children at Star of Hope transforms lives daily. I look forward playing an integral role in Trees of Hope and Star of Hope’s mission.” As a female entrepreneur Ms. Vitacca is excited, “To be asked to join the Board of an organization run by strong philanthropic women. It is an absolute pleasure to work alongside these women.”

In November 2022 Vitacca Ballet was honored to perform at the Trees of Hope Gala “Nutcracker Christmas.” This annual event is attended by over 300 people and includes a silent auction, dinner, presentations, live auction, and dancing. A feature of the silent auction is 20+ beautifully decorated Christmas trees, each with accompanying items based on a theme. The money raised from this event goes to the exclusive benefit of Star of Hope children's programs and their Children's Critical Care Fund.

### **ABOUT VITACCA BALLET**

Vitacca Ballet (Vitacca) founded in 2020 by Kelly Ann Vitacca is a creation-based repertoire company in the Houston area. As the pandemic brought artists home to Houston, Vitacca strived to keep artists employed, and the Houston arts scene alive with project-based work. This experience laid the framework for the launch of Vitacca Ballet in 2021, which now works diligently to operate a 32-week season and employ local, national, and international artists. Vitacca has had the honor to work with regional and international choreographers including Tina Kay Bohnstedt, Sean Aaron Carmon, Andrea Dawn Shelley, Garrett Smith, Autumn Eckman, Robbie Moore and Madison Hicks. Vitacca Ballet has been seen on stage within performance and outreach community events such as The Nutcracker, Night at the Ballet, Vitacca Ballet World Premiere, Contemporary Dance Choreography Festival, Florida and Versatility Dance Festival, Utah. This season you can see Vitacca Ballet at the Bailindo Dance Festival, ANDIOMO Presented by Charles Bender Performing Arts Center, Trees of Hope Gala as 2022 Entertainment Sponsor, LAUNCH at Match Houston, connec(tx)ions Austin Tour, San Antonio Dance Gala and the Red Rock Dance Festival, Utah. Vitacca is a proud recipient of the Dance Source Houston Groundwork Grant and thrilled to share its artistic energy with our 2022-2023 patrons and supporters.

Vitacca Ballet is proud to be a fiscally sponsored project through [Fractured Atlas](#). This allows tax-deductible donations to be made toward Vitacca Ballet's vision and artistic growth.

To learn more about Vitacca Ballet, please visit [www.VitaccaBallet.org](http://www.VitaccaBallet.org).

### **ABOUT TREES OF HOPE**

Celebrating more than 30 years of enriching and transforming the lives of children at Star of Hope. Trees of Hope has supported the children's programs at Star of Hope since 1990. Financially through their Children's Critical Care Fund, as well as through programs designed to support the children and mothers residing at the facility.

### **ABOUT STAR OF HOPE**

Star of Hope is a Christ-centered community supporting Houston's homeless men, women, and children. They encourage positive life changes through programs in spiritual growth, education, employment, life management, and substance abuse recovery.

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