



**FOUNDER &  
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR:**  
*Virginia Stapleton*

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Dear Stapleton families and friends,

**MANAGING  
DIRECTOR:**  
*Sharon Burns*

Every day when I walk into our wonderful new building, I am amazed and grateful to you all. Having everyone under one roof - dancers, actors, faculty and staff - allows us to work closer with one another while creating a cohesive environment that benefits all of us. What a great joy and energy we now have in our studios!

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But our work is not done. We still have many needs to fulfill:

- An integrated sound system for all the studios
- Cubbies in studios for storage of personal items during class and rehearsals
- A robust financial aid program to assist our students in need
- Paying down the \$350,000 debt created by the move

Stapleton has been a gem for Marin County for 30 years. Please help to make it so for another 30 years by making a donation to our Annual Fund. All donors who give before November 12 will be recognized in the printed programs for *The Nutcracker and A Christmas Carol*.

We appreciate gifts of any size. Please use the enclosed envelope to make your tax-deductible gift. You can also visit [www.stapletonschool.org](http://www.stapletonschool.org) to make your donation online. Every dollar goes a long way.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia Stapleton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "V".

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