

Twenty-five years ago, the launch of EDLA! culminated in a year that was the most difficult our family had ever experienced.

Starting our dance program, seeing the joy and exhilaration of our young students as they began to love moving to music, as well as the pride of their parents in their children's achievements, helped to bring our family back to life and gave us a reason to move forward.

Liza Bercovici
Founder, EDLA!



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The success of EDLA! is due, in no small part, to its champions, who, for the last 25 years, have generously given to an organization whose core belief is that every child is a treasure. Through our dance and enrichment programs, EDLA! gives our students the tools to unlock their true potential.

Alex Dilks Pandola, EDLA! Executive Director



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In my wildest dreams, I never envisioned that our dance program would expand the way it has, impacting so many young lives in such wonderful ways. Gabri would be very proud of all that has been achieved in her name and memory.

Liza Bercovici, Founder, EDLA!

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Then



The first staff photo at EDLA!



2007 Recital



2014 Recital

Now



2023/24 EDLA! Staff Photo



Conservatory 3 performing at the 2022 Gala at SoFi Stadium during the pandemic



The Little Mermaid 2024 Recital

Moments to Remember through the 25 Years at EDLA!

My time at Everybody Dance LA! has been life-changing. I discovered a deeper understanding of my physicality as a dancer and the true meaning of community—a family that cares, supports, and grows together. The teachers' passion and dedication inspired me to become a more thoughtful artist and educator, and their encouragement shaped my approach to dance and life. I'm forever grateful for the love and lessons I received at EDLA!, and I hope future dancers feel as empowered as I have.



Norbert Competing in the Music Center Spotlight

Norbert De La Cruz III
BFA, MFA, Dance Artist, Choreographer
EDLA! student from 2002-2006



Liza with Michelle Obama, EDLA! receives National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award

EDLA! has nurtured and guided my dance career. They have not only shaped me as a dancer but also as a person. I've learned invaluable lessons, explored various dance styles, and gained countless opportunities because of them. Without EDLA!, I wouldn't be who I am today; my growth as a dancer and my connections with peers and teachers have been crucial. The community at EDLA! makes me feel at home, and after so many years of dancing with them, they have become part of my family.



Haylie as Ariel in The Little Mermaid

Haylie Rivera
High School Senior
EDLA! student from 2013-present



EDLA!'s Company 2 youth perform at the Golden Globes Foundation's Grantee Dinner

Everybody Dance LA! is an exceptional organization. I've witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of dance on every child involved in the program—the confidence, well-being, and creativity they develop truly provide them with a stronger foundation for life.



Benjamin Millepied teaching a Mastery Class at EDLA!

Benjamin Millepied
Choreographer, dancer, filmmaker and former principal dancer at the NYC Ballet, and Co-Founder of LA Dance Project

I began going to dance school at the age of three. Ever since dance has been a real gateway to my life and my career. Everybody Dance does a similar thing, opening pathways for children to find a voice within themselves, understand artistic expression, and really grasp their power. I just love this organization.



Quote from "What's Next: a Backstage Pass to the West Wing" by Melissa Fitzgerald and Mary McCormack

Dulé Hill
Versatile and award-winning actor and dancer who has starred in Broadway, film, and television projects. Has taught a mastery class at EDLA!.

By the Numbers:

Then and Now

2000	2025
35 Students	7,600 Students
1 Location	40 Locations
\$50K Budget	\$2.1M Budget



With the goal to expose our students to a university dance program, careers in dance and related fields, in 2023 and 2024 EDLA! and USC Gloria Kaufman School of Dance began a partnership to bring 50 students for a Day of Dance including a mastery class, campus tour, and a performance by USC's dancers.

EDLA!'s 40th Location at the Children's Institute in Watts, CA (South LA)



Financials 2023/24 FY

Income:

Contributions- 16%
Grants- 40%
Program Income- 29%
Special Event- 15%

Expense:

Program- 70%
General Admin- 14%
Fundraising- 12%
Special Events- 4%



As Board Chair and an enthusiastic supporter of EDLA!, I have seen firsthand the pride in the eyes of our students and parents as they recognize the life-changing impact dance has on their minds, bodies, and souls. What began as a program serving 35 students in one location 25 years ago to over 7,600 youth in 40 locations today underscores the transformative power of high-quality dance education offered by EDLA. As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, we are as committed as ever to every youth in our programs reaching their life goals through graduation, college, family, and community.

Charlene Achki-Repko
EDLA! Board Chair

Save the Date

EDLA! 25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 6PM

Candela La Brea, 831 S La Brea Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036



I've been a rabid fan of Everybody Dance LA! since I became a supporter and Board member in 2009. I have celebrated the growth and evolution of EDLA! and witnessed the transformative power dance has on the youth who participate. During this 25th anniversary year, I invite you to join me, become a dancePARTNER, and make an impact through EDLA!'s high-quality dance education in low-income communities and under-resourced schools throughout Los Angeles.



Jane Jelenko
EDLA!, Board Member and Development Committee Chair

dancePARTNER Program

For 25 years, EDLA! has been unique in that it is not a tuition-based program. After-School Program families pay \$15/month, per dance style, with discounts for multiple classes and siblings. Enrollment provides FREE participation in all recitals, performances, intensives and enrichment programs, including costumes, pointe shoes and transportation. The actual cost of our After-School Program is over \$1,500 per child. Your donation ensures that we can continue to make high-quality dance and enrichment programs accessible for the next 25 years.



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