

**BIO: Jodi Shilling - Owner, Relevé Studios** Whether her dance instruction happens on-site at her business, Relevé Studios, in Valley elementary schools, or through local charity and community events, Jodi Shilling uses the performing arts as a tool to teach children confidence, leadership, expression, empathy, creativity and teamwork. Jodi's programs in Northridge, and surrounding communities, impacts upwards of 6,000 kids weekly through her dedication to bring performing arts to all children.

Jodi is always looking to the future and seeing what's next for herself, for her business, and her community. When business was down, she created a way to take her studio out to local schools. When a massive storm damaged her studio's dance floors, she rebuilt her studio at a different location. During the pandemic, Jodi provided a place where kids could do their schoolwork on Zoom and participate in outdoor dance classes.

Before it was popular, she emphasized diversity and inclusivity in both her students and her staff.

She continues to use her dance studio to create a safe, nurturing and supportive learning environment.