

BALLET SAN JOSE

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BALLET APPOINTS NINE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley has appointed nine new members to the Operating Board of Directors.

Gadi Behar is Founder and Managing Director of Silicom Ventures. He has been engaged in business planning, development, financial, recruiting and fundraising work for several Silicon Valley and Israel-based startups--particularly in semiconductor, life sciences, software and information technologies. Under his leadership, Silicom Ventures has grown to be one of the largest Angel Investment firms in the United States.

Rob Cisneros, DDS, is a dentist and real estate investor living in Los Altos Hills. He is very energetic and enthusiastic about the ballet. He speaks some Russian and does volunteer dentistry in the Ukraine for underprivileged children.

Shellie McLean Fry is a vibrant member of the Fry family (Fry's Electronics). She organizes special events for Opening Night ballet subscribers prior to each program and serves as hostess. She has been instrumental in developing a team to sell subscriptions to the Ballet's new season.

Andrea Gregory-Schoen is a Senior VP and Private Client Advisor in the Wells Fargo Palo Alto Private Client Services Office since 1994. She focuses on serving the banking, credit and investment needs of high net worth individuals and families. She lives in Menlo Park with her husband, Gary, and together they own Rick's Ice Cream in Palo Alto.

Teri Houseman-Struck has raised Venture Capital money for start-up medical device companies. Teri's family founded Allergan Pharmaceuticals based in Irvine. She is very involved in finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis and is raising funds for medical research through Cure MS Now and MS Society. Her husband, Steve, is a plastic surgeon with several offices between Atherton and Morgan Hill.

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Dr. Giselle Parry Farris has 25 years of academic and executive management experience. She has worked for Honeywell, MCI Telecommunications and Hitachi Data Systems. Her doctorate is in Organization and Leadership from the University of San Francisco. Currently, Dr. Parry is Executive Vice President of Operations and Marketing for Westwind Enterprises and an adjunct professor in USF's Doctoral Program in the School of Education.

Dan Pulcrano is Executive Editor and CEO of Metro Newspapers and Boulevards, which operates city guides on the Internet, including San Jose.com and San Francisco.com. Dan has been a supporter of Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley since 1985 and remains a loyal and enthusiastic friend and donor. He will chair the Marketing/Publicity Advisory Committee for the Board.

Michelle Rose has been involved with high tech companies in the Silicon Valley since 1986. She started her career selling semiconductors. The former owner of a mail order company named JDR Computer Products, she is also the former VP of Business Development for I-Borg and Vivotech. Michelle resides in Los Altos Hills with her two children, where she has served on the Parks and Recreation Committee. Currently, Michelle is on the Board of Vision Literacy, Cinequest Film Festival, and is also a member of Silicom Ventures.

Rachel Spivack is President of SPIV Technologies Group. She was the co-founder and Executive Chef of Spivac's, a fine-dining restaurant in Silver Creek which closed after her departure. Rachel has been an active Ballet SJSV supporter for many years and uses her network of friends and contacts in her relentless promotion of the company.

John C. Fry of Fry's Electronics remains the Chairman of the Ballet's Operating Board. Additional members include Richard Conniff, David A. Filomeo, Tammy Gaw, James P. Kirwan, Valerie Kohl, Marie LoPresto, Joanne M. Meninger, Eileen Nelson and Stuart A. Slamowitz.

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