



The Sarasota Cuban Ballet School
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About The Sarasota Cuban Ballet School

The Sarasota Cuban Ballet School (SCBS) is a premier destination for Cuban training in the United States. Classes are small and taught by an international faculty following the renowned Cuban method.



Studio 2 - 22 x 45 feet

The mission of SCBS is to train a diverse group of beginning through pre-professional dancers in the Cuban ballet style, recognizing that income should not be a factor in determining what opportunities are available to young people; to offer high-level performances for all members of our community; and to prepare committed, talented dancers for professional careers.

SCBS was founded in 2011 by the Cuban-born husband and wife team of Ariel Serrano and Wilmian Hernández, who trained at the National Ballet School of Cuba and performed internationally with Ballet de Camagüey and Ballet de Monterrey. In 1993, they moved to Sarasota, where they continued their careers as principal dancers with The Sarasota Ballet until their retirement. The Sarasota Cuban Ballet School was designated a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in 2014.

In conjunction with the school's 10th anniversary, SCBS moved to its new home at 4740 Cattlemen Road in Sarasota, Florida. The magnificent building designed by award-winning Sarasota architect Guy Peterson is located on 9 acres of protected wetlands and gives the school ample studio space and room to grow, plus a perfect environment for black box performances.



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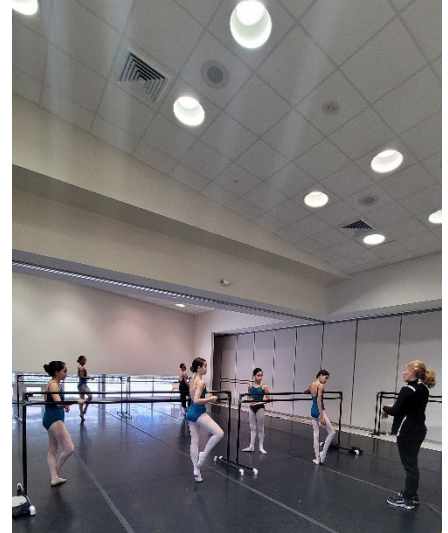
Auditorium Studio - 50 x 50 feet

The heart of the Sarasota Cuban Ballet School is its Pre-Professional Program, a rigorous training course that prepares talented, serious young dancers for professional careers. Students of SCBS have gone on to perform with The Royal Ballet, Birmingham Royal Ballet, Miami City Ballet, the Dance Theatre of Harlem, Washington Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Boston Ballet, and many other national and international professional companies.

Celebrating 12 years of excellence

In August 2022, Serrano and Hernández created the **Gulfcoast Studio Company of the Sarasota Cuban Ballet School**. The Gulfcoast Studio Company strives to develop strong and confident dancers, giving them the opportunity to expand their artistic development and performance experience. The Gulfcoast Studio Company provides an important bridge from student training to a professional dance career.

The Gulfcoast Studio Company has many facets—beyond the continuation of ballet training to prepare young dancers for professional careers and education and outreach work throughout the city, performance opportunities are a major focus. The Gulfcoast Studio Company's 37-week season provides Company members expansive performance opportunities, including *The Nutcracker* and *Spring Performance* at professional theater venues, and the *Black Box* performance series in the Sarasota Cuban Ballet School's auditorium.



Studio 1-2 - 45 x 45 feet



Studio 3 - 19 x 50 feet

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