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A Keith Johnson Solo Marks World AIDS Day

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This weeks SoCal dance events include Nutcracker ballets downtown and in Santa Monica, an Irish Christmas dance, CalArts welcomes winter, and Keith Johnson/Dancers remember on World AIDS Day.

5. Winter wonderland

CalArts' faculty member Julie Bour and guest choreographers Juel D. Lane and Douglas Nielsen provide new choreography plus a restaging of Elisa Monte's *Pigs and Fishes* highlight the annual **CalArts Dance Department Winter Concert**. Sharon Disney Lund Dance Theater, CalArts, 24700 McBean Pkwy., Valencia; Thurs.-Fri., Dec. 1-2, 8 p.m., \$10, \$5 students. <https://dance.calarts.edu>. Also at REDCAT, Disney Hall, 631 W. 2nd St., downtown; Fri.-Sat., Dec. 9-10, 8:30 p.m., \$20, \$16 students. 213-237-2800, <http://redcat.org>.



Ezra Shipin & Simon Greenberg in CalArts Winter Concert Photo by Rafael Hernandez

4. How the Irish celebrate Christmas

Expect some *Riverdance* style high stepping as champion Irish dancers Scott Doherty and Tyler Schwartz join **An Irish Christmas** brimming with Irish music, song and dance. Irvine Barclay Theatre, 4242 Campus Dr., Irvine; Mon., Nov. 28, 8 p.m., \$36-\$75. 949-854-4646, <http://theBarclay.org>.

3. Nutcracker No. 1

Since 1973 the respected training company **Westside Ballet** founded by Yvonne Mounsey has presented a *Nutcracker* and in recent years has paired with the Santa Monica College Symphony proving live music. The Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., Santa Monica; Sat.-Sun., Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 3-4, 1 & 5 p.m., Fri., Dec. 2, 7 p.m., \$45. 310-828-2018, <http://WestsideBallet.tix.com>.



Barak Ballet Photo courtesy of Barak Ballet

2. Nutcracker No. 2

Barak Ballet joins the Los Angeles Philharmonic with a newly choreographed *Nutcracker Suite* by artistic director Melissa Barak for two LA Phil Toyota Youth Symphony concerts. Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., downtown; Sat., Nov 26 & Dec. 3, 11 a.m., <http://laphil.com>.

1. Why all Bodies Matter

Bodies Matter, a 30-minute solo choreographed by Keith Johnson repeated continuously from noon to 8 p.m. by an parade of eight dancers from **Keith Johnson/Dancers** marks World AIDS

Day and remembers those lost to AIDS. Dancers include Eddie Taketa, Roz LeBlanc, Colleen Thomas, Andrew Wroblowski Palomares, Brad Beakes, Adriane Fang, Gerald Casel and Tara McArthur, plus other visual artists and filmmakers. Cal State University Long Beach, Dance Center, Studio 1, 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach; Thurs., Dec. 1, noon-8 p.m., free. 562-985-4747, <http://csulb.edu/dance>, <http://KeithJohnsonDancers.com>.

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