

## **Vanessa Thiessen**

### **Faculty // Open Classes**

#### **Ballet**

Vanessa Thiessen is from Portland, OR and is a teacher and choreographer. She is committed to creating an open, safe and positive environment in every class, where all students are welcome to learn, create, inspire and perform. Her previous experiences includes teaching, choreographing, and/or re-staging for San Francisco State University, Mills College, Smuin Ballet, ODC Dance, Berkeley Ballet Theater, Oregon Ballet Theatre, The Portland Ballet, Sultanov Russian Ballet Academy, and Oregon Performing Arts School.

Vanessa was recently the Resident Choreographer for Post:Ballet in San Francisco, CA from 2017-2022. Her works include Lyra, La Folia, Surface Down, Hades and Persephone, Junction, and Lavender Country (nominated for Best Dance Performance 2019 by SF Classical Voice). She also co-created with Post:Ballet Artistic Director Robert Dekkers; their pieces include Incandescent Body, From Now On (Dance Theater of San Francisco), and Dear Light Along the Path to Nothingness (Grand Rapids Ballet).