

2022, 2023, 2024 Festival Artistic Director

**Susan Brooker** is the Artistic Director of the American Ballet Theatre (ABT) William J. Gillespie School in California. She is also a member of the Artistic Board of Examiners and Instructors for the ABT National Training Curriculum, ABT Summer Program Faculty and guest teacher at the JKO School at ABT. Ms. Brooker is a Fellow and Major Examiner of Cecchetti USA, holds the Enrico Cecchetti Diploma specializing in ballet pedagogy and curriculum development. She was the Director of the Preparatory Dance Program at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts for several years. Ms. Brooker has taught in schools in the USA, Europe, Canada and Japan. Former teacher and then director of the Scuola di Danza Hamlyn di De Vita, Lukens, Florence, Italy, Ms. Brooker was Director of the School of Dance Connecticut, and 1st Chair of the Dance Department of the Community Division of the Hartt School. From 2008-2014 she was Director of the BalletMet Dance Academy, Columbus, OH. Students of Ms. Brooker have won prestigious international dance competitions including the Prix de Lausanne and are dancing with companies in the United States, South America & Europe.