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## Creating ballet dreams

**THIS JUST MIGHT** be the antidote to hip-hop overdose. Rochelle Marks of Glendale has been dancing to music since she was 18 months old. Now, at 11, she's produced her second dance DVD. "Creating Ballet Dreams with Rochelle," intended for ages 3 to 9, showcases Rochelle's interpretative skills as a ballet dancer. Rochelle models the use of imagination and emotion evoked by the music to create scenarios and characters. Her set is a living room with the furniture moved aside. Rochelle tells viewers to use imagination, emotion and the music to create a dance using whatever props—like dolls, toys or costumes—they have on hand. Rochelle's resume includes dancing with the pre-professional ballet company Ballet Etudes in Mesa. When she was 8, she danced a self-choreographed ballet to the music of "Carmen" with the Phoenix Symphony. **balletovations.com.**