



THE ADJUDICATORS OF DANCEFEST 2024

DEB KAPP



Meet Deb Kapp!

Debra Kapp, BFA, Bed, is a retired teacher from TVDSB, teaching Dance at Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts since 1990. Debra is a graduate of York University, Faculty of Dance, and developed the dance program for LBP. Debra is a curriculum writer for the Thames Valley District School Board, the Ministry of Education and Brock University. She regularly presents workshops for teachers on how to teach Dance in the school setting. Currently, Debra is teaching at Brock University in the Faculty of Education. There she teaches Dance and Drama Education to second year Teacher Candidates.

Debra is Producer and Artistic Director of Art Harvest, an annual showcase of Dance Education programs from South Western Ontario. In 2005 she won an Award of Excellence from the Jewish Community Centers Associations of North America for innovative and creative programming of the performance of Resilience in the Face of Trouble and Despair. She is co-creator of Action Pak, a resource manual for teachers on how to teach dance education. Debra is a member of National Dance Teachers Organization, an Executive member of the Board of Dance Ontario, represents Canada on an annual International Panel for Dance and is a Board member for OSSDF



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— ALAN GOETTEN —



Meet Alan Goetten!

Meet Alan Goetten, a Brazilian dancer and choreographer with over 20 years of experience in the dance industry. Alan's passion for dance has been a driving force throughout his career, leading him to excel in various styles including jazz, hip-hop, Reggaeton, and lyrical/contemporary.

Having studied and taught dance to students ranging from ages 6 to 18, as well as adult classes, Alan brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his teaching. He spent 15 years with his previous dance team in Brazil, competing in numerous dance conventions across the country and even internationally in the United States.

Alan's talent and dedication were further showcased when his dance team had the opportunity to choreograph and perform shows at Disneyland Orlando in 2016 and Disneyland Paris in 2019. These experiences not only highlighted his choreographic skills but also allowed him to share his passion for dance on a global stage.

In the past three years, Alan has been teaching in Canada, where he has made a significant impact on the local dance community. At a studio in Toronto, he has guided approximately 130 children through his dance programs, instilling in them not only technical skills but also a love for the art form.

Alan's ultimate goal is to inspire the younger generation and provide them with the tools they need to shine on stage. His commitment to sharing his knowledge and fostering a supportive learning environment reflects his dedication to nurturing the next generation of dancers.



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SHELLEY KENNEY



Meet Shelley Kenney!

Shelley Kenney is a highly accomplished performer and teacher who has had the opportunity to work with many established and inspirational choreographers and teachers from around the world. She has studied under the Royal Academy of Dancing and A.D.A.P.T. Syllabus. In her competitive years, she received many prestigious titles including 'Miss Dance of Canada', 'Dancer of the Year', and 'Senior Miss Can-Dance'.

Shelley is a proud member of Canadian Actor's Equity Association, ACTRA, and has worked for numerous theatre companies. Performance credits include: Return to Grace (Mirvish, Canadian Tour, Asian Tour), Singin' In the Rain, King Arthur The Panto (Capitol Theatre), West Side Story, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid, Joseph... Dreamcoat, Canadian Legends, Legends of Rock & Roll, Sleeping Beauty: The Panto (Drayton Entertainment), Cabaret (Mayfield), Mary Poppins (Theatre Calgary/Citadel), Dance Legends (Grand Theatre), Semele (Brooklyn Academy of Music/COC), Rigoletto, Abduction From The Seraglio, Tales of Hoffmann (Canadian Opera Company), Victoria in Cats (Rainbow Stage), Happy Days (Stage West), and Scrooge The Musical (Rose Theatre). Shelley has had the privilege of traveling around the world, performing in Encore at Tokyo Disney Sea, onboard Celebrity and Princess Cruise Lines, as well as performing for the Troops on the Canadian Forces Show Tour. Select TV credits include: Tiny Pretty Things, In The Tall Grass (Netflix), MMVA's (Psy), Reign (CBS), Warehouse 13 (SyFy).

Shelley is extremely passionate about teaching dance, and enjoys sharing her knowledge and love of the arts to today's youth. 5,6,7,8, let's dance kiddos!