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## "WHEN IT ALL BEGAN" **30TH ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCE**



Rythum Plus Dance Company

## A Letter from the Artistic Director

Dear Parents and Dancers,

I am thrilled to be celebrating yet another fabulous year of dance! It is always amazing to see new dancers step on stage for the first time, veteran dancers improve, and graduating dancers take their final bows. I am so grateful to be celebrating our 30th anniversary with all of you!



Throughout the year, it was my pleasure to watch the little ones shine at the Christmas recital and to see the excitement of all our dancers as they came in with their new costumes on picture day. Our competitive team has also celebrated many achievements this year and we look forward to travelling to nationals this summer in Atlanta, GA and Virginia Beach, VA.

I have the best team of teachers and staff any studio could ask for. The support and respect we share for each other is a major component to all of our successes. I would like to give a big thank you Claudia Guerrero for simply being available; when you're not in the studio, you are always just a phone call away. I know everyone appreciates all that you do! Matt O'Doherty-Adkins, you are a rockstar! The way you balance your job as a dance teacher and office staff always amazes me and I am so thankful for the way you communicate with all our competitions, venues, and RPDC family. Also, thank you to Mary Strazzulla for making each dancer feel special when they put their costumes on for the first time. The time you take in fitting the dancers, travelling with me to meet with other seamstresses, and helping with finishing touches does not go unnoticed.

Finally, an exceptional note and huge congratulations to Rythum Plus for being voted #1 Dance Studio in the Readers' Choice Awards this year, and a special congratulations to Nina Strazzulla-Farrant for also being voted #1 Dance Instructor in the Reader's Choice Awards.

This 30th season has proved to have its challenges alongside many monumental experiences. I look forward to sharing many more years of dance with you all and I hope you enjoy the show!

Yours in Dance, Trish Thompson-Creamer

## A Special Thanks To:

#### **Our Competitive Parent Volunteers**

Danielle McCharles, Evelina Grilli, Dana Hanson, Melissa Panagopoulos, Karyn Chan, Julie Accursi, & Debbie Pettigrew

#### **Our Costumers**

Giovanna's Gift, JML Uniforms, Margaret Krys Inc., Wickid Wear, Jazzamataazz, & The Fairy Seamstress

#### **Our Competitive Team Costume Decorators**

Karyn Chan, Jen DiDonato, Trish Fidanza, Evelina Grilli, Dana Hanson, Kim Johnston, Carrie Macdonald, Danielle McCharles, Melissa Mulligan, Melissa Panagopoulos, Debbie Pettigrew, Devon Raab, Valerie Saija-Moore, Mary Strazzulla, Nina Strazzulla-Farrant, Kelly Zappitelli

#### **Our Prop Haulers and Helpers**

Aaron Adkins, Ed Cardno, Terry Chan, Paulo Fidanza, Antony Hanson, Tim Kirton, Jon Kronemeyer, Josh Kronemeyer, Jeff Mulligan, Matt O'Doherty-Adkins, Jim Panagopoulos, Sean Perdue, Ray Perkins, Glen Pettigrew, Steve Raab, Mark Winsor, Joe Yakubu, Wes Zappitelli

#### **Our Photographers**

Craig Lanning & Karyn Chan

#### **Our Videographer**

Buzz Media

You have all went above and beyond this year, and RPDC can't thank you enough! We wouldn't have had such a successful year without your support and enthusiasm.

## "When It All Began" RPDC's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recital 2023

Show 2, 6pm

#### Opening Number:

#### The Ship | Large Acro Team

#### Choreographer: Trish Thompson-Creamer Assistant: Aaron Adkins

Abby Accursi, Izzy Accursi, Ella Brens, Carter Creamer, Ophelia Chan, Ava DiDonato, Julianna Fidanza, Hanna Green, Allie Hanson, Izzy Hanson, Kassidy Johnston, Meg Julie, Kaia Kretz, Brooke Kronemeyer, Marley Media, Avery Mulligan, Lauren Osman, Daphne Panagopoulos, Sianna Perdue, Madelyn Perkins, Emma Pettigrew, Amada Presta, Scarlett Raab, Luca Shakespeare, Scarlet Silva, Allison Wadsworth, Norah Yakubu, Alyssa Zappitelli

#### 1. <u>Hit the Road Jack | Mini Jazz Team</u>

#### Choreographer: Nina Strazzulla-Farrant

Mila Gomes, Oliver Kirton, Julia Kowalski, Madison McCharles, Carly Noble, Scarlett Peterson, Olivia Tong, Halli Winsor, Adele Yakubu

### 2. East Coast Vibes | Senior Hip Hop Team

#### Guest Choreographer: Michael Prince

Abby Accursi, Izzy Accursi, Ella Brens, Carter Creamer, Ava Cardno, Kassidy Johnston, Brooke Kronemeyer, Adina Mus, Luca Shakespeare

#### 3. Friend Like Me | Creative Movement Wednesdays Teacher: Miss Caitlynn

#### Assistant: Miss Abby

Caroline Bevacqua, Siena Catena, Maeve Dawson-Gudalj, Regina Diletti, Ava Hickey, Anastasia Kachsheyeva, Oliver Kim, Pearl Liut, Marnie Murphy, Olivia Soutar, Everleigh White

#### 4. <u>500 Miles | Grade 1 Ballet Mondays and Tuesdays</u> Teacher: Mrs. Lesley

Amiya Ali, Marija Babic, Laurenna Browning, Mila Gomes, Laiken Gower, Avery Haddock, Emma Halcovitch, Grace Hansford, Juliana Hook, Oliver Kirton, Symeon Konstantinides, Julia Kowalski, Cassandra McDonald, Isabella Neumoina, Carly Noble, Scarlett Peterson, Olivia Tong, Lila White, Halli Winsor, Adele Yakubu 5. <u>Somewhere Only We Know | Junior Lyrical Team</u> Choreographer: Nina Strazzulla-Farrant

Izzy Hanson, Meg Julie, Kalli Konstantinides, Madison McCharles, Marley Media, Amada Presta, Scarlett Raab, Scarlet Silva, Allison Wadsworth

#### 6. Juliet's Love | Teen Miss Dance of America

Choreographer: Trish Thompson-Creamer

Dancer: Ophelia Chan



#### 7. Judgement | Senior Contemporary Team Small Choreographer: Matthew O'Doherty-Adkins

Ella Brens, Carter Creamer, Kassidy Johnston, Emma Pettigrew

#### 8. Le Jazz Hot | Junior Open Team Small

#### Choreographer: Trish Thompson-Creamer

Allie Hanson, Marley Media, Lauren Osman, Daphne Panagopoulos, Amada Presta, Scarlett Raab

#### 9. Mr. Vain | Junior Jazz 1 Wednesdays

#### Teacher: Mrs. Nina

#### Assistant: Miss Adina

Hannah Bevacqua, Gemma Campanaro, Theo Chase, Amelia Dal Bello, Nova Domladovac, Marian Garda, Juliana Hook, Julia Joczys, Sophia Joseph, Skylar Kim, Nora Kosmack, Celena Malhotra, Isaac Moore, Mila Romic

#### 10. <u>5, 6, 7, 8 | PeeWee Tap Team</u>

#### Choreographer: Caitlynn Long

Ava DiMarco, Lucy Gillott, Kai Kirton, Lily Martin, Mia McCharles, Marlow Moriarty, Violet Raab, Liam Silva, Raia Spink

#### 11. Finally | Junior Jazz 2/3 Saturdays

#### Teacher: Miss Emma Assistant: Mr. Carter

Laiken Gower, Avery Haddock, Emma Halcovitch, Eva Memme, Valentina Pavic, Cecilia Robert, Jasper Stefanits, Summer Stephens-Hann, Ayla Svedin

#### 12. Feeling Good | Senior Open Team

#### Choreographer: Trish Thompson-Creamer

Abby Accursi, Izzy Accursi, Ella Brens, Carter Creamer, Kassidy Johnston, Taylor Kelly, Sadie Macdonald, Emma Pettigrew, Luca Shakespeare

#### 13. Whatta Man | Intermediate Advanced Jazz Mondays Teacher: Miss Zofia

#### Emily Alampi, Lily Buac, Charlotte Grant, Izabela Kolich, Isabella Piskorowski, Charlotte Ross, Valentina Rotim

#### 14. Goof Troop | Creative Dance Thursdays

#### Teacher: Mrs. Nina

#### Assistants: Miss Ava and Miss Marley

Ariya Ali, Mila Biagetti, Julia Centea, Everly Guagliano, Solomiya Ivaniv, Brooklyn Markowitz, Kaylie Martinez, Esther Mary, Isla McCallum, Vanessa McGimpsey, Maverick Moore, Via Pacenza, Tatiana Popovich, Zaylie Smith, Tessa Winsor

## 15. <u>I'm Gonna Get You | Intermediate Jazz Tuesdays</u>

#### Teacher: Miss Rachel

Alessia Aiello, Puneet Brar, Norah Dimitroff, Maja Duricic-Janes, Estefania Inciarte, Hailey March, Ally Moriarity, Odelia Neumoina

#### 16. The Sanderson Sisters | RPDC Competitive Production

#### Choreographers: Trish Thompson-Creamer, Aaron Adkins, Matthew O'Doherty-Adkins, Sarah Cox-Kelly, Tiffani Beauparlant

Abby & Izzy Accursi, Ella Brens, Carter Creamer, Ava Cardno, Ophelia Chan, Ava DiDonato, Brooklynn Duplessie, Julianna Fidanza, Mila Gomes, Hanna Green, Allie & Izzy Hanson, Alexandra Janicki, Kassidy Johnston, Meg Julie, Taylor Kelly, Oliver Kirton, Kalli Konstantinides, Julia Kowalski, Kaia Kretz, Brooke Kronemeyer, Sadie Macdonald, Madison McCharles, Marley & Sierra Media, Avery Mulligan, Adina Mus, Carly Noble, Lauren Osman, Daphne Panagopoulos, Sianna Perdue, Madelyn Perkins, Scarlett Peterson, Emma Pettigrew, Amada Presta, Scarlett Raab, Luca Shakespeare, Scarlet Silva, Olivia Tong, Allison Wadsworth, Halli Winsor, Adele & Norah Yakubu, Alyssa Zappitelli

#### 17. Name Game | Novice Jazz Team

#### Choreographer: Caitlynn Long

Laiken Gower, Avery Haddock, Emma Halcovitch, Juliana Hook, Aixi Huang, Teodora Jankovic, Summer Stephens-Hann

#### 18. Free Your Mind | Adult Tap Wednesdays

#### Teacher: Miss Caitlynn

Sheree Cox, Dawn Konstantinides, Lesley Taylor

#### 19. What's Up Doc | Teen Advanced Hip Hop Thursdays

#### Teacher: Matt Cruz

Ava DiDonato, Julianna Fidanza, Sierra Media, Zabrina Meertins, Ava Nguyen, Sianna Perdue, Isabella Piskorowski

#### 20. Hokey Pokey | Pre-Acro Thursdays

Teacher: Mrs. Nina

#### Assistant: Miss Brooke

Julia Centea, Aurora De Miglio, Fia MacKenzie, Isla McCallum, Amber McDonald, Maverick Moore, Tessa Winsor

#### 21. Regrets | Junior Acro Team

#### Choreographer: Trish Thompson-Creamer Assistant: Aaron Adkins

Hanna Green, Izzy Hanson, Meg Julie, Kalli Konstantinides, Marley Media, Lauren Osman, Madelyn Perkins, Amada Presta, Scarlett Raab, Scarlet Silva, Allison Wadsworth, Norah Yakubu

#### 22. Fun, Laughs, Good Times | Senior Jazz Team

Choreographers: Trish Thompson-Creamer and Nina Strazzulla-Farrant Abby Accursi, Izzy Accursi, Ella Brens, Carter Creamer, Ava Cardno, Ophelia Chan, Kassidy Johnston, Taylor Kelly, Brooke Kronemeyer, Sadie Macdonald, Adina Mus, Emma Pettigrew, Luca Shakespeare

#### 23. Grooves | Intermediate Tap Team Small

#### Choreographer: Sarah Cox-Kelly

Julianna Fidanza, Allie Hanson, Kaia Kretz, Sierra Media, Daphne Panagopoulos, Sianna Perdue

### 24. King of New York | Junior Acro 2/3 Wednesdays

#### Teacher: Mrs. Nina

#### Assistant: Miss Izzy

Isabella Campanero, Ayva Covello, Ava DiMarco, Lucy Gillot, Aixi Huang, Fiona Koscinski, Olivia LaFleur, Mia McCharles, Rosie Murphy, Elena Piedimonte, Cecelia Robert, Liam Silva, Raia Spink, Reese Thaler

#### 25. Party Girls | Junior Jazz Team Large

#### Choreographer: Valerie Saija-Moore Assistant: Miss Alexa

Brooklynn Duplessie, Hanna Green, Izzy Hanson, Alexandra Janicki, Meg Julie, Kalli Konstantinides, Madison McCharles, Marley Media, Lauren Osman, Madelyn Perkins, Amada Presta, Scarlett Raab, Scarlet Silva, Allison Wadsworth, Norah Yakubu

#### 26. What is Love | Intermediate Acro Mondays

#### Teacher: Miss Zofia

Emily Alampi, Christina Barrick, Myla Buruma, Giulianna Chiaravalloti, Nora Dimitroff, Juliet Dusseault, Leah Gondo, Cassandra McDonald, Ally Moriarity, Odelia Neumoina, Elizabeth Pauletto, Isabella Perez-Valderrama, Alexander Templeman

#### 27. Power of Love | Junior Ballet 1/2 Saturdays

#### Teacher: Miss Emma

#### Assistant: Miss Avery

Evelyn Biederman, Amelia Da Silva, Skylar Davis, Livie Le, Eva Memme, Olunanifishe Okeowe, Dana Qasim, Grayson Sargeant, Cordelia Scholes, Gwenyth Scholes, Jasper Stefanits

#### 28. Lay Me Down | Teen Mr. Dance of America

Choreographer: Trish Thompson-Creamer

Dancer: Carter Creamer



#### 29. <u>Requiem | Senior Contemporary Team Small</u> Choreographer: Matthew O'Doherty-Adkins

Abby Accursi, Izzy Accursi, Ava Cardno, Brooke Kronemeyer, Adina Mus, Luca Shakespeare

#### 30. Another One Bites the Dust | Intermediate Jazz Team

Choreographers: Trish Thompson-Creamer and Nina Strazzulla-Farrant Ophelia Chan, Ava DiDonato, Julianna Fidanza, Allie Hanson, Kaia Kretz, Sierra Media, Avery Mulligan, Daphne Panagopoulos, Sianna Perdue, Alyssa Zappitelli

## 31. The Best | RPDC Graduates 2023

Choreographer: Trish Thompson-Creamer Dancers: Kassidy Johnston and Emma Pettigrew

## RPDC WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR 2023 GRADUATES

### **Kassidy Piper Johnston**

"RPDC has been my second home my entire life. My older sisters, Kiara and Kennedy, danced at RPDC since 2004 and as far as I can remember, I have been running through the stairways of the studio. I started competing when I was 5 – my duet "Locomotion" with my best friend "Grachel" (aka Rachel). I love all styles of dance, but my first love was acro. When I was 6, I pulled Miss Trish into a studio to show her I could do my aerial and back handspring because I desperately wanted to be her student! That was the beginning of the special bond that we share today. Eleven



acro solos, eight lyrical solos, three open solos, and countless duets and teams later, we are reaching our final bow together.



It's been an honour to teach acro and ballet at RPDC. Dancing with my sisters in tap trios, lyrical duets, and the infamous acro duets, were some of my favourites. I have really missed Ki and Kenn being at the studio with me these last two years, although my mom doesn't miss the fees of 60+ numbers! This summer is when my dance competitive dance journey ends. I will compete for the title Miss Dance of America 2024 in Atlanta. I have been proud to represent Dance Masters of Canada as Petite Miss in Boston, Junior Miss in Anaheim, & Teen Miss in Dallas. I was also very fortunate to reign as Junior Miss Dance of America 2019.

Next year, I will be attending medical school at Griffith University in Australia. I hope to find a dance studio to teach at down under. My dream is to become a surgeon and own a dance studio. Thank you to my teachers at RPDC for their guidance and dedication. I am full of gratitude to Miss Trish for all the incredible times we have shared together and the beautiful choreography she has entrusted me with.

Nanny and Poppy, this last recital is for you. I love you more than you will ever know. Ki, Kenn, and my brother Caleb – you have set a high bar for me and push me to achieve great things, I am proud to call you my siblings. Thank you to my dad for supporting me with dance. Mom, we have been side-by-side down this road for 15 years. I am going to miss these times but the special memories will remain in my heart. You have been my rock and I am proud to be the Mel to your Gru – lucky dolphin and kiss!" -- KASS



## RPDC WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR 2023 GRADUATES

#### **Emma Pettigrew**

"This is by far the most difficult piece I have been asked to prepare, as I can't possibly fit 13 years of gratitude on one page. Gratitude for Miss Trish, her faculty, my friends, and the incredible opportunities afforded me by being at RPDC.

Congratulations Miss Trish Thompson-Creamer on 30 years as studio owner of Rythum Plus Dance Company!! I joined your studio at age 5 and the competitive program at age 8. Your studio became my second home and your amazing



teachers, office staff, and my teammates became family. Under your direction, I have trained in all genres – choosing a favourite is impossible. With your guidance, becoming Teen Miss Dance of America 2020 is a memory I will cherish forever.



To all my teammates, from the minis to the seniors, thank you for the laughter, your friendship, and the amazing memories that I will carry with me always. To my fellow graduate, Kassidy Johnston, Miss Dance of Canada 2023, I wish you the very best at DMA Nationals and "Down Under" as you pursue your medical degree in Australia. You will be amazing! Thank you to the RPDC 'front line', Ms. Claudia, Mr. Matt, and Ms. Sheree, for all you do behind the scenes and to Mrs. Mary Strazzulla for the love you put into all my beautiful costumes. Thank you to my very special Saturday morning students and teaching assistants, you are always a

bright start to my day! To everyone dancing today and to those participating in their first recital, I hope you have fun with your friends and enjoy your time on stage.

In 13 years, I have never said, "I don't want to go to dance." Miss Trish, you and your faculty are simply, "The Best!" RPDC has been my happy place for as long as I can remember, and I will be forever grateful to you for providing an environment where I could learn from both my teachers and peers, make mistakes, embrace challenges, set goals, and take risks.

Thank you, Mom and Dad, for your never-ending love and support as I continue to chase my dreams. I have deferred my acceptance to Brock University's Concurrent Education program and will combine my love of travel with my passion for dance as I have recently accepted a contract with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines as a dancer. I hope when I return from my adventures, I will find a home again with Rythum Plus Dance Company." -- EM



#### 32. Little Bird | Junior Tap 1/2 Mondays

#### Teacher: Miss Alexa

Laurenna Browning, Laiken Gower, Chloe Green, Lily Jovic, Eesar Kaur Bagga

#### 33. <u>Under the Bridge | Junior Contemporary Thursdays</u> Teacher: Mr. Matt

Payton Brown, Brooklynn Duplessie, Juliet Dusseault, Allie Hanson, Izzy Hanson, Alexandra Janicki, Meg Julie, Kalli Konstantinides, Miah Lopez, Hailey March, Madison McCharles, Marley Media, Lauren Osman, Daphne Panagopoulos, Elizabeth Pauletto, Madelyn Perkins, Amada Presta, Scarlett Raab, Scarlet Silva, Allison Wadsworth, Norah Yakubu

#### 34. <u>Walking on Broken Glass | Adult and Alumni Jazz Class</u> Choreographer: Trish Thompson-Creamer

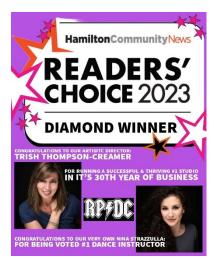
Tiffani Beauparlant, Lauren Borrelli, Leah Centea, Jacqueline Dime, Nina Farrant, Sabrina Farrauto, Laura Gravina, Victoria Kirton, Meagan McCallum, Valerie Moore, Alyssa Podrebarac, Jenna Podrebarac, Brandi Winsor

#### 35. <u>Hometown Glory | Intermediate Contemporary Team</u> Choreographer: Valerie Saija-Moore

Ophelia Chan, Ava DiDonato, Julianna Fidanza, Allie Hanson, Sierra Media, Avery Mulligan, Daphne Panagopoulos, Sianna Perdue, Alyssa Zappitelli

## THANK YOU FOR VOTING US NUMBER 1

Our dancers and dance families are what makes Rythum Plus Dance Co. the first and only choice in dance instruction!



#### 36. Seduces Me | Senior Lyrical Team Large

Choreographers: Trish Thompson-Creamer and Valerie Saija-Moore Abby Accursi, Izzy Accursi, Ella Brens, Carter Creamer, Ava Cardno, Ophelia Chan, Kassidy Johnston, Taylor Kelly, Brooke Kronemeyer, Sadie Macdonald, Adina Mus, Emma Pettigrew, Luca Shakespeare

### 37. Addams Family | Musical Theatre Wednesdays

#### Teacher: Mr. Matt

Laurenna Browning, Yuliia Mykytiuk, Sofia Spidalieri, Adriana Ventura

#### 38. Life is Like a Box of Chocolates | PeeWee Ballet Team Choreographer: Nina Strazzulla-Farrant

Ava DiMarco, Lucy Gillot, Kai Kirton, Lily Martin, Mia McCharles, Marlow Moriarty, Violet Raab, Liam Silva, Raia Spink

#### 39. Don't Sweat the Technique | Junior Advanced Hip Hop Teacher: Matt Cruz

Elisia Broderick, Brooklynn Duplessie, Mila Gomes, Hanna Green, Izzy Hanson, Meg Julie, Kai Kirton, Oliver Kirton, Kalli Konstantinides, Hailey March, Madison McCharles, Lauren Osman, Madelyn Perkins, Scarlett Peterson, Scarlett Raab, Scarlet Silva, Olivia Tong, Halli Winsor, Adele Yakubu, Norah Yakubu

#### 40. Too Hot | Inter./Sr. Tap Team

#### Choreographer: Tiffani Beauparlant

Abby Accursi, Izzy Accursi, Ella Brens, Carter Creamer, Ava Cardno, Ophelia Chan, Ava DiDonato, Julianna Fidanza, Kassidy Johnston, Kaia Kretz, Brooke Kronemeyer, Sierra Media, Avery Mulligan, Adina Mus, Sianna Perdue, Emma Pettigrew, Luca Shakespeare, Alyssa Zappitelli

## THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING RPDC'S "When It All Began"

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year-End Recital

STAY HAPPY, HEALTHY, SAFE, AND HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT SOME OF OUR SUMMER EVENTS AND MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK!

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## The Rythum Plus Staff 2022-2023

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Seamstress

#### THE STAFF OF RYTHUM PLUS WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR AN AMAZING DANCE SEASON!