

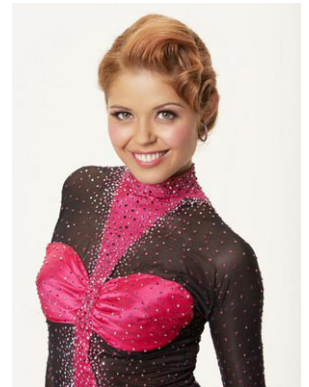


Faculty

Anna Trebunskaya

Anna began her dancing life at the age of six in her native Russia. Her parents owned a dance studio, so it was only natural that she took to dancing at an early age. At age seven, Anna entered her first dance competition, which she won, and she has been winning titles (both amateur and professional) ever since.

She moved to the United States (with her parents) at age 17. Her parents were dancers and her mother, Irina still makes her costumes today. Anna usually trains six days per week. Her training includes pilates, ballet, yoga and gym work.





Faculty

Jonathan Roberts



Jonathan began his dance career at the age of 20. Before he discovered the world of dance, his high school background was athletics - particularly basketball. But Jonathan (along with his family and friends) were shocked when he discovered his passion for ballroom dancing after viewing the famous tango scene in the Al Pacino movie, "Scent of a Woman." He took advantage of the free ballroom lessons offered on his movie ticket stub, and the rest, as they say, "is history."

With his first partner, Jonathan won the 1997 USA Rising Star American Ballroom before deciding to focus on the latin style.

He also competed in Pro-Am (the Professional/Amateur circuit), where he trained and competed with student Pamela Butler. As a pair, they are two-time, undefeated USA Pro-Am 10 dance champions, three-time undefeated USA Pro-Am Latin champions and two-time USA Pro-Am American Ballroom champions.





Faculty

Chelsie Hightower

In 2006, Chelsie was a finalist on TV's So You Think You Can Dance where one judge said, "You move so well, you could make a mannequin look good." That's good news for some of the guys around here who look quite wooden whenever they try to bust a move.

Chelsie has been helping other learn to dance since she was 15. She moved to North Carolina to teach and would fly to New York on weekends for lessons. She has been teaching at Center Stage in Utah where she's helped many students win national titles. She also teaches abroad. As busy as you are, Chelsie, we're so glad you found some time to do a little Dancing With The Stars!

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- U.S. Representative to the Worlds - 2005
- U.S National Standard Finalist - 2005
- International Latin Finalist - 2006
- 10 Dance National Youth Champion - 2005

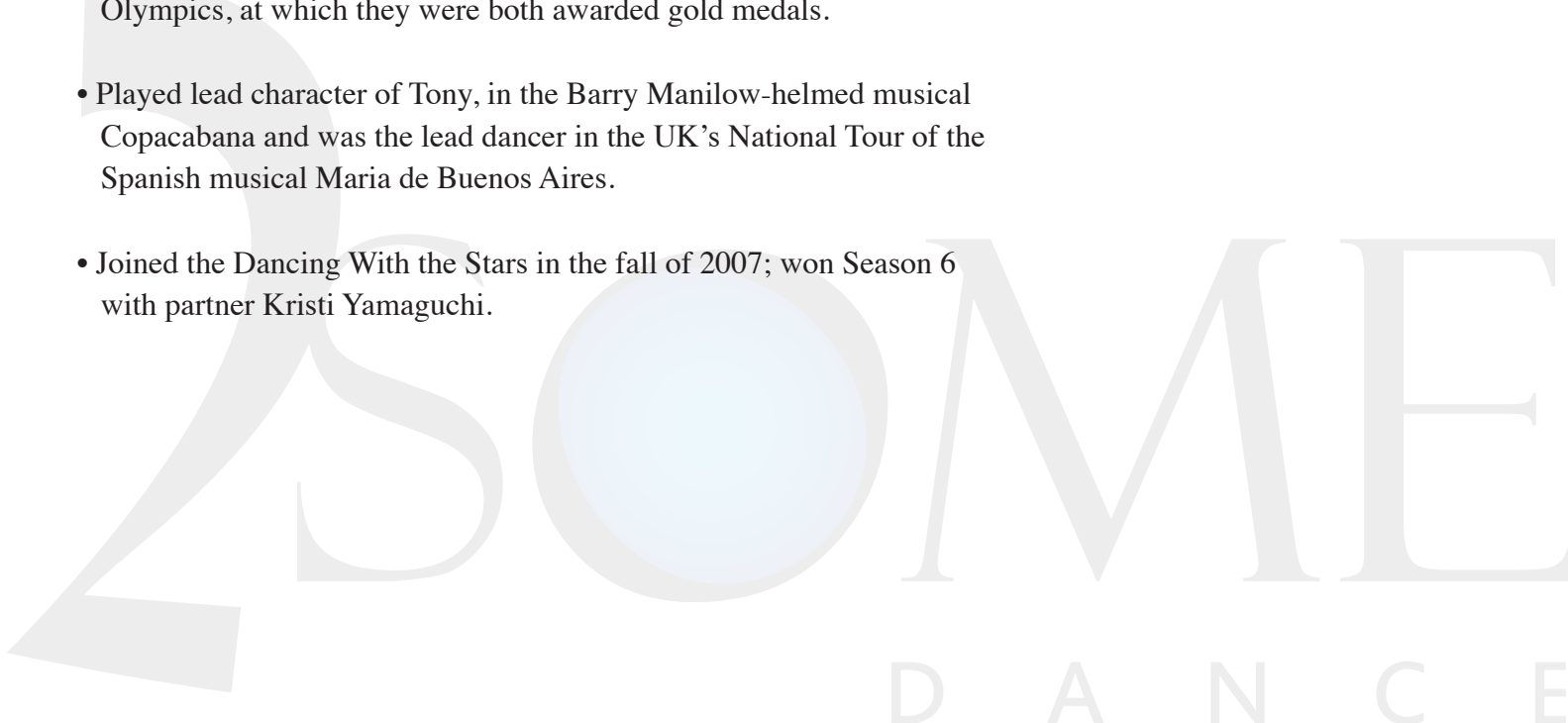




Faculty

Mark Ballas

- Parents Corky and Shirley Ballas were international Dancesport champions in England during the 1990s.
- Moved to London, England, as a child.
- Became British Juvenile Ballroom and Latin American Dance champion when he was 10 years old.
- With best friend and Dancing With the Stars cast mate Derek Hough, formed a blues-rock band called Almost Amy.
- Paired with DWTS cast mate Julianne Hough in 2003 for the Junior Olympics, at which they were both awarded gold medals.
- Played lead character of Tony, in the Barry Manilow-helmed musical Copacabana and was the lead dancer in the UK's National Tour of the Spanish musical Maria de Buenos Aires.
- Joined the Dancing With the Stars in the fall of 2007; won Season 6 with partner Kristi Yamaguchi.





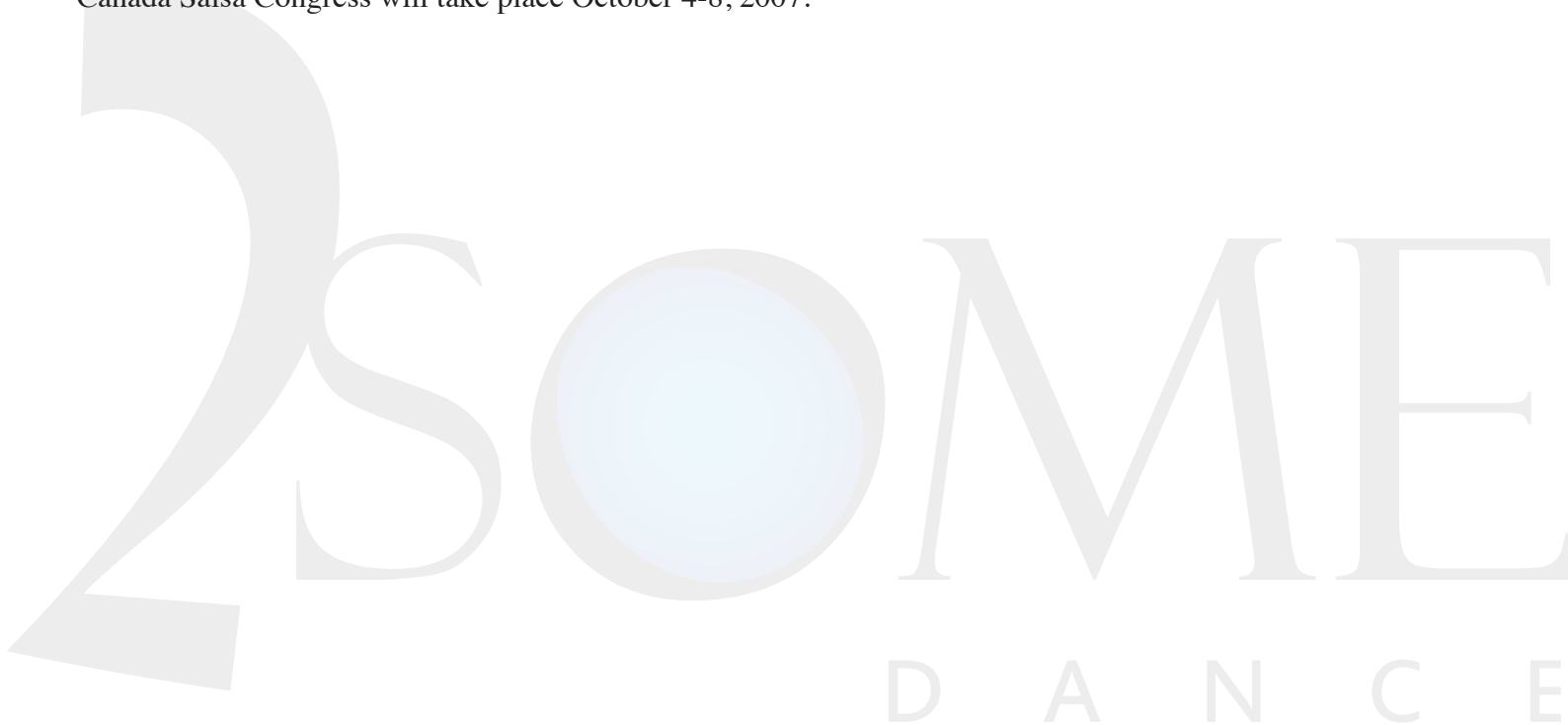
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Jennifer Aucoin

Jennifer Aucoin is a full-time salsa instructor, performer, choreographer and event organizer. She is the founder and director of STEPS Dance Studio and co-founder of the Women's Salsa Retreat. She organized the annual Berlin Salsa Competition for 6 years, helping it to become the most prestigious salsa competition in Canada, and now represents Canada on the judging panel for the World Salsa Championships in Las Vegas, one of the largest competitions in the world.



Jennifer is the organizer of the annual Canada Salsa Congress, an international salsa festival that takes place in Toronto every October. This 4-day extravaganza is the largest salsa event in Canada and features nightly performances by dance companies from all over the world and daily salsa workshops given by world-renowned instructors. This year's Canada Salsa Congress will take place October 4-8, 2007.





Faculty

Nelson Clarke

Nelson has become a fan favourite at the 2some Dance events. Nelson has been line dancing for over 17 years. Nelson says kudos to his Grandmother who was his first line dance buddy. Once Nelson started dancing it really became his passion, performing in shows for four years as a highland dancer, as well as dancing on two line dance teams. Shortly afterwards Nelson attended his first line dance workshop and has since become a regular on the line dance circuit. Whether competing choreography, competing line dance, or just having fun on the dance floor, Nelson's enthusiasm is very hard to forget.

Nelson now really enjoys not only Line Dance events but Swing events as well. Competing in the Swing circuit has really pushed Nelson to a new level of dancing and looks forward to see what the dance world has in store for him next.





Faculty

Alan Armsby

Master of Ceremonies / Instructor

Originally from London, England, Alan has been a dance professional for over thirty years.

Initially a Competition Dancer, Alan won both the British Latin Dance Championship and the International Latin Dance Championship. From 1980 to 1982 Alan and his partner were ranked among the "Top Six" Professional competitive dance couples in the World.

Since moving to Canada sixteen years ago Alan has appeared on Television as the Commentator and Co-Host on WTN's "Dancing at the Palais". Recently he also performed as the Emcee in the movie "Take the Lead" with Antonio Banderas.

As a Licensed World Championship Adjudicator with the World Dance and Dance Sport Council Alan has both judged and organized The Canadian Professional Ballroom and Latin Championships.

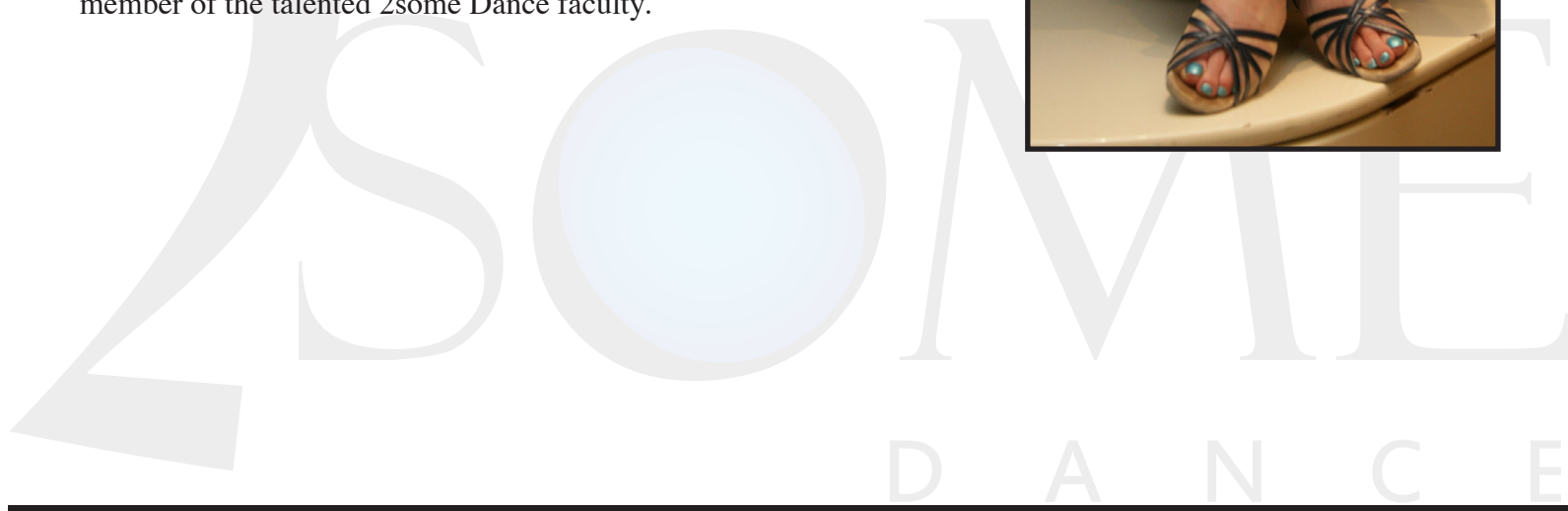




Faculty

Julie Epplett

Julie has been sharing her passion for West Coast Swing with the Toronto dance community since 2001. Although trained in a variety of dance disciplines (ballet, jazz, Flamenco and others) it's the freedom of expression and connection between partners in West Coast Swing that keeps her focused on this playful social dance. In addition to offering regular weekly classes locally, Julie has taught West Coast Swing workshops in various communities in Ontario and Quebec. She's a member of the teaching staff for the Swing Niagara Dance Championships in Buffalo, New York each year and was an invited instructor for the 2008 Toronto Open Swing Dance Championships. Between teaching commitments Julie attends international events where she competes and continues to train in order to bring the latest trends in West Coast Swing back to her students. She's delighted to be back as a member of the talented 2some Dance faculty.





Faculty

Vanesa Stay

Vanesa Stay started her training at the age of five at the best private Ballet Institute in Argentina where she trained intensively for 7 years in Ballet, Flamenco, Jazz, Argentine Folk and Tango. By the age of 6, she was performing in Theatres.

After moving to Canada in '89, she continued dancing as a hobby.

Vanesa discovered salsa dancing in January of '99 and fell in love with the dance. She began her training with local & international professional dance instructors such as (Tito & Tamara from Puerto Rico, Super Mario from UK, Al & Eddie from L.A. to name a few). After months of intense training with various local instructors including Oscar Naranjo, Vanesa became a Professional Salsa dancer in Dec. of '99.

She has also trained in Argentine Tango with various instructors including Tango World Champion "Fabian Peralta" during her yearly trip to Argentina.

Vanesa has traveled to many countries teaching, competing and performing. With each opportunity, she continued to improve her skills by taking lessons with world renowned instructors.

Vanesa's life and passion is dancing but she also has a diploma in computer science and a full time job as a web designer / programmer analyst.

