

MARLEA VAN GRINSVEN

DANCER / TEACHER / CHOREOGRAPHER / ARTIST / MODEL
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My goal is to use all my experience from many years of dancing and teaching to be able to share and help grow the passion for dance throughout my community. I want to help inspire and shape the minds and bodies to reach their full potential and be creative through movement.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SEPT 2021 – CURRENT

DANCE INSTRUCTOR, BOUNDLESS DANCE STUDIO

I run the pre-school program (age 3-7) in the styles of ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, tumbling and musical theatre. I also started a cheer program at the studio, as well as a dance birthday party package.

SEPT 2020 – CURRENT

DANCE INSTRUCTOR, RENERT INTELLIGENCE ACADEMY

I run the dance program at the school, teaching students from grade one thru twelve. I teach technique, strength and flexibility as well as combos in a range of styles. I choreograph pieces for both live and recorded performances. I have worked on the production of the school musicals, as well as with the drama and vocal coaches to create more in-depth performances.

SEPT 2020 – CURRENT

DANCE INSTRUCTOR, FREE SPIRIT DANCE

I instruct the adult advanced contemporary class at this studio. I teach technique, creative movement and a new combination weekly.

SEPT 2020 – JUNE 2023

DANCE INSTRUCTOR, PREMIERE DANCE ACADEMY

I taught all levels of the ISTD ballet syllabus, including grade and standards, focusing on technique and choreography. I ran the hip-hop department which included teaching syllabus on a weekly basis and going through proper technique training as well as choreography for competitions and recitals.

OCT 2022 – MARCH 2023

DIRECTOR, YOUTH THEATRE CANADA - CALGARY

I directed many youth plays, each spanning a two-month rehearsal to show time span, including Jungle Book, Treasure Island, The Wizard of Oz and Peter Pan. My roles included casting, script writing, rehearsals, costuming, prop building, parental communication and stage technical demands.

SEPT 2018 – CURRENT

DANCE INSTRUCTOR & CAMP COORDINATOR, PUDDLE OF MUD PRODUCTIONS

I started with teaching sessional programs to the ages of three to eleven. I have run both indoor and outdoor programs as well as day camps and birthday parties. I now solely run day camps am also the camp coordinator for all camps within Calgary from July 2022 to present.

SEPT 2014 – MAR 2020

DANCE INSTRUCTOR, INSPIRE DANCE ARTS INC

I got experience with teaching all ages ranges and in multiple genres. I would teach an annual syllabus (in jazz, tap and ballet) as well as ran workshops (turning, tap, jazz and hip hop.) I trained students for both recreational and professional level exams through the ISTD. I also had the opportunity to make up and teach choreographies bi-annually for recital performances.

CHOREOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

JULY 2022 & JULY 2023 & SEPT 2024

CHOREOGRAPHER AND FILM DIRECTOR, NEXTGEN FILM FESTIVAL

I created, choreographed and directed the creation of a dance film festival which was featured in the NextGen Film Festival in Calgary, AB.

NOVEMBER 2023

CHOREOGRAPHER AND FILM DIRECTOR, SKYLINE FILM FESTIVAL

I created, choreographed and directed the creation of a dance film festival which was featured in the first ever online film festival put on by Skyline Productions which is based out of Winnipeg, MB.

DECEMBER 2023

CHOREOGRAPHER, YEG DANCE SHOWCASE

I created, choreographed and produced a dance piece in the YEG Dance Showcase. This was a small showcase curated to bring together local artists and support the arts and bringing the community together.

SPRING 2022 & WINTER 2023

CHOREOGRAPHER, STORYBOOK THEATRE

I was the choreographer of the spotlight youth production of Winnie the Pooh and The Addams Family. I created and taught all dance and movement choreography to match all of the musical pieces as well as helped with movement development to create individualized characters.

ADJUDICATING EXPERIENCE

APRIL 2024 - **ABSTRACT MOVEMENT FESTIVAL**

DANCE EXPERIENCE

JULY 2021 – CURRENT

WEDDING PERFORMER, AFRAH AL MAJD

Lebanese wedding group doing traditional dances during wedding receptions.

JUNE 2024

PERFORMER, IGNITE FESTIVAL

Self-choreographed contemporary piece group piece performed in a festival created to bring together artists within Calgary.

JULY 2022 - AUGUST 2022

WEDDING PERFORMER, EGYPTIAN FOLK DANCE ACADEMY

Egyptian wedding group doing traditional belly dance and Egyptian folk during wedding receptions.

JULY 2022

SOLO PERFORMER, EXPRESSIONS AT CONTAINR

Self-choreographed contemporary piece. Organized through Springboard with help from Dance YYC.

APRIL 2022

BODY ART MODEL, TELUS SPARK CENTER

Was painted from torso up for the Spark After Dark event for drug awareness. Paraded around event and mingled with guests.

MARCH 2022

DANCE MODEL, BARE ACTIVEWEAR

Photographed and video recorded for a campaign for activewear brand.

JULY 2016

DANCE PERFORMANCE, CHELSEA HEASLIP TOUR

Backup dancer on an Alberta music tour.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

2024 LEADERSHIP IN DANCE CERTIFICATION

2024 NUTRITION CERTIFICATION, PN

2024 JUNIOR CERTIFICATION, ADTA

2023 JUDGE TRAINING & MEMBERSHIP, PAA

2022 INSTRUCTOR LICENSE, ZUMBA FITNESS

2019 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION, PBT

2019 INTERMEDIATE BALLET, ISTD

2017 MODERN ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE, ISTD

2016 ADVANCED TWO TAP, ISTD

2015 TAP ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE, ISTD

2015 INTERMEDIATE MODERN, ISTD

2014 GOLD JAZZ, ISTD