



Ruggerterz

Danz Artz



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YEARBOOK



A MESSAGE FROM RUGCUTTERZ DANZ ARTZ

As we put another dance season behind us, we want to thank all of our awesome dancers for another successful year!

Each and every year we are so pleased to watch as our Rugcutterz Danz Artz family continues to grow. We hope that this yearbook will not only serve as a reminder of all the friends we have made over the past year, but also as a wonderful keepsake – inspiring us to never lose the love of dance. This year we are blessed to celebrate our 10th dance season!

At Rugcutterz Danz Artz, it is our priority to encourage a family environment. School spirit is important to us and we work diligently to create a true community atmosphere. Here at Rugcutterz we consider every dancer a part of our family!

Once again, Rugcutterz kept very busy this past season with all of our community involvement which included fundraising events for Princess Margaret Hospital, Santa Fest Parade and Maple Fest to name a few. Rugcutterz was also very proud and honoured to be awarded the Top Choice Award for Best Dance Studio in Vaughan for the 7th year in a row.

The Rugcutterz competitive team continued its reputation of delivering award- winning routines. Their beautifully executed choreography brought home many overall awards in which they will forever be proud. Once again, our award winning production number entitled, 'Which Witch Is Which', had audiences everywhere out of their seats, cheering for more!

As the year came to an end, we celebrated as we watched all of our talented dancers perform in the year end recital at the Rose Theatre in Brampton. Friends and family were treated as our dancers lit up the stage. It truly was a memorable event.

Please enjoy your journey through our yearbook-the dance year in review. We look forward to all of the new experiences and lasting memories still to be made in the coming dance seasons ahead.

Yours In Dance,

The Rugcutterz Danz Artz Team



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WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN



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WHICH WITCH IS WHICH? - CHARACTERS



WHICH WITCH IS WHICH? - EMERALD CITY



WHICH WITCH IS WHICH? - SOLDIERS



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The Pulse Toronto



WORKSHOPS

Members of our competitive team attended The Pulse Workshop held in downtown Toronto on January 12th and 13th, 2013. Dancers participated in workshops held by So You Think You Can Dance personnel, and top choreographers including Brian Friedman, Tyce Diorio, Cris Judd, Laurieann Gibson, Dave Scott, Gil Duldulgo, Desmon Richardson, Brooke Lipton, Tessandra Chavez and Carmit Bachar. While at the workshop, top honours were achieved by the teachers and students alike as they were recognized for their hard work and dedication throughout the workshop. These students were presented with dance scholarships at the end of the two-day event. Congratulations to all.

This dance season Rugcutterz Danz Artz attended various workshops including Jump, The Dance Project, Triple Threat and The Pulse.

JUMP

A group of our competitive dancers attended the Jump Workshop on September 29th and 30th, 2012. It was held at the International Centre on Airport Road. The classes were taught by accomplished choreographers such as: Melanie Moore, Mandy Moore, Mia Michaels, Misha Gabriel, Bobby Newberry, just to name a few. Our dancers worked hard and were recognized for their passion and abilities. Excellent work everyone.

TRIPLE THREAT WORKSHOP

On October 13th and 14th, 2012, some of our competitive dancers participated in the Triple Threat Workshop. Students learned from top choreographers including: Tyce Diorio, Sho-tyme, Jillian Meyers, Luther Brown and Stacey Tookey. The students worked hard and were recognized for their dedication and passion for dance. Job well done.

THE DANCE PROJECT

On Sunday, November 11th, 2012, dancers participated in The Dance Project Workshop. This one day workshop was held at the Supreme Banquet Hall in Woodbridge. The faculty included Leon Blackwood, Linda Garneau, Michelle Greenwell, Shelley Tookey and Allain Lupien.

DANZ ATTACK 2013

Rugcutterz Danz Artz always has things heating up in Vaughan at the end of August as they host their annual Danz Attack Workshop... and this year was no different! Some of the top, extremely talented international choreographers are invited to Rugcutterz to instruct our 4-day intensive workshop. This year, guest choreographers include: (insert Adrain Lee, Leon Blackwood & Lisa Latouch.

Over 100 competitive dancers participated in this challenging, fun filled intensive workshop held in two parts at Rugcutterz. Existing dancers attended a dance attack workshop held August 20-23 and new to competitive dancers experienced Danz Attack from August 26 to 29.

Skills were strengthened, memories were fashioned and friends were made. Dancers were let thrilled and counting down the days to the beginning of a new dance season.

MOST POTENTIAL DANCER RECIPIENTS OF THE 2012/2013 COMPETITIVE DANCE SEASON

Rugcutterz Danz Artz would like to congratulate you on your accomplishments throughout this dance season.

CONGRATULATIONS

Diana Salami and Stefano Gallelli

RUGCUTTERZ WINS THE TOP CHOICE AWARD!

Rugcutterz Danz Artz is proud to be the recipient of the Top Choice Award for the 7th year in a row. Top Choice Awards are awarded to businesses that showcase business excellence. The Top Choice Awards conducts polls in various cities to determine which businesses outshine all others in their category to deserve the honour of being awarded 'The Top Choice'. Thanks to all who voted for us. Your continued support is the reason we are committed to improving ourselves year after year.



OUR GRADUATING DANCERS

Rugcutterz Danz Artz would like to congratulate our graduating dancers



The end of every dance season is always a bitter-sweet time for us here at Rugcutterz, as we say goodbye to all of our senior dancers that have graduated from highschool. These dancers leave the competitive dance world to pursue higher education and/or professional careers. The 2012/2013 dance season marked the end of the road for Rugcutterz graduates Jonathon Adragna, Kayla Pasquali, Toby Rubb and Veronica Stuart.

Throughout their dance career, these young men and women have dedicated countless hours at the dance studio and to their training. Their continuous hard work and dedication never goes without notice. We are so proud of each and every one of these performers, and we always look forward in seeing what the future has in store for them.

True success is not measured by the countless awards earned but rather by the legacy you leave behind. These dancers will never be forgotten, they will always remain a part of the Rugcutterz family.

RUGCUTTERZ DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA

Congratulations to all of the young performers that participated in the Rugcutterz Danz Artz yearend recital at The Rose Theatre on June 9th, 10th and 11th. The entire year worth of hard work put forth by the dancers as well as their teachers had audiences entertained from beginning to end.

We began every show with our production routine entitled 'Which Witch is Which', which incorporated the themes from the popular

movie 'Oz, The Great And Powerful'. This routine featured over 70 of our competitive dancers and won several awards, including "Highest Mark of the Competition", every time it was performed.

Performances in Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Acro, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre and Lyrical continued the show, dancers aged 3 to adult performed in front of hundreds of audience members and left them cheering for more.

Rugcutterz Danz Artz takes part in Santafest



Rugcutterz Danz Artz was honoured once again to be a part of the 13th Annual Santafest Parade in Vaughan in November, 2012.

For the second year in a row Rugcutterz kicked off the parade by hosting the pre-show entertainment. Several of our young competitive dancers started off the parade route by dancing and entertaining the residents of Vaughan as they anxiously anticipated the arrival of Santa Claus.

On behalf of the Rugcutterz family, we would like to thank everyone who helped make Santafest a success, including all the dancers that participated, the staff that co-ordinated and to the parents who celebrated with us. We are so happy to be a part of what has become such a wonderful tradition.



HALLOWEEN

SPOOKTACULAR PARTY



Rugcutterz decided to invite all witches, goblins, mysterious creatures and of course all princesses to gather together to celebrate our favourite event, Halloween Spooktacular.

Here at Rugcutterz, our number one priority is promoting and maintaining a safe environment for all children. With that in mind, we hosted a Spooktacular party where our young guests were encouraged to come dressed in their costumes and were entertained with songs, dancing and other spooky surprises. All guests left the party with a bag full of treats and a smile on their face. Prizes were also awarded to the best dressed guests who attended the Halloween Spooktacular.



PRINCESS PARTY

We had a royal time on Sunday December 2, 2012 as we hosted a Princess Party at Rugcutterz Danz Artz. Students were encouraged to come dressed as their favourite princess as they joined us for a royal time filled with games, dancing and fairytale gifts.



COMPETITIONS



Bedazzled Dance Champions:

Date: Thursday April 18th - Sunday April 21st

Location: Rose Theatre, 1 Theatre Lane, Brampton

Jump Convention and Competition:

Date: Friday May 3rd - Sunday May 5th

Location: Niagara Convention Center Buffalo,
153 Franklin Street, Buffalo

Bedazzled Dance Champions:

Date: Thursday May 2nd - Sunday May 5th

Location: Richmond Hill Theatre, 13367 Yonge Street

Move Competition:

Date: Thursday May 16th - Sunday May 19th

Location: Blue Mountain Inn,
110 Jozo Weider Blvd, Collingwood

Bedazzled Dance Champions:

Date: Thursday May 23rd - Sunday May 26th

Location: Americana Resort Niagara Falls,
8444 Lundy's Lane





Year-End Parties

Continuing with our annual tradition, Rugcutterz Danz Artz celebrated the end of an outstanding dance season by hosting our famous year end parties for all dancers and their families. It's the way we like to say, "Thank You" to all the parents and dancers for choosing Rugcutterz as their dance studio.

We celebrated three separate times, giving all of our dancers the opportunity to party with us as well as their family and friends. Each party was packed full of games, entertainment, music, presentations to teachers and of course, lots of food and cake!! There's nothing like a great party to celebrate the end of an amazing season

Every year Rugcutterz Danz Artz has the privilege of performing at many community events, including the annual Maplefest Festival. Every August the members of Rugcutterz come together to perform their award winning routines for many members of the Vaughan community who attended Maplefest held at Maple Community Centre. This year Rugcutterz showcased top routines including: A Smurf Mix, I've Got No Strings, Gone Fishin', Just Us Chicks, Footloose, Be Our Guest, Wedding Ring, Lenna solo and renne solo.

The weekend festivities featured many events and activities geared towards the entire family and gave Rugcutterz the opportunity to show the community what we are all about.





WHICH WITCH IS WHICH?

It's no secret that the Rugcutterz Danz Artz Competitive Team has earned an outstanding reputation for performing unique and memorable production routines each year under the direction of the studios Artistic Director, Miss Kim Barker. This year was no exception. More than 80 dancers took to the stage in "Which Witch Is Which," based on the fairytale Oz The Great And Powerful.

Audiences everywhere were amazed during the performance, especially with the amazing choreography and authentic costumes. The cheering from the audience was overwhelming during each competition and recital performance. "Which Witch Is Which" received top honours in the production category, receiving both Diamond and special awards. The production routine was also awarded the highest mark of the competition every time it competed and was victorious over hundreds of other entries.



Rug Cutterz

★ CELEBRATES ★ 10 YEARS OF DANCE



LOOKING BACK OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS

Our three daughters, Leesa, Allison and Rachel joined Rug Cutterz Danz Artz when the studio opened in September of 2003. Since then 2 of our girls have 'graduated' from Rug Cutterz. Dance has instilled educational structure and social stability to our daughters that no other activity could have provided. It empowered them to complete school work so that they could attend their dance classes and rehearsals which at times could be very heavy. Rug Cutterz has created a positive social environment as well. Whether the kids are competing as a team or individually as in a solo category, they support each other and cheer for everyone's successes.

This can only have been achieved by the family style atmosphere which started with the Marin family and Miss Kim. In September, our youngest daughter Rachel will be in the graduating class along with a number of her friends. Rachel along with her best friend Ally were in Miss Kim's youngest competitive dance groups in 2003. Along with Miss Kim, the Marin family, we have watched them grow and develop into the dancers they are today. We will always have the wonderful memories of the amazing dances, costumes and spectacular productions.

Perry and Judy Steiner

Rugcutterz was a dream that became a reality in the year of 2003. Our main goal of starting Rugcutterz was to make a positive difference in children's lives. I believe that Rugcutterz has not only made a positive impact on children's lives but also on young adults, adults and the young at heart. As a studio, we try to give back as much as possible to our community and share the love and passion for dance with everyone we come across. Rugcutterz is where dance dreams begin and never ends!

It has been a pleasure to witness all of the students both recreational and competitive excel in the programmes that are offered at Rugcutterz. Year after year, I see the growth not only with their dance training but also within their self-esteem and confidence level. The bond between dancers and the friendships that are formed at Rugcutterz will last a life time. We are all one big family that keeps growing year after year.

It has also been so rewarding to see so many young dancers flourish into respectable, hard working, well rounded, humble and successful young adults and adults. This is evident when the graduating students come back year after year and express how much they miss Rugcutterz but they all know this is their second home and are always welcome.

What does it take to become a successful Rugcutterz dancer? The love of dance, passion, soul, respect, hours of hard work, determination, patience, blood, sweat, plenty of tears, perseverance and a good sense of humour. Most importantly, to be thankful to be blessed with the opportunity to dance and never take it for granted.

I am so grateful and proud to be able to work with so many talented dancers that I do day after day. For me teaching and choreographing is not work, it is who I am. I love sharing my love, passion and artistry with each and every one of you. You are all truly my inspiration!

A few things that I always try to instil in the students at Rugcutterz is:

- 1 It is about "The Journey" and not about "The Destination"
- 2 Each moment is special, so embrace it!
- 3 "Don't let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game"
- 4 Set your goals high, you can achieve anything if you put your mind to it

The most famous line that all dancers use with their parents (to their convenience of course) because "Miss Kim" said so.

Rugcutterz is my home. To Sandra Marin and the rest of the Marin Family.....you are all my second family and I love you all! xoxo

We have created so many memories together to last a lifetime! I don't know where to start (too emotional to put it on paper), but I am truly grateful, blessed and thankful to God that our paths crossed ten years ago to create Rugcutterz.

A heartfelt thank you to all of the teachers, staff, dancers, parents and prop Dads for your continued support and believing in Rugcutterz. You are all a blessing!

Finally, I would like to thank my family for your patience, love and support throughout the past ten years. Even though I haven't been able to be present at several family functions, please know that I have always been there in heart and spirit. I know that God has a master plan for us all and I am trying to fulfil every expectation he has of me.

Congrats Rugcutterz on an amazing ten years of success. Here's to the "JOURNEY" of many more! Go Team!!

MISS KIM

10 years, that seems like a long time for most but for me the time has flown by quickly. It feels like just yesterday I was in my audition at the hockey arena with Miss Kim and a bunch of kids that would soon become some of my best friends. Walking into Rugcutterz for my first time was so amazing, I remember being nervous but very excited to start out somewhere new. Little did I know that opening the door to this dance studio would change my life forever. Since the first year to the tenth, everyone in the studio no matter how young or old has been welcoming and caring for each other. The time spent at the studio is something I would never give up for anything.

I remember how it felt walking into the studio as a tiny seven year old and starting off in a group with a whole bunch of people I had never met before. Although I was quite nervous, that feeling quickly went away because of how amazing and open each and every person in the studio was. The way the seniors took us under their wings and made us feel at home was incredible and I believe this persona and attitude has stuck around as the studio has grown. The people within this studio aren't just friends they are family and the bonds I have made over the years will last a life time.

I have seen so many people come and go and made so many incredible friendships that I know will truly last a lifetime. Ten years, and seven different dance groups later, I can say that the people I had the opportunity to spend time with have changed my life greatly. Looking back on these ten years I cannot believe how much I have grown not only as a dancer but as a person thanks to all of these people. I can remember what it felt like as one of the youngest people in the studio, and now being one of the oldest each step of the way has been memorable. Words cannot describe how fortunate I am to have so many people in my life that I love and who love me and who I can be myself with. You know you love your dance group when you miss them two minutes after leaving the dance studio. From late nights at the dance studio, to early mornings at dance competitions I am so happy to spend them with such amazing people. Leaving this studio this year I only hope that everyone who attends Rugcutterz Danz Artz has as amazing experience as I have had and create bonds with the members in their group that are as strong as the ones I have forever.

Since day one the Marin's have treated me like one of their own. I could not have asked for a better family to be taken into. My mom couldn't attend my first competition with Rugcutterz so she sent me up with Stephanie. I don't think Steph knew what to do with me because I was this little ball of energy that was so open and loud. From that first competition until today, Steph has been known as my second Momma. Sandra, you are one of the absolute kindest ladies I have ever met in my entire life. I know you are always there for me, whether I need to cry or laugh, you will always get me to do it. Since day one Ross was there teasing me about boys, from Robbie to Robert and Adam you never fail to tease me. Nicole I am so overly happy that you finally came alive after the first three years of Rugcutterz because you are really one of the most amazing people I have ever met and I am proud to be able to say that I am your favourite. Emma, oh Emma where do I even start, you are definitely the funniest person I have ever met and these past ten years wouldn't be the same without your amazing comments that make each and every dance class. Without all of you the studio wouldn't be the place it is today and I want to thank you so much for creating such a wonderful place for kids to go.

Ten years and 101 dances later, Miss Kim and I are still standing. Although I have had the experience to work with many dance teachers, Miss Kim has changed my life forever. Everyone who has the pleasure to work with her is the extremely lucky and I have had the pleasure of having her as my teacher for the past ten. I have never met anyone as amazing as Miss Kim, she is the absolute kindest person I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. The ideas that come out of her head are so unique and original I couldn't ask for a more amazing dance teacher. The hours I have spent with Miss Kim is time I would never give up and I am so thankful for it. Anyone who has the pleasure to work with her is the luckiest person in the entire world and I will miss the time spent together creating unbelievable pieces of work in the studio.

Every single second of the past ten years spend at the studio is time I will never forget. I am so extremely thankful for everything Rugcutterz has given me and I wouldn't change a single thing. As I am graduating this year, I only hope that each and every member of the studio has as amazing journey as I have and that it continues to provide a home to children for years and years. I love everyone and there are no words to describe how thankful I am to of been a part of something so amazing.

TOBY RUBB

We can't believe it has been 10 years since the studio opened. When our old studio closed we were very nervous about where to send our 3 daughters. Then we met Ross. He was just an enthusiastic Dance Dad who thought it was a great idea. We thought he was crazy but he was adamant and passionate about doing this. We were never sure it would last but after 10 years it is not only still around, but one of the premiere and extremely successful studios in Toronto.

We watched our kids along with countless others grow up in this studio and it has been an incredible experience to be a part of. There has been both great and challenging times, but through it all the entire Marin family has been there to make it a fantastic experience for the kids. You have one of the best choreographers anywhere in Miss Kim and a great supporting staff. We appreciate all you have done and wish you nothing but absolute success in the next 10 years.

Ian, Andrea, Shawna, Marli and Ally Mucher

When I was asked to write about my experience at Rugcutterz over the past dance seasons I did not know where to start. There were too many memories shared with so many wonderful people that I would need a whole booklet to myself to recount and share all of my blessings and memories accumulated over the years.

Starting Rugcutterz was a dream that God had granted to us. I say this because Ross and I had no experience in the dance business ten years ago. Our goal at the time was to make a positive difference in children's lives and still is, and by opening Rugcutterz Danz Artz it gave us the platform to do so. Our first week opening the studio was a memorable one because my first Cousin had passed away followed by the death of Ross' Dad and my Father was in Intensive Care. I prayed that this was not a sign of things to come. Instead God had given us the strength to continue what we had started. There was definitely a lot of learning to do, however we never had to worry about the choreography or the teachers because we knew we had the best Artistic Director, Miss Kim Barker and it was all in capable hands.

We quickly outgrew our first location at Roytec Road, and after completing our second dance season we moved over to our current location on Corstate Avenue. That summer we opened the largest studio in Vaughan, with 5 spacious studios, featuring sprung floors and high ceilings. Over the past ten dance seasons, I have looked forward to every year seeing the recreational and competitive dance routines for the first time. I am always excited about Production and trying to guess what the routine themes are going to be that year.

One of the greatest pleasures I have had over the past ten dance seasons has been watching each student grow and mature as a dancer. Our students start with us as young as 2.5 years and seeing them grow into respectable young children and adults have been a tremendous joy. Watching our graduate alumni return year after year and finding out what they have become including teachers, doctors, mothers, accountants etcetera and how their personal journey to adulthood has been influenced by dance continues to warm my heart. One of my fondest memories came from one of our autistic dancers. He suffered from such a severe form of autism that his family was never able to capture a photo of him smiling throughout his childhood. I remember picture day that dance season and seeing how the joy of dance affected this little boy's life. His first picture of him ever smiling was finally captured.

I am so blessed to be able to recount these wonderful memories and share them with every dancer that has ever walked through the Rugcutterz front doors. Each of you has shaped my life and I am so happy that Ross and I decided to take a leap of faith and open Rugcutterz Danz Artz ten dance seasons ago with Kim Barker.

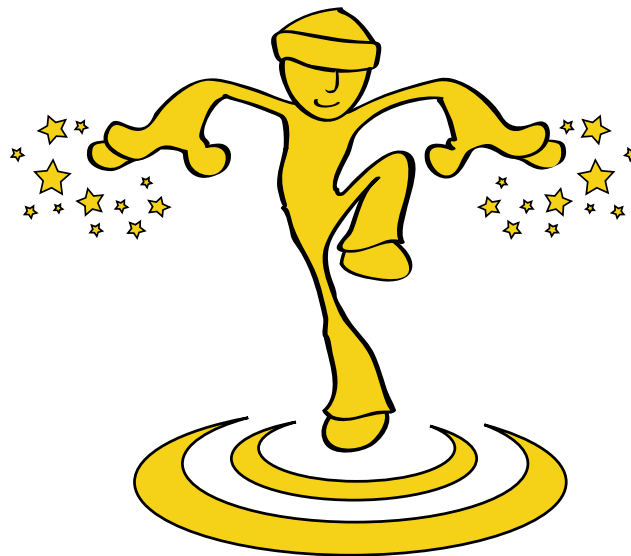
On a personal note I would like to say how proud I am of our three daughters Stephanie, Nicole and Emma-Marie, of our son-in-law Jose and my grandson Domenic, who spend endless hours at the studio each week. Miss Kim, you are not only a talented and gifted Artistic Director but a wonderful friend. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Anna and Michael Hart, Natalie Miceli, Linda Joyce and all of our teaching staff Miss Kim, Mr Alexander, Miss Angelica, Miss Danielle, Miss Emma, Miss Jessica, Miss Jordana, Mrs Julie, Miss Kirsten, Miss Melissa and Miss Nicole and for making Rugcutterz Danz Artz hold true to our motto where dance dreams begin!

Wow 10 years already, where has the time gone! If someone told me 12 years ago that I would be managing a dance studio, I think I would have laughed in their face. Growing up I had never taken a single dance class and was always into sports. But now after experiencing the past 10 seasons, I wouldn't trade it for anything any other profession in the world. I love working with kids, and I consider these students and their families a part of my own family.

I remember when we first opened the doors to Rugcutterz as if it was yesterday. Personally, I was scared about the new business venture, especially not knowing a single thing about the "dance world". We have spent long days and nights at the studio educating ourselves about everything there is to know about dance, and this knowledge with the guidance of our Artistic Director has transitioned Rugcutterz into the success it is today.

I am thankful for the relationships I have been able to build within the industry over the past 10 dance seasons. These relationships have helped me to grow not only as person but as a working mom. I am also thankful for each memory created over the past decade. Each one is held so close to my heart and I cannot wait for the next ten years to create more exciting memories. I would like to thank my parents for having the dream of opening up a children's dance studio and allowing me to be a part of it. Thank you for the guidance and wisdom you have given me and teaching me by leading by example. I Love You! Thank you everyone for your love and support over the last 10 dance seasons. Rugcutterz Danz Artz Where Dance Dreams Begin!

Stephanie Marin- Alves



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