



**Canada's Première Agency
for Dance Educators**

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LAURA DACYSHYN

ACTRA / EQUITY

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- **Allegro School of Dance - Former Owner/Director, Ballet Instructor**
Recreational and Competitive Ballet Teacher and Choreographer

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE:

- **The National Ballet of Canada - Corps de Ballet Member**
Swan Lake, Giselle, Sleeping Beauty, The Nutcracker, La Sylphide, Don Quixote, Manon, Cinderella, The Merry Widow, Romeo & Juliet, The Concert and more

RELATED EXPERIENCE:

- **Photo Double, Body Double, Stand-In for TV & Film**
Doubled / Stood-In for actors including Jennifer Lopez, Kirsten Dunst, Tara Reid, Kathleen Turner, Brittany Murphy, Marg Helgenberger, Felicity Huffman and more

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION:

- The National Ballet School - Professional Training Program
- Steps, Broadway Dance, David Howard's - Professional Development

OTHER - BIO:

Laura discovered her passion for dance at age 7 when she began studying ballet in a small Canadian town. By 9 years old she was accepted into the prestigious National Ballet School in Toronto, Canada, where she trained under the direction of Betty Oliphant and Mavis Staines. Laura continued her professional development with NBS and was invited to spend her summers working with Melissa Adamnova at the Bolshoi Ballet Academy in Moscow and in New York City, training with a number of reputable master teachers including David Howard, Gelsey Kirkland and Vladimir Dokoudovsky.

After graduating, Laura began dancing with The National Ballet of Canada and performed various roles in Swan Lake, Giselle, Sleeping Beauty, The Nutcracker, La Sylphide, Don Quixote, Manon, Cinderella, The Merry Widow, Romeo & Juliet and The Concert, to name just a few. Eager to pursue her career in classical ballet, Laura then traveled extensively throughout Europe, studying with The Royal Danish Ballet and The Frankfurt Ballet.

In 2000, Laura started teaching and immediately realized her passion was in the studio working with children. She founded Allegro School of Dance in 2002, and her success as a teacher has been proven year after year by the progress of her refined and motivated dancers. Several of her students have been accepted into professional dance schools and intensive summer programs including The National Ballet School, The Royal Winnipeg Ballet School and Quinte Ballet.

Laura has been instrumental in guiding her students' success and fostering a deep sense of accomplishment and dedication to the artistry of dance. She is an award-winning choreographer and several of her pieces have been acknowledged by adjudicators, receiving overall awards at multiple festivals and competitions. Laura is also a supporter of giving back to our community; she has been very generous of her time and through recital ticket sales, donated to local and global charitable organization which enhances our environment and provide much needed resources to ensure the artistry of dance is always appreciated.