

## Jacques Monfiston – Dance



Jacques Monfiston started dancing at the age of 7. He fell in love with the sport the day he stepped into a dance class at the Ottawa Dance Academy under the direction of Deborah Lamothe. After attending Ottawa University for 3 years and taking a long break from dance of over 10, he decided to train again at the age of 25 at Greta Leeming Studio of Dance. One of his many highlights has been to represent Canada at

the World Dance Championships and bringing back home the gold medal. He adjudicated regional competitions for the Canadian National Dance Championships and was the **1st Canadian judge** at the 2001 World Jazz Dance Competition and also adjudicated the 2002 World Tap Dance and Show Dance Championships in Germany. Jacques was also the tap adjudicator at the **Manitoba Dance Festival** in 2008. Jacques continues to improve his talent by being on scholarship to two leading Performing Arts Training Centers. He has taken numerous dance classes at Edge Performing Arts Center, Broadway Dance Center, Steps and also has worked with some of L.A. and New York City's top choreographers. Jacques' professional work includes traveling the world as an entertainer with Norwegian Cruise Lines and Costa Crociere Inc. Jacques was also part of the inaugural dance company **Helix Dance Project** in Toronto under the direction of **Linda Garneau**. He was also in numerous commercials, industrials such as Bell Mobility, Coca Cola and Radio Shack to name a few. Jacques was also in South Africa where he conducted workshops and choreographed numerous dance routines for various dance institutions. Jacques also teaches, conducts workshops and does competitive choreography for studios worldwide. Jacques made Tokyo, Japan his home for over 2 years working for **Walt Disney** at the **Broadway Music Theatre**. He was also in musicals/plays such as **My Fair Lady**, **Cats**, **Cyrano De Bergerac**, **Annie**, **Guys And Dolls**, **Dance Legends**, **Chicago**, **Anything Goes** and the smash hit **West Side Story** at the **Stratford Festival Theatre**. Jacques was recently in Germany, Poland, China and Japan where again he was the 2009 Canadian Judge at the World Tap, Modern and Jazz Dance Championships. He also conducted workshops, did some choreo and a bit of modeling during his travels in Europe and Asia. Jacques was also a featured dancer and the assistant-choreographer in the smash hit show **Dance Legends**. Jacques also co-directed **A Chorus Line** with **Faye Rauw** for the Toronto Theatre Company and was selected by the **Toronto District School Board** to be a Dance Mentor for a project called Dare To Dance. He has also worked with the **Canadian Opera Company** in a show called Nixon In China. Jacques is also the 4 time gold award winner **Team Canada National Choreographer**. Jacques is the proud owner of **Five Star Dance Company** and **World Performers Canada Inc** where he provides performance opportunities to dancers and cultural experiences abroad. On top of his busy schedule, he continues to teach for the Peel and Toronto District School Board and at numerous dance studios, schools and conventions around the world. *LIVE LOVE DANCE...* [www.jacquesmonfiston.com](http://www.jacquesmonfiston.com)