

WINTER WISHES

POM and DANCE

COMPETITION

2022 JUDGES BIOGRAPHIES



SHANNON BARRETT – Shannon has been part of the dance industry for over 30 years. Hailing from Dearborn Heights, MI, she studied various disciplines, performed for the Detroit Pistons & Rockers, choreographed local productions and has taught both competitively and recreationally at multiple studios through out the metro Detroit area. She has transformed competitive Tap Dance programs into platinum, & overall winning pieces that also won entertainment & showstopper awards in a matter of months. Her group, trio, duo and solo pieces have won high awards as well as overall awards at competitions throughout the U.S. and has received choreography awards for entertainment value, intensity and technique. Shannon has worked as a dance and cheer coach, pompon coach, dance instructor, choreographer and competition judge for over 15 years. Her students have gone on to study with Alvin Ailey, earn college degrees in Dance Education, become members of the Detroit Tap Repertory and even become dance teachers! Shannon enjoys age appropriate choreography that pushes the envelope in a creative way. She currently teaches dance at multiple studios in metro Detroit.

MADALYN GELETZKE – Madalyn Geletzke was born in Livonia, Michigan where she started taking dance at age 3. She has extensive training in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical, musical theater and contemporary from top name choreographers such as Travis Wall, Brian Friedman and Mandy Moore. As an accomplished dancer in the competitive field, she has won countless awards, scholarships, titles and top honors at regional and national dance competitions and conventions. She has performed around the country, in performances such as Walt Disney World and Halftime Shows featuring Jake Owen and The Goo Goo Dolls. Madalyn attended Michigan State University where she was a member of the Michigan State University Pompon team. Currently, she lives in Chicago, IL where she is the owner of The Barre Code in Gold Coast.



CHRISTIE SILLES – Christie began dancing at the age of 5 and first became involved with pompon in high school. She was a member and co-captain of her high school pompon team, as well as a member of both the Mid American Pompon All Star Team and the UDA All Star Team. Following high school, Christie was selected to join the Mid American Pompon Staff where she served as a summer camp instructor. In college, Christie was both a member and captain of the Miami University Dance Team. After college, she was a cheerleader for the Detroit Fury (AFL) and began coaching high school varsity pompon. After coaching for six years, she then became a dancer, co-captain, and eventually assistant coach for the Detroit Ignition Dance Team (MISL). Most recently, Christie spent three years as a corner coach for the Detroit Lions Cheerleaders.

SAMANTHA SANT – Samantha has been dancing since the age of four. She began dancing recreationally at studios in Macomb County and then began competing regionally and nationally at age seven. She continued to pursue dance through participating in her high school's dance teams, being nominated captain of the JV team her sophomore year and again as a senior on the varsity team. Following high school, Samantha choreographed for several local high schools and university dance teams in the Metro Detroit area. Samantha graduated from Michigan State University in 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Hospitality Business. At MSU, she was able to start the competitive dance club, MSU Elite Competitive Dance, in 2011. The team is now a Division 1A top ten nationally ranked dance team. During her time at Michigan State, she also taught dance for two years at The Studio Performing Arts Center in East Lansing. After graduating college, Samantha has coached for both college and high school dance teams in the area. Today Samantha lives in Royal Oak and enjoys having the opportunity to judge with Dance Force Xpress for another year.



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