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D A N C E R A N D C H O R E O G A P H E R



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Owner: Beatrix Cultural Center

Artistic Director: Beatrix Dance League &
Beatrix Specials



EDUCATION

Economics - University of St. Cyril and Methodius" - **2010-2014**

Ballet Pedagogy - "Faculty of Music and Arts", Skopje - **2018-2019**

Contemporary Dance - Academy of Contemporary Dance - University of "Goce Delcev" , Shtip - **2019-2021**

AWARDS

- Multinational Solo Dance Champion (x27)
- Finalist at World DC (x6)
- Vicechampion World DC (x2)
- Best urban-dance choreography at ESDU WDC
- Entrance at GALA NIGHT at ESDU WDC (x2)
- Best 15 choreographies at the prestige "World of Dance" Event, Berlin, Germany

- Best 20 choreographers at "Choreographic Miniatures Festival" - "Institut za umjetnicku igru" Belgrade
- Representative of N.Macedonia at "Festival of choreographers" in Sofia, Bulgaria

- Youth Ambassador at EU / UNICEF in Brussels, Belgium
- Youth Civic Engagement Award / USAID

LANGUAGES

- Macedonian
- English
- French

SKILLS / DANCE

- Contemporary Dance (A)
- Urban Dance (A)
- Classical Ballet (B)

SKILLS / OTHER

- Management and leadership (A)
- PR, Marketing and social media (A)
- Concept writing (A)
- Graphic Design (M)
- Photography and video shooting (M)
- Singing (A)
- Acting (B)
- Organizational Skills (A)

(A) Advanced / (M) Medium / (B) Basic Knowledge

Work Experience

Artistic Director and choreographer at:

- **"Rising"** / April, 2013 - Dance Fest, Skopje
- Audiovisual Performance **"Pieces"** June, 2016 / The rooftop of "Macedonian Falangue" building
- Audiovisual performance **"Silence"** June, 2018 / Macedonian Opera and Ballet
- Audiovisual performance **"Ether"** June, 2019 / Youth Cultural Center
- **"Apoptosis"** a performance with the music of the composer Darija Andovska, March 2019 / "Krikot na zenata" - Public Room
- **"Festival of choreographers"** June, 2019 / Sofia, Bulgaria
- **"Your smell"** , June 2019 / Threds Radio Festival, Youth Cultural Center, Skopje
- **"Festival of choreographic miniatures"**, September, 2019 / "Institut za umjetnicku igru" Belgrade, Serbia
- **"Her own space"** , September 2020 / Dance Fest, Skopje

Artistic Director of:

- "Beatrix Dance League"** 1,2,3,4,5 & 6 Edition /International Dance Camp and Festival
- "Beatrix Specials"** 1,2,3 Edition / Open Workshops for the community
- "Beatrix Dance Caravan"** 1,2 Edition / Free workshops in 15 cities of N.Macedonia
- "Positive Parenting"** / UNICEF
- "Regugees Day"** / UNDP
- "EUROTON"** / Europe House and Delegation of European Union
- 10+ concerts of Beatrix Cultural Center



Urban Dance

Local Dance Centers Educational Background

- Two years of work at "Pro Danza" Dance Studio
- One and a half year of work at "Mak Models Dance Studio"
- Three years of work at "Break A Leg" Dance Studio
- One year of work at "Ritam +" Dance Studio

Beatrix Cultural Center / 2014 - present

- Organization and teaching at 6 editions of "Beatrix Dance League Festival"

All six editions teachers: Kevin Oelen (The Netherlands), Kenzo Alvares (The Netherlands), Ukay, Almir & Omar (Germany), Liza Riabinina (Ukraine), Adrien Rako (Switzerland), Jun Quamado (Italy, USA), Franklin Yu (USA), Dylan Mayoral (England), Ques Zaalman (The Netherlands), EZ Twins (Slovenia), Alisa Tsitseronova (Estonia), Joseph Tsosh (Greece), Jaja Vankova (Ukraine / USA), Edwin Batalla (Germany), Teja Modrijan (Slovenia), Nikola Planka, Ana Stanisic (Serbia), Elena Kolarova, Ivo Ivanov, Eva Marmarova, Stela Stoyanova, Vasil Zolumov, Stephanie Buhova (Bulgaria), Sandra Najdanovska, Ana Marija Temelkovska, Stefani Pecalevska, Sara Nichota, Jana Petrovska, Martin Ivanov, Milena Maneva, Marko Markovikj, Viktorija Nikolovska, Aleksandar Nedelkovski, Emilija Dostinova, Ivona Manevska, Pance Dimov, Mihail Talev, Bojana Dodevska, Sanja Lazarovska, Adrijana Dancevska, Dejan Bitrovski, Ivan Angelkovski, Save Isirova (N.Macedonia)

Organization and teaching at 3 editions of "Beatrix Specials" Event:

All three editions teachers:

Ana Marija Temelkovska, Leonardo Huseini, Jana Petrovska, Sandra Najdanovska, Sara Nichota, Stefani Pecalevska, Teodora Ezhovska, Kamelija Sekulovska, Elena Stojkoska, Mila Stojanovska, Martin Ivanov (N.Macedonia), Milena Maneva, Marko Markovikj (N.Macedonia), Elena Kolarova, Ivo Ivanov, Stela Stoyanova, Eva Marmarova, Stephanie Buhova, Vasil Zolumov (Bulgaria), Ana Stanisic (Serbia).

Organization and teaching at 2 editions of "Beatrix Dance Caravan":

- visited and gave classes in 30 cities in N.Macedonia

Scholarship for Mayoral Dance Training program, teachers:

Jaja Vankova, Dylan Mayoral, Isidro Rafael, Shawn Plague, Bo Park, Colette Eagle, Laurence Kaiwa, Selene Har, Czarina Esplana, Senna Amarnis, Christopher Martin and Larkyn Poynton

MOVIES:

"**Artists coping with domestic violence**" - Documentary movie by Jay Walker / Main choreographer and co-producer

"**Au Fond**" Movie - Doubler

"**Petrunija**" - Teona Mitevska / Entrance in three finalists for main role

COMMERCIALS:

Ti shto si eden i edinstven" - T-mobile

"The rhythm of summer" - A1,

Tik Tok - A1,

Promotion Package - A1

Sutash Milk

Work with musical artists:

Tuna Sejdi, Elena Risteska, Adrijan Gaxha, Anja Veterova, Antonija Gigovska, DNK, Vasil Garvanliev, Natasa Malinkova, Jovan Jovanov, Elvir Mekikj, Lambe Alabakovski, Toni Zen, Valery Dimovska, Butrint, Elvana Gjata, Floriani,

Shows:

"Tvoje lice zvuci poznato", "VMA Albania" , "Makfest", "Ohridfest", "Gimfest", "A1 Roisin Murphy",

"Eve - Kosovo", "Gimnazijada", "Tri dena muzicka kultura", "Dance Fest", Zlatna Bubamara",

"Eurovision", "M2 Music Star", "Korcaginska prosvetlika", etc.

Commerical projects, choreographing for:

Coca Cola, T-Mobile, A1, Buzz Sneaker Station, Tikves Winery, Lyconet, Citybox, Adidas, Nike, Sport Vision, Sport M, Vitalia, Neuland, Vitaminka, Horvat, Publicis Marketing Agency, McCann Marketing Agency, Idea Plus Marketing Agency, Idea Lab Marketing Agency, LISCA Company, etc.

Teaching at:

Beatrix Dance League

Beatrix Specials

Beatrix Dance Caravan

Vibe Dance Studio

2hot4stage Dance Cener / Belgrade, Serbia

Expose Dance Center / Nish, Serbia

Youth Can Event / North Macedonia

Revolution Dance Center / Belgrade, Serbia

LDA Struga / "Decade of Belonging" project

UNICEF / "Positive Parenting"

Europe House & Delegation of European Union / "HAKATON"

KSP "JADRO" / "Tancov Krik" Project

MAK Dance Center / Kumanovo, N.Macedonia

Sonata Dance Center / Ohrid, N.Macedonia

Fusion Dance Center / Kumanovo, N.Macedonia

Anabela Dance Center / Veles, N.Macedonia

Other workshops:

- Workshops with Misha Gabriel (USA), Mehmet Durmaz (Турција), Aleksa Zile Raifovic (Serbia) / Serbia, Christopher Martin (USA), Larkyn Poynton (USA), Keona Madrid (USA), Jojo Gomez (USA), Gina Michael (Egypt, Australia), Swing La Smala (France), Vesna Paschanovic (Serbia), Nikola Davidovic (Serbia), Milica Ilic (Serbia), Nikola Gavrilovic (Serbia), Kim Tawjoeram (The Netherlands), Ibra All (Greece), Loys Assal (Belgium), Sean Assal (Belgium), Aggelos Appostolidis (Greece), Zigan Krajncin (Slovenia)

Workshops at ESDU Dance Championship

EZ Twins (SLO), Zeljko Bozic (SLO), Nina Kripas (USA), Santu Mamona (IT), Christopher Jammin (USA), Dylan Mayoral (England), Zeljko Bozic (Slovenia), Matic Zadavec (Slovenia)

Workshops at OMG Dance Camp Bulgaria:

Within three editions: Bam Martin (USA), Andrew Batterina (USA), EZ Twins (Slovenia), Nika Kljun (Slovenia), Dylan Mayoral (England), Antoine Troupe (USA), Hollywood (USA), Kenzo Alwares (The Netherlands), Ysabelle Capitule (USA), Kiel Tuttin (USA), Lyle Beniga (USA), Kevin Oelen (The Netherlands), Sienna Lalau (USA), Philip Chbeeb (USA), Andye J (USA), Phil Wright (USA), Zacc Milne (USA), Scott Forsyth (USA), Ori D Meyer (Israel), Ben Witcher (USA)

► Contemporary Dance

High School "Ilija Nikolovski - Luj" / 2017-2019

- One and a half year of work with the professor Elena Antonova Petrovic in the national high school for modern ballet

Faculty of Music and Arts - Skopje / 2018 - 2019

- One year of studies at the national contemporary dance university working with: professors: Iskra Shukarova, Sonja Z. Dzeperaska, Tanja Vujisic, Aleksandra Mijalkova.
- Two-week "Counter Technique" residency with Charles Slander-White and Liane Burns (USA) and performance creation
- Workshops with Urša Rupnik, Ljubljana Slovenia
- Workshops with Gregor Kamnikar, Slovenia
- Performance creation with prof: Iskra Shukarova / Project "M"
- Dance movie creation with prof: Iskra Shukarova

Contemporary Dance Studies - University of "Goce Delchev" - Stip / 2019 - 2021

- Mentor: Risima Risimkin
- Teachers: Adrijana Dancevska, Dejan Bitrovski, Anastasija Dancevska, Mateja Kiselicka
- Two-week performance creation with Adrijana Dancevska
- One month / Performance creation with Simon Kuban (Ukraine)
- One month / Performance creation with Yotam Peled (Germany / Israel)
- Workshops with Christine Bonansea (Germany, USA)
- Workshops with Megan Bridge (USA)
- Workshops with Aleksandar Gjorgiev, Sweden, N.Macedonia, Tenerife / Practical Work (Choreography)
- Theory Discourse with Zrinka Užbinec, Croatia (Choreography)

Other workshops

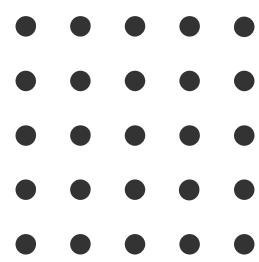
- Batsheva Dance Company
- Gisella Miller (Germany)
- Ricardo Campos Freire (Spain)
- Isidora Stanisich (Serbia)
- Stasha Stanojkovic (Serbia)
- Jakub Munko (Poland)
- Adrijana Dancevska (N.Macedonia)
- Matea Kiselicka (N.Macedonia / China)
- Dora Kokolj (Croatia)
- Aleksandra Petrusevska (Germany, N.Macedonia)
- Aleksandra Kochovska Naceva (N.Macedonia)
- Nina Kripas (USA)
- Mehmet Durmaz (USA / Turkey)
- Bojan Micev (N.Macedonia, Germany)
- Teodora Ezhovska (North Macedonia)
- Vlado Karaev (Theatre Forum)
- Milosh B.Andonov (Theory Discourse Directing)
- Kristina Lelovac (Theory Discourse Acting)
- Prof. Stefan Sidovski (Movies and philosophy)
- Ryszard Nyeoczym -Sounding (Canada)



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I believe that this world is just the place and this time is just the era where and when we are meant to perform in order to touch others.
Every artist is an image of himself and of it's society.

Transform yourself daily and reach out for more both within you and outside of you.



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