Hello! I'm Barbie Wharton.

Onstage Event Host, Emcee, Backstage Manager, Public Speaker, Podcast Guest

Experienced, professional and personable. I enjoy every minute being on stage and interacting with dancers, instructors, directors and venue personnel! In addition, I have directed and run events myself so I know first hand how important the onstage host and emcee are as the forward facing person to clients and dancers.



Skills and Experience

- Public Speaking
- Dance Event Host and Emcee Roles
- Backstage Management
- Social Media
- Team Leadership
- First Aid Certified

Education

2012 - 2015

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADOBE SUITE

BC Institute of Technology

2000 - 2002

MARKETING MANAGEMENT

BC Institute of Technology

Social Media



Experience

2020 - PRESENT

DIRECTOR, EMCEE

b1 DANCE PRODUCTIONS INC. | Vancouver, BC

Launching in 2021 I will be hosting and directing 3-4 events by invitation only. These events will encourage dancers to always be themselves while growing and expanding to their true potential. www.b1dance.com

2008 - 2020

DIRECTOR

WHARTON EVENT MANAGEMENT INC. | Vancouver, BC

For 12 years I was a co-director of Wharton Event Management producing 14 dance events across Western Canada. My roles included onstage emcee, backstage manager, production, marketing, social media and personnel management. I excelled in the high-paced, high-energy environment. In 2020 the company closed due to Covid.

2008 - 2020

EVENT EMCEE, DIRECTOR

PEAK INVITATIONAL DANCE COMPETITION | BC, AB and SK, Canada

I was involved in Peak Invitational from Day 1. Over the years I have grown and learned all aspects of running a dance competition from the mailing of the first brochure to the last awards session of the season. On stage I am upbeat, energetic and fun, while remaining extremely professional when it comes to making quick business and backstage decisions. I am passionate about making all dancers feel that they belong backstage, and always cheer them on to do their very best.

2010 - 2020

EVENT EMCEE

FESTIVAL DU BALLET | BC, AB, Canada

This competition was designed specifically for ballet dancers, requiring my style of announcing to adapt. I am able to read the environment and ensure my tone, level of excitement and personality matches the needs of the client.

2010 - 2020

EVENT EMCEE, BACKSTAGE MANAGER

QUANTUM ACROBATICS COMPETITION | BC, Canada

Event tailored to acrobatic dancers. At this fun, unique event I was in awe of the talent while acting as emcee and backstage manager.