

Dean McKerras



Dean Mckerras, Diploma of Teaching, Bachelor of Education, half a lifetime of dance!

A passion and energy for dance makes this Danceman unique. The Dean Mckerras School of Dance has 450 students passing through its doors each week- doors to the largest studio complex Palmie has to offer. For the past twenty plus years Dean has contracted himself out to schools with his Dance in Education programme, which he has shared with over 60,000 school children. A love of Musical Theatre has seen him touring, producing, directing and /or choreographing shows such as Rocky Horror Show, Joseph, Chess, Chicago, 42nd Street, Beauty & the Beast and many more, working with stars such as Michael Barrymore, Richard Long, Tina Cross and Jackie Clark.

Dean toured professionally with the 1995 cast of Cats playing Tumblebrutus and Mungojerrie and has since Directed and Choreographed his all time favourite show for Palmerston North, Rotorua and now Whakatane. He recently returned to Rotorua to direct and choreograph a hugely successful season of Mamma Mia and has just completed Auditions for Beauty and the Beast in Whakatane onstage this October. Dean is creator and director of his branding DanceNZmade - New Zealand's own Interschool and Interstudio training and competition events, which also offers 'Performance and Hip Hop Levels' - a performance based syllabus.

Dean's greatest production is his family thanks to an international romantic storyline that rivals all the great musical theatre plots and sees him marry Liette with the arrival of the very handsome Sam and Benjamin and the gorgeous Princess Amelia in the second act! Dean believes two things:

1. Nothing is possible without a loving and supportive family.
2. Celebrating and encouraging the development of the arts in any form is one of life's pleasures!