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Wings to Fly Dance Company provides opportunities for serious professionals and persons with disabilities to perform solos, ensembles, and full company dances alongside one another. The energetic and touching shows evoke heartfelt emotions from both the performers and the audience. I'm so proud of the deep passion and hard work of my Journey cast as it has driven them to artistic excellence resulting in *pure magic*. For over ten years the Treasure Coast has enjoyed Wings to Fly performances and we've become the area's premier expressive arts dance company along the way. This year's performance features Raydel Caceres, the international principal artist ballet dancer with the Twin-Cities Ballet Company in Minneapolis.

Journey will feature some never-performed routines plus fresh perspectives on favorites that audiences have enjoyed for years. Hope you have some tissues!

We need your support to help fund our production costs to keep these wonderful opportunities available for our community's best dancers with and without disabilities. Most perform without compensation and dance to feel the synergy of excellence and the warmth of applause they so richly deserve in their lives. Your tax-deductible contributions, sponsorships, and program advertising will make a difference and ensure these important cultural programs have the costumes, facilities, and staff needed year after year.

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Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tasha Patterson Shirley".

Tasha Patterson Shirley, Executive Director

The Wings to Fly Dance Company proudly presents

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Wings to Fly Dance Company (WTFDC) is a Florida non-for-profit company (with 501(c)3 status pending) dedicated to creating opportunities for the community's best performers with and without disabilities. Our board of directors includes: Paul A. Shirley (Chair), Tasha P. Shirley (Exec Director), Tena Patterson (Founder), Tara Anstensen, Genevieve La Gratta, Bertha McManus, Brian Spector, and Deborah Allison (Secretary).

Act 1

Emerge

Dancer: Amanda Irwin

Music: *Mercy in Darkness* by Archangel

Dawn of Discovery

Soloist: Raydel Caceres

Celestial Being: Ana Bolt-Turrall

Dancers in Wings: Mikayla Bradford, Kaileigh Bates,
Tara Anstensen, Mary Weeks, Riley Brown, Samantha Jackson

Music: *Dawn of Discovery* from Brand X Music
Prologue Birth by Paul Dinletir

Choreography: Ana Bolt-Turrall

Voice over: Ana Bolt-Turrall

There is a journey that's waiting for you, you will make great discoveries, you will find treasures and hidden powers, it's a journey divinely design just for you, Today be brave in self-love and start the journey within yourself.

by Micheline Jean Louis

The hero's journey can take place on a battlefield or in a cubicle. We can live it out amid public clamor or in the soundless vault between our ears. The demons we are dueling are always the same. They are our own fears of becoming who we are. No one who has ever lived - or ever will - has a journey like ours. And yet our journey is universal.

by Steven Pressfield

Union

Dancers: Lisa Mie, Raydel Caceres

Music: *Sleep Will Come* by Bliss

Magic

Dancers: Allesandra Martinez & Hannah Parent-Dugmore

Music: *The Kite* by Jan A.P. Kaczmarek & Nick Ingman

Choreographers: Tasha Shirley & Amanda Irwin

Enchantress

Dancers: Amanda Irwin, Raydel Caceres

Music: *Amaria* by Battle Cry

Act 1 (continued)

Yin & Yang

The Light: Samantha Jackson

The Dark: Andrew Collins

Soloist: Lisa Mie

Music: *Always a Catch* by Hans Zimmer & James Howard
Sinister by Christopher Young

Breath of Life

Soloist: Lisa Mie

Dancers: Amanda Irwin, Tara Anstensen, Kaileigh Bates,
Mary Weeks, Mikayla Bradford, Andrew Collins,
and Samantha Jackson

Music: by Florence and the Machine

Pilgrim

Singer: Victoria Bryce

Signer: Bonnie Howard

Music: by Enya

Still I Fly

Dancers: Tara Anstensen, Mikayla Bradford, Amanda Irwin,
Kaileigh Bates, Mary Weeks, Kaileigh Bates, Casey Cardinali,
Sabrina Haider, Alexander Smith

Music: from Disney's *Planes: Fire & Rescue* soundtrack

*This dance was choreographed in memory of Jordan Preshong-Brown
whose spirit will always remind us to find a smile beyond any
limitation.*

Runaway

Performers: Frank Concepcion, Thomas Ciaramitaro,
Spidey Reed, and Chinelius Albury (C J)

Music: by Galantis, Kaskade Remix

Choreographed: by Frank Concepcion

Dream On

Soloist: Tara Anstensen

Dancers: Mikayla Bradford, Mary Weeks, Lisa Mie and
Kaileigh Bates

Music: by Steven Tyler

Once Upon A Time

Performers: Christopher Mazzella with Jeanette Mazzella
Young couple: Riley Brown and Angel Tamayo
Music: by L Adams & C Strause, sung by Kevin Spacey
*Chris and Jeanette, married for over 48 years, love Bobby Darin's classic **Once Upon a Time** because, like a photo album, it describes their life together as they reminisce back to that special moment, so many years ago, when their eyes first met. And for them, though that moment in physical time may never come again, they still relive it everyday in their hearts.*

Peace

Dancers: Mikayla Bradford, Tara Anstensen, Lisa Mie, Kaileigh Bates, Amanda Irwin, Mary Weeks, & Samantha Lucidi
Music: *River* by Alexandre Desplat

Work Song

Performers: Spidey Reed and Jaki Hicks
Music: by Hozier

Bring Him Home

Singer: John Barnes
Music: by Claude-Michel Schonberg
This dance is dedicated to all our Veterans.

Fearless

Dancer: Amanda Irwin
Music: *Torn* by Nathan Lanier

Bridge over Troubled Waters

Dancers: John Patrick McGlone, Andrew Collins, Kristy Rykman, Tena Patterson, Tara Anstensen, Kaileigh Bates, Babette Williams, Lisa Mie, Mary Weeks, Mikayla Bradford, Riley Brown and Alexander Smith
Music: by Paul Simon & Art Garfunkel
In the Style of Andrea Bocelli and Mary J. Blige

Intermission

Snacks and beverages available in the lobby

Act 2

Obstacles

Performers: Spidey Reed, C.J., Thomas Ciaramitaro
and Frank Concepcion,

Music: *My Enemy* by Hans Zimmer

Chaos

Dancers: Amanda Irwin, Mikayla Bradford, Kaileigh Bates,
Tara Anstensen, Mary Weeks, Riley Brown,
Samantha Jackson, Samantha Lucidi & Lisa Mie

Music: *Hall of the Mountain King* by Apocalyptica.

Mad World

Soloist: Angel Tamayo

Music: by Gary Jules

Slow Me Down

Dancers: Amanda Irwin, Mikayla Bradford, Kaileigh Bates,
Tara Anstensen, Mary Weeks, Riley Brown,
Samantha Jackson, Samantha Lucidi & Lisa Mie

Music: by Emmy Rossum

Bring Me To Life

Dancers: Riley Brown, Mikayla Bradford, Mary Weeks,
Samantha Jackson and Samantha Lucidi,

Music: by Evanescence

Confronting Anger

Dancers: Thomas Ciaramitaro and Kaileigh Bates

Music: *Until We Go Down* by Ruelle

Choreography: Tasha Shirley & Thomas Ciaramitaro

Hanging by a Thread

Soloist: Mikayla Bradford

Music: *The Color of Light* by Dana Cunningham

I Believe

Dancers: Tara Anstensen, Casey Cardinali, Kaileigh Bates,
Lisa Mie and Amanda Irwin

Music: by F Barrino & T Gray, sung by Diana Degarmo
This piece was choreographed for Casey to expand beyond the wheelchair and integrate movement in a weight bearing position. Casey has been a patient of Tara's for numerous years at Martin Health System's Physical Therapy department in Port Saint Lucie. Tara trained extensively in body mechanics and utilizes the harness to assist Casey in full integration with the Wings to Fly dancers.

Tara Anstensen designed and hand crafted the harnesses – adapting the design over several years. Joe and Brian from Jo Canvas in Port Salerno graciously provided additional sewing needed. Thank you to Debra Duvall and Water Pointe Realty for donating funding for this project. Thank you all for helping us go beyond possible!

Singing in the Rain

Dancers: Steven Kramer, Allesandra Tutt, and
Hannah Parent-Dugmore

Music: by Stephen Kramer

Be a Clown

Performer: Nick Muniz

Music: by Roy Castle

Café Ritz

Soloist: Brian Spector

Tap Solo: Chris La Gratta.

Dancers: Mikayla Bradford, Samantha Jackson,
Tara Anstensen, Riley Brown, Mary Weeks,
Angel Tamayo, Andrew Collins, Lisa Mie
Samantha Lucidi, and Kaileigh Bates

Music: *Puttin' on the Ritz* by Irving Berlin
Sung by Neil Diamond, & Club De Belugas remix

Almost like Being in Love

Dancers: Mary Weeks and Angel Tamayo

Music: by Natalie Cole

Act 2 (continued)

Do Your Thing

Solo Tap: Chris La Gratta
Dancers: Lyman Bell and Tena Patterson
Café Ritz Hannah Dugmore, Allesandra Martinez,
cast plus Samantha Jackson and Sam Lucidi
Music: by Basement Jaxx

The Way You Make Me Feel & Human Nature

Choreography: Frank Concepcion
Performers: Frank Concepcion & Scarlett O'Hare
Music: by Michael Jackson, with Fingazz remix

Requiem for a Dream

Soloist: Jaki Hicks
Music: by Clint Mansell

Mighty Spirit

Singer: John Barnes
Dancer: Raydel Caceres
Music: by Larnelle Harris

Dedicated to the memory and Mighty Spirit of Jason Wrapé.

Humility and Love

Soloist: Tena Patterson
Dancers: WTFDC Dancers, SFDC Dancers
Celestial Being: Ana Bolt-Turrall
Music: *Humility and Love* by Christopher Young
Dance For Me Wallis by A Korzeniowski

This dance is dedicated to Tena, the Founder of WTFDC who at 71 years of age still passionately dances with Grace, Humility and Love.

Stand in the Light

Dancers: Raydel Caceres and Ana Bolt-Turrall
Music: by Jordan Smith

Can You Feel a Brand New Day

Performers: Entire show cast
Music: by Luther Vandross.

Finale

The Souls of our Journey

*Artistic Director
& Choreographer
Executive Director
Tasha Patterson Shirley*



Tasha's dance students have graced the stages of the Treasure Coast for over ten years. Audiences raved about the energy and passion

of the shows created and performed by the Wings to Fly Dance Company. The shows Quest (2010 & 2011), Time (2012), and Life (2013) were emotional and memorable masterpieces that staged the incredible talents of local performers. "It's rewarding to inspire performers to reach beyond perceived limits to find their true and full potential."

Before moving to Florida, Tasha lived in Japan and performed with Madonna, Christopher Cross, Dianna Ross, Earth Wind and Fire, and Cyril Takayama (a magician). With 25 years of experience, she has worked as a choreographer in Guys and Dolls, Rocky Horror Picture Show, Cats, Geki Dan Shiki, and for many contemporary dance companies here and abroad. Music videos include Namie Amuro, Southern Allstars, and Salt N Pepa. She created events and shows for Budweiser, Coca Cola, Toyota, MAC Makeup, Prada, Sony, Virgin Cinemas and various cabaret shows. Commercials include Glico, Sony, Pizza Hut, Swatch, and Suzuki.

Tasha is the Executive Director of both WTFDC and the The Place for Yoga where she provides individualized therapeutic yoga and meditation. Tasha works with her family to create an exciting diverse repertoire, engaging in unique collaborations with a wide variety of talent.

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Wings to Fly*



*Founding Director
Dancer
Tena Patterson*

Tena's impressive repertoire as a professional dancer, teacher and choreographer bloomed in Toronto with the National Ballet School and by 18 with Vancouver's Pacific Ballet Company. Theater dancing in shows like *West Side Story*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Gypsy*, & *Oklahoma* plus Telethons filled her dance card. In 1995 she formed the Florida Performing and Visual Arts Program for persons with disabilities with the Arc of St. Lucie County. Believing "everyone should have the opportunity to perform", her work continues with WTFDC. Tena also writes children's books, the latest, *Friendly the 911 Kite*, is for sale at Barnes and Noble. Now 71, she shows us all how it's done!



*Director, Dancer
& Choreographer
Tara Marie Anstensen*

Tara Anstensen has been employed by the Martin Health System for over 12 years as a Physical Therapy Assistant. She was the Assistant Supervisor for individuals with disabilities at the Arc of St. Lucie County for over 10 years. Her background as a professional dancer included working on Princess Cruises, performing with Diana Ross, C&C Music Factory and Cyndi Lauper. Her extensive experience with therapy and with individuals with disabilities gives her an exceptional insight on how to facilitate experiences beyond what you could think possible. Tara has a sincere appreciation for creativity and exploration of music and movement and shares that love with her students. She is thrilled to be with WTFDC integrating dancers with and without disabilities.

Raydel Caceres - International Principal Guest Artist

Born in Cuba, Raydel began studying dance at the age of 8 at the National School of Ballet in Havana. He performed many soloist roles at an early age. Since 2000 he has been cast in more than 21 various roles, receiving accolades from many dance critics for his leaps, spins in the air, pirouettes, musicality, and freshness of style throughout his *exact and clean* performances! In 2011 he was both cast as the lead role and co-choreographed *Silent Roar* in Hollywood, CA. A notable quote of his:

*When I dance I'm completely absorbed by the music,
the passion, the fear and the pain of the story.*

Highlighting some of his international guest artist appearances, Mr. Caceres has performed with leading professional ballet companies in Cuba, Brazil, Oklahoma, California, Florida, and currently is the principal artist at the Twin Cities Ballet of Minnesota. Recent dance roles include La Bayadere (Florida Classical Ballet 2013), Swan Lake (California Ballet 2013), Midnight Summer Dream (SCB Los Angeles 2013), Romeo & Juliet (Oklahoma City Ballet 2015), and The Nutcracker (Twin Cities Ballet 2015). WTFDC is thrilled to have Raydel join us for our exciting *Journey!*

Ana Bolt-Turrall – Guest Artist and Speaker

Ana is a consummate artist and mentor, her bio could fill this program! She is a certified K-12 dance, physical education and theatre educator, and also certified with Polestar Pilates and Pilates Method Alliance® CPT. Her repertoire techniques include Gyrokinesis and Active Isolated Stretching (AIS). Ana has spent a lifetime refining her craft and combining the art of dance with her heart for service. Ana's many active projects include outreach program collaborations at women's shelters, pursuing her MFA at Jacksonville University and her residency at White Oak. Ana is presently teaching and inspiring the youth in the Palm Beach and Port Saint Lucie areas. I dedicate my performance to God and to these amazing individuals: Blair, Alicia, Sharon, Scarlett, Jari, and thank Tena for my inspiration and Tasha for the opportunity.

The beauty of a dancer lies in the expressions of the soul.

Ana Bolt-Turrall

Amanda Irwin – Dancer

Amanda began professional training in Florida at the Palm Beach Ballet Center. Following her continued training at the Univ. of NC School of the Arts, she danced with North Carolina Dance Theatre (now the Charlotte Ballet). There she had the opportunity to work with Patricia McBride, Jean Pierre Bonnefoux, Mark Diamond, Michael Vernon, Dwight Rhoden, and Mark Godden. She spent time with the American Contemporary Ballet in Los Angeles and Reach Dance Company in West Palm Beach before joining Dance Theatre of Tennessee in Nashville. Amanda is currently teaching ballet on the Treasure Coast and is passionate about sharing her knowledge and wisdom with younger generations. She is thrilled to choreograph SFDC's production of *Cinderella* at the Sunrise Theater this June 4th (see ad within). This is Amanda's first year with Wings to Fly Dance Company! She is excited to have a platform for developing her own artistic expression through dance and choreography.

Mary Weeks – Dancer

Mary has trained for almost five years at the South Florida Dance Company and has attended workshops at Walnut Hill School for the Arts in Natick, Mass. She has been with WFTDC for three years and danced in our last show, *Life*. Reflecting "*Dancing with WTFDC is a blessing and an honor. I love the energy and connection we have with each other, and the ability to release and breathe through the movement of dance. I so love the passion I feel while performing with company members in wheelchairs*". Mary has worked in many performances with SFDC and in a variety of community shows. Her *day* job is in Stuart as a Licensed Esthetician and she so enjoys her time and energy with WTFDC.

Mikayla Bradford – Dancer

This is Mikayla's third year with WTFDC, having performed in *Life* in 2013. She made an appearance as Snow Queen in SFDC's Christmas Carol. She has a degree in Fine Arts for Dance from Indian River State College where she appeared in numerous performances and is currently working as a dental assistant. She has rediscovered her passion for dance and is thankful that the Treasure Coast has the Wings To Fly Dance Company for her to pursue her dreams!

Lisa Mie – Dancer

Hailing from Colorado, Lisa was a dance major at the Denver School of the Arts and the University of Northern Colorado. Performing at Walt Disney World brought her to Florida in 2003 and she settled in Port Saint Lucie in 2010. Lisa is a Physical Therapist Assistant for Martin Health System by day, and new mom to a beautiful little girl by night. She has danced with companies such as Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, Kim Robards Dance (Denver), and Voci Dance (Orlando). She has also performed with the National Broadway Touring Company of *Joseph and the Amazing Colored Dreamcoat!* Lisa has studied under many dancers and choreographers, learning numerous styles ranging from modern and Egyptian, to hula and Cirque aerial arts. She loves using dance to reach and enlighten her community and is honored to be performing with WTFDC.

Kaileigh Bates – Dancer

Kaileigh has been dancing for nineteen years, the last five being with Wings to Fly and their performances of *Quest, Time, and Life*. Previous theatre credits include Tiger Lily (*Peter Pan*), Chiffon (*Little Shop of Horrors*), Chorus (*Jekyll and Hide*) with Shiloh Theatrical Productions, Dainty June (*Gypsy*), and as a Kit Klub Dancer (*Cabaret*) at South Fork High. She has also been practicing yoga for two years, breathing properly to help build the strength needed to reach her potential as a dancer. In the community she works with individuals with developmental disabilities and that has become her favorite part about dancing with Wings to Fly – demonstrating that anything is possible!

Angel Tamayo – Guest Dancer

Angel is a student at Indian River State College. He majors in dance while pursuing a degree in Performing Arts. A former dance company owner told him: *in less than four years of dancing, you have shown exceptional potential*. Words that moved Angel to a deeper understanding: *Art is simply how you portray it to be, there is no right or wrong answer. If you found the point of the story and it touched you, you're already winning*. Angel was the captain of Ft. Pierce's Westwood High School's Pink Panthers Dance Team which took 2nd place in a Vero Beach competition. He performed in SFDC's Christmas Carol and WTFDC sees him a potential new member of our company!

Samara Shevlin – Dancer

Born locally, Samara began at The Dance Academy of Stuart at the age of three. She continued her dance education at Florida Arts & Dance Company, and later became a member of WTFDC under Tasha's instruction. She's performed in local productions with each of these studios as well as The Rock School of Ballet in Pennsylvania, and attended The Joffrey South Workshop in Georgia. In 2013 the prestigious Joffrey Ballet School in NYC accepted Samara and she studied, choreographed, and performed under the instruction of artistic director Michael Blake. Here she studied with principal dancers, teachers and choreographers stemming from New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theater, Alvin Ailey, as well as master classes from Sonya Tayeh, and Ellenore Scott at Broadway Dance Center. Samara now explores her passion of dance with WTFDC. She is currently working as assistant choreographer to Tasha and has taught at the Dance Academy of Stuart, the South Florida Dance Company, and the Florida Arts & Dance Company.

John Barnes – Singer

John presently teaches the choral music program at The Pine School in Hobe Sound. John has his Master's degree in Music from Georgia Southern University and is truly a hidden gem on the Treasure Coast. Wings to Fly Dance Company is very blessed to have his talent in their production of *Journey*. Expect to see and hear a lot more of John in the coming years!

Victoria Bryce – Singer

Victoria discovered her love for singing at two years old, singing all the *Annie* movie songs for her family. Now sixteen, she is a singer/songwriter who currently attends The A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach. As a junior, she continues to study voice, dance, acting and performing on a daily basis along with rigorous academic classes. Victoria has recently completed a demo EP with 6 songs that she and a producer wrote, working on it for almost a year while she was a sophomore. She is currently putting up covers on YouTube as well as performing locally around the South Florida area. Victoria has watched her aunt Kristy perform in these shows ever since she was a little girl and now she is beyond excited to finally perform on this stage with her.

Jeanette Mazzella - Guest Artist

Actress, dancer, director, producer, and third runner up in the 2015 Ms. Senior Florida Pageant, Jeanette is a retired Jazzercise instructor and two-time breast cancer survivor who spends her spare time dancing, tapping with the Treasure Coast Tappers, and spoiling her four grandchildren. She serves as The Barn Theatre's theatrical vice president and has been in over thirty-five theatrical shows with her most recent as General Cartwright in The Barn's production of *Guys & Dolls*. She loves appearing on stage with Chris, her husband of 48 years! *Thanks to WTFDC and the wonderful work they do.*

Chris Mazzella - Guest Artist & Singer

Upon retiring from a 45-year law enforcement career, Chris continued performing as a professional vocalist. He has also appeared in, and produced many main stage musicals. He was the musical director for Barn Theatre's production of the critically acclaimed musical *Nunsense*. Chris recently gave a concert at The Barn Theatre titled *Everything Old is New Again*, where he sang, tap danced, and played the piano! The Barn's most recent production featured Chris in lead role of Benny in *Guys & Dolls*. Chris is delighted to be singing and dancing with his beautiful wife, Jeanette, in this WTFDC rendition of Bobby Darin's *Once Upon a Time*. *Thank you Tasha for having such faith in us.*

Brian Spector - Guest Dancer

Director of South Florida Dance Company, Brian holds a BFA in dance from Florida International University. Moving to Florida after studying dance extensively throughout New York and at Wright State University in Ohio, he has taught dance locally for twenty years and has been the director of Port St. Lucie High School's Dance Department since 1999! Brian rightfully prides himself on the success of many former students as they have earned full scholarships to prestigious colleges, been accepted into highly competitive dance/musical theater college programs, employed by various ballet companies, and have launched performance careers with Walt Disney World. He is pleased to offer South Florida Dance Company to help many more students pursue successful careers in dance. Twice playing Scrooge in *Christmas Carol* at PSLHS, Brian is excited to make his debut performance with WTFDC.

Souls of our Journey – *continued*

Thomas Ciaramitaro - Guest Dancer

For fifteen years Thomas has been coaching gymnastics, cheer and dance and presently is the owner/director of Aerial Elite in Stuart. He is nationally certified by USAAF in stunting and tumbling and has worked with Mia Michaels, Vanilla Ice, and NiShay Fisher. As a performer and a guest choreographer in WTFDC's past four shows his passion and love of dance inspires all, with and without disabilities.

Frank Concepcion - Guest Performer

Frank is the consummate Hip Hop dancer having worked here and abroad for the past 30 years. He has danced with Janet Jackson, Ashanti, Ja Rule, Naughty by Nature, M.C. Hammer and WTFDC, to name just a few. Frank toured with Ringling Bros circus in the 80's and now lives in Stuart, teaching his perfected craft at local studios.

Demetrius Reed (Spidey) - Guest Performer

Sports and performing have been Spidey's mainstay since he was a kid. At 17 he decided to focus his training and 10 years later he trains and instructs across the country in dance, gymnastics, tumbling, and parkour. Devoted and dedicated to his craft he aspires to become a professional stuntman.

Jaki Hicks - Guest Performer

Jaki is a working college student, coaching cheerleading, dance and gymnastics for 7 years. She is a certified Acrobatic Arts Instructor and teaches locally. In pursuit, Jaki's dream as an acrobatic arts performer is clearly in sight. She is excited to share her art with fellow dancers!

Chinelius Albury (CJ) - Guest Performer

At 25, CJ is married with two daughters. His adage is hard work, dedication and a focused mind result in achieving one's goals. CJ is a personal fitness trainer locally and he loves to tumble, dance and sing and is excited to share his tumbling talents with his local community.



South Florida Dance Company - Dancers

A special thanks to the wonderful talents of these SFDC dancers: Riley Brown, Andrew Collins, Hannah Dugmore, Samantha Jackson, Samantha Lucidi and Allesandra Martinez. Their dedication to this performance is greatly appreciated!

Chris La Gratta - Performer

Born in New Jersey, Chris started dancing at his mom's studio early on. They moved to Florida in 1996 and he has been fortunate enough to continue dancing and performing with The Treasure Coats Tappers and the fabulous productions with WTFDC!

ARC of St. Lucie County - Guest Performers

Steven Kramer, Lyman Bell, Babette Williams, and Kristy Ryckman have been part of the Florida Performing and Visual Arts program from the ARC of Saint Lucie for the past 19 years and they truly enjoy their opportunity with WTFDC!

Dancers with Wheels - Guest Performers

These very special performers get standing ovations at every WTFDC performance. A special thanks to Kristy Ryckman, Sabrina Haider, Alexander Smith, John Patrick McGlone, and Babette Williams and to their families making this possible!

A Dancer That Flies - Guest Performer

Casey Cardinali has been a patient of Tara Anstensen's at Martin Health's PSL physical therapy unit for almost two years. Taking everything in *stride*, Casey loves to perform with WTFDC!

Martin ARC – Guest Performer

The fabulous Nick Muniz has been training with Tena Patterson and performing with WTFDC for the last 4 years. He loves to perform!



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