

Name: Brian Toms

Board Position: Vice President

Hometown: Winnipeg

How are you involved in Manitoba's Dance Community? Department head of the Westwood Collegiate Dance Program

How long have you been involved with Dance Manitoba? 5 years

Favourite thing about Dance in Manitoba? I love the diversity and the breadth our province has to show. We have so many different areas where dance is a strong presence.

Favourite thing you've ever seen on stage? The Beatle's Cirque du Soleil show "Love" was amazing as in had such a heavy focus on dance movement and the integration of technology and dance.

Favourite song to dance to? Spice Up Your Life – Spice Girls

If you had one piece of advice for young dancers, what would it be? There is always more than one path to your destination. If one door is closed or the obstacles on the path seem insurmountable, find an alternative route. The journey may be more difficult but the destination will be worth the climb.

Any family/pets you'd like to acknowledge? Everything I do is inspired by the love of my life Michael Price and our two beloved fur babies George and Frankie.

Favourite pastime other than dance? I am an avid baker and home decorator and love using my "Martha Stewart" skills to entertain friends and family.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? Thailand has always been a dream of mine. The culture, food and environment is so different from ours in Canada.

Who inspires you? My mother has always been a source of inspiration and strength to me. She is a formidable woman and her dedication and strong will have made me who I am today.