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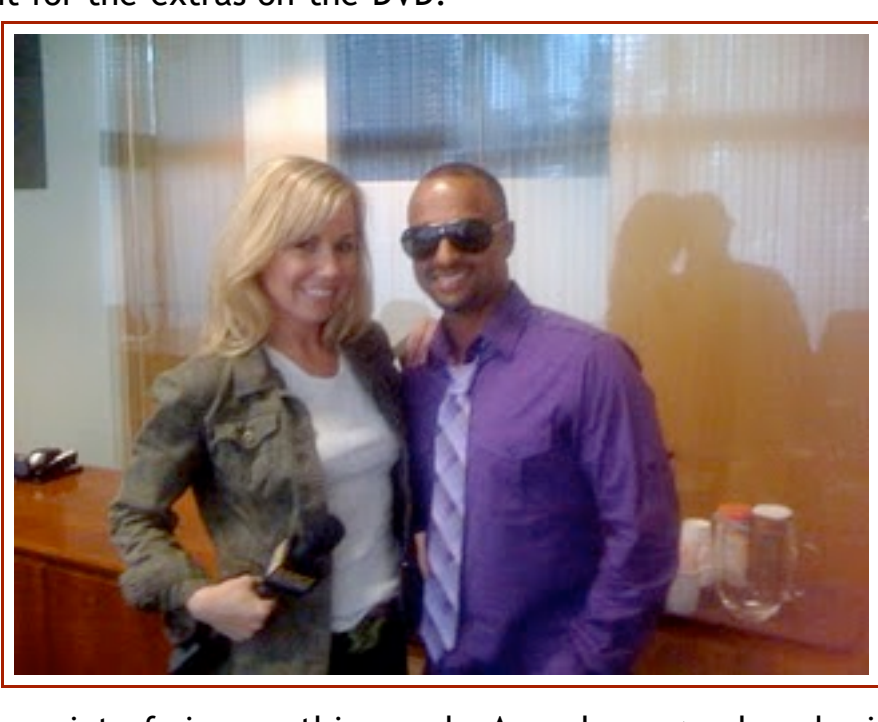
Behind the Scenes of Choreographers in Media



As many of you know, I cover a lot of events, red carpets, panels, and conferences for my job, some events are more exciting than others. When I come upon the annual "Choreographers in Media" panel each year, I get giddy.



I had the opportunity to interview all four of them individually for Dance Channel TV and they each brought something exciting to the panel. Lula is a firecracker! I am thrilled to see that modern dance is getting its due in mainstream entertainment and it doesn't get any bigger than James Cameron's Avatar.



Chuck represented the male point of view on this panel. As a choreographer, he is working on his 20th film in less than a decade. That is truly an impressive number because he has only been in LA since 2001. His speciality is stepping and he gave DCTV a little highlight of his signature move.



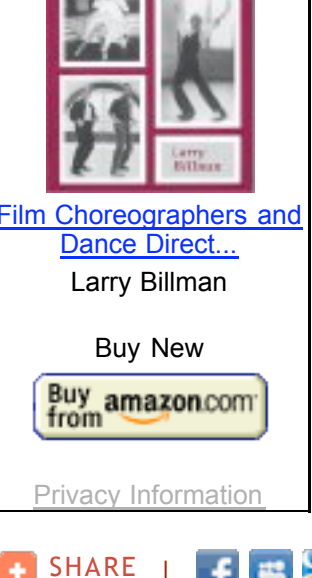
And then there is Kim. As a dancer working in the 1980's, she was there for the MTV explosion back when music videos were a pioneering art form. Michael Jackson was king and musical artists created stories behind the music.

Larry proved to be a terrific moderator for this panel since his vast movie and television choreography knowledge validates the importance of dance in all artistic mediums. He spent years at Disney Live Entertainment and he talked about the cultural significance of the Mouse in dance during the variety show years heyday.

Two important notes also came out of this panel. One involved the importance of mentoring. We lost significant choreographers in the 80's from Michael Bennett to Michael Peters to Bob Fosse. Those great losses also created the "lost" years in dance.

If you missed the panel, check out all of the highlights from Dance Channel TV:

PS LA Dancers: There will be another panel coming up on June 29th at SAG from Career Transitions for Dancers called: Dancer's Roundtable: What is new and innovative in dance today?



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POSTED BY KRISTYN BURTT AT 9:54 AM

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6 COMMENTS:

- modelmotion said... Great post. We need "Stomp The Web Series" Just saying:) JUNE 19, 2010 3:43 PM
Kristyn Burrtt said... Thanks! :) Have you seen John Chu's "The LXD"? They performed at the Oscars, but they are considered "the first online dance adventure". Worth checking out! www.TheLXD.com JUNE 19, 2010 4:49 PM
lonelypond said... Stomp The Yard had great moves. Went to a Shakespeare seminar and there was an interesting discussion about how in Britain, directors were more likely to learn their theatre through apprenticeship and mentoring while in America, people went to college. I think the hands on, follow someone around and learn approach is the better one, and I imagine this is especially true as something as physical, precise and varied as dance. JUNE 20, 2010 9:56 PM
Kristyn Burrtt said... That is a really interesting note in Britain versus US theatre. Some of the reasons this season came out of Britain's Menier Chocolate Factory, so they are doing something right. ;)
lonelypond said... I'd like to see more Savion Glover but I just Googled him and found out he has a new show, Sole Power, going in New York. JUNE 21, 2010 9:30 PM
Kristyn Burrtt said... Nice! The only tap really represented on B'way right now is "Billy Elliot". An incredible, but tap is only a small part of the choreography. JUNE 25, 2010 11:53 AM

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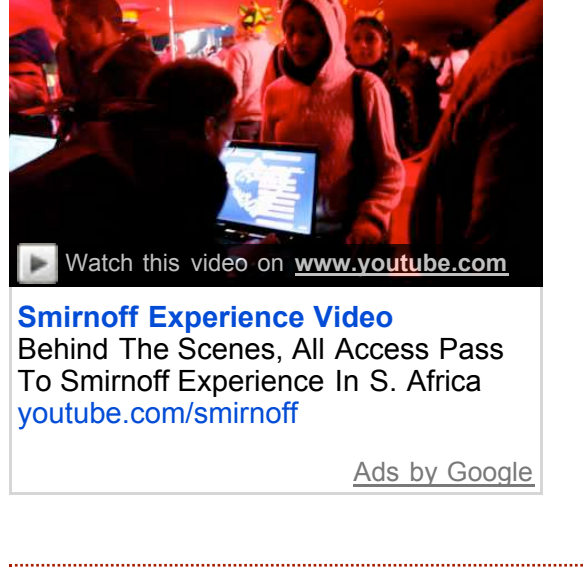
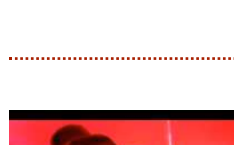
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