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Dance Company: Femme Fatale Dance + Oranj Fitness

Tell us about your company: I started Femme Fatale in 2014 when I was wanting a performance outlet in Kelowna that was not yet here in the community. It has since grown into an empowering group for all womxn to join and dance in heels regardless of their age, dance ability or body shape. We produce 2-3 large scale productions each year as well as perform for private or corporate events as often as possible. We focus mainly on a feminine style of Cabaret Dance while mixing in Jazz, Contemporary and Hip Hop where we can. There are 70 dancers in Femme Fatale from all different backgrounds and community groups and we love it!

What years have you participated as a professional instructor? 2017, 2018, 2019 and last year I was away for the event so I missed out.

How did you first learn about Swinging with the Stars? I had some friends involved through Canadian School of Ballet, so I had heard about it, then I was asked to judge in 2016 and they haven't been able to keep me away since!

Why did you agree to teach our local celebrities their dances? It seemed like the cool thing to do! I have been teaching dance since 2007 and it was time to give back to the community in a new way. After judging I definitely wanted to get my hands on some "non-dancers" and see what I could do!

What was the funniest moment you had with one of our local celebrities? Oh so many, each group was so much fun. My first 2 years I was coaching couples, that was super fun, because I could make them touch and do lifts without being awkward. My third year was with a group of co-workers from Summerhill Winery and they wanted Stephen Cipes to be Elvis..... that was entertaining.

What is it about Swinging with the Stars that makes it so special, or that sets it apart from other events? It is a "cause" that effects everyone. We have all lost someone, whether they were in hospice or not and know how difficult it is to move forward. I have experienced the kindness and warmth of all the lovely people at Hospice when my grandma passed away. She was so comfortable and we were treated with so much love in that difficult time.

How has Swinging with the Stars impacted your life? It has connected me with really great people I would not otherwise know. My first couple was Lisa + Dave Stephenson, they took me in and invited me to all their events, really worked with me and we have stayed in touch and enjoyed meals together since. My second year was another great couple Laura and Stephen, they were WAY too much fun! Each week they would come with new ideas for lifts and went all out with their costumes. The third year I was lucky enough to partner with my friend Sam Crossley and we worked with the Summerhill Winery team. I have continued to work with this team on events and they even sponsor my dance group with bottles of wine for every stagette we host. The connections have been amazing and I love to see them out and about in the community.