

Judges

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Kailena Van De Nes

Kailena Van De Nes is an award-winning choreographer from Canada. Although she was born in Toronto, she grew up in Brazil and the east coast of Canada (Nova Scotia). After graduating from Acadia University with a degree in Recreation Management, Kailena moved to Ottawa, Ontario. She spent 15 years in the Nation's Capital teaching dance and running her own dance studio. When COVID hit in 2020, Kailena, her husband and their five pets (three cats and two dogs) relocated to Vancouver Island for two years before moving to sunny Boca Raton in Florida, USA! Now, Kailena continues to teach dance, flexibility, strengthening, and Acrobatics at several studios in Florida, trains clients across North America virtually, and travels to different states to adjudicate dance competitions.

Kailena has been dancing for almost 40 years. She is now devoted to educating dancers of all ages on how to safely strengthen and stretch their bodies for their dance careers.

Kailena's Certifications include:

- * Certificate in Stretching & Flexibility Fundamentals & Physiology of Flexibility + Advanced Application of Assisted Stretching Techniques
- * Dance Adjudicator Certification
- * Relative Motion
- * Sugarfoot Therapy
- * Acrobatic Arts and Acrobatic Adjudication certified
- * Zumba, Zumba Kids & Zumba Kids Jr, Strong Nation, Plate by Zumba, Circl Mobility
- * Associated Dance Arts for Professional Teachers certified
- * Alixa Flexibility (Module 5)
- * Fitness and Nutrition Expert and Noom Mindset Coach

Three fun facts about Kailena:

- * She speaks 4.5 languages
- * She has her private pilot's license
- * She loves photography, scuba diving and lifting weights

Shelby Davis

Shelby Davis - has performed with great artists such as Jennifer Lopez, Michael Buble, Little Big Town, Ashnikko, and Derek Hough. She has also worked closely with choreographers Marinda Davis, Brooke Pierotti, Al Blackstone, Kirsten Russell, Andrew Winghart, and many more. Most recently you can watch Shelby in Anna Margo's newest music video "Something to Lose" Choreographed by Mike Tyus. Further highlights of her career include working in production on Fox's SYTYCD, ABC's Dancing With The Stars, The CW's My Last Days, as well as being featured on NBC's World of Dance.