

## Karina Lawrence



Accomplished as a triple threat performer and choreographer, Karina has also cast for local commercials with **Warner Bros. Village Theme Parks** and live crosses for the **Today Show, Sunrise, Hit List TV, Getaway** and shoots for the international dance wear range **Global Dance**. She trained with **David Atkins** at **Dynamite Dance Studios Sydney** and in the USA at the **Broadway Dance Centre** and **Alvin Ailey School NY**.

Karina was honoured to be the Australian Director of the USA based charity **Dancers Against Cancer Australia**, associated as a judge and convention instructor for **KAR Australia's** first tour and co presented as an Australian guest, at the **Industry Dance Awards**, held in Hollywood LA.

Karina lived in London, where she has performed with **Kylie Minogue, Madonna and Tom Jones**. She performed at the **Apollo Palis Theatre**, as a regular dancer, with industry night and as a regular session singer throughout London. She was the dance captain in the company **Body of People**, performing a season at **Sadler's Wells Theatre**, London.

Karina has choreographed and produced many large productions in Australia, at venues such as, **The Sydney Opera House, Fox Studios, The Domain, The Entertainment Quarter, Sydney Olympic Park, Jupiter's Casino, The Seymour Centre, Royal Pines, The Sheraton Mirage, Movie World's White Christmas** and The Brisbane and Gold Coast **Convention and Arts Centre**. She has taught professional classes at London's **Danceworks Studios** and **The London Dance Studio's** as well as top studio's throughout Australia.

In Australia Karina has performed with **Kylie Minogue, Human Nature, Margret Ulrich, Marina Prior, Casey Barnes, Silvie Paladadino, David Cameron, Jane Scarli** and **Elle McFeast**. Her film and television credits include **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Harry Potter 4** and an appeared on **NCIS Los Angeles**. Other credits include **Skippy, Mission Impossible, Out of Crisis, Unfinished Sky, Hey Hey It's Saturday, The Today Show, Sunrise, The Cartoon Show, Toasted TV, Kids Helpline**, including national and international commercials. Karina played **Ermengard** in the musical "**Hello Dolly**" and was the assistant producer for corporate events with **QLD Rail, The Sheraton**, and The **Brisbane Convention Centre**. Karina was assistant choreographer to Angels Productions, **Lumiair** and Opera In The Park with **McCormic International Productions**. She has coordinated the entertainment for **Curefest Australia**, derived from Washington DC, supporting awareness for Childhood Cancer and assisted in Charity Events held at Luna Park, Sydney for the Special Olympic Dancers as their **Dance Ambassador** and the **Focus on Ability International Film Festival** with winner of **The Voice** Anja Nissen. Karina was the studio director of **Zoop Performing Arts Studio** receiving a nomination and was a finalist for the **Young Australian of the Year**. She performed at the indoor stadium in Singapore with the TV network, **Kids Central**, touring Manilla with **Nickelodeon**. Karina has written reviews and featured in editorials for **Dancelife Australia** and **Dancetrain Magazine**. She was association producer with **Diva Enterprises Pty Ltd** in developing educational courses to empower youth within the Performing Arts Industry .

Karina is the host for **Art's Talk TV** YouTube channel and continues to work as a guest teacher and choreographer, holding Master Classes and mentoring programmes at various studios throughout Australia and has taught for many fulltime studios over the years. She is a regular judge throughout Australia and New Zealand with many leading national and international Dance Competitions and is currently the founder/director of **Zoop Co. Entertainment**, for which she produces, directs and choreographs for corporate and charity events, TV and film/fashion shoots. In her spare time, Karina enjoys song writing and her love of music with producing music.