

**MARLISE McCORMICK**

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**SHOW CONCEPT DESIGNER – DIRECTOR – CHOREOGRAPHER**

- Visionary storyteller with a passion for movement, music and creating visual images.
- Specialist in large scale televised events as designer, director and choreographer.
- Dance choreographer and director - Classical, Contemporary, Jazz, Street, Hip Hop and Break-dancing
- Circus Arts: personage development, choreographer, movement interpretation coaching.
- Theatre: movement director, choreographer and coach.
- Singer: choreographer and movement director.
- Film and Television: movement direction.

**Currently:**

- Circus show writer and director: Circo Jumbo 2021- Santiago, Chile.  
*Opens Oct 22, 2021*
- Choreography and movement direction: Machinal, UBC BFA, Film and Theatre, Vancouver, BC  
*Opens Nov 25, 2021*

**Successful record of:**

- designing and delivering sophisticated projects in the arts, entertainment and live event industry - requiring tight, non-negotiable deadlines, at any scale, on time and on budget.

**Versatile:**

- Ability to create and direct for performing artists of all disciplines and groups of all sizes ranging from soulful intimate solos to powerful images with casts of thousands.

**SELECTED CREDITS**

**LARGE SCALE TELEVISED EVENTS**

- 2018 - Independence Day Presidential Ceremony - A two hour televised show with a mass cast of 8,000 - Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- 2012 - FIFA Soccer World Cup Opening Ceremony - Baku, Azerbaijan
- 2012 - International World Food Day Opening Ceremony - Vancouver, BC
- 2012 International Earth Day (Choreography: Mass Cast of 300,000) - Montreal, QC
- 2010 Winter Olympics Opening and Closing Ceremonies - Vancouver, BC
- 2010 Canada Day - Vancouver, BC
- 2008 International European Dance Festival Opening Ceremonies - Netherlands
- 2007 International European Dance Festival Opening Ceremonies - Netherlands
- 1994 Commonwealth Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies - Victoria, BC
- 1990 Montreal Expo Baseball Team Opening Ceremonies - Montreal, QC
- 1989 Montreal Expo Baseball Team Opening Ceremonies - Montreal, QC
- 1988 Montreal Expo Baseball Team Opening Ceremonies - Montreal, QC

## **PRODUCTIONS** - *selected credits*

### **Role: Show writer and/or director and/or choreographer**

- UBC BFA, Film and Theatre: professor, movement coach for various productions - Vancouver, *Jan. 2020-June 2021*
- Holland Dance Festival: Choreographer, Breda, Netherlands- *Oct 2019*
- International INMIS Symposium- Concept design + Artistic Direction -Vancouver, *Sept, 2019*
- Haves Events Paris L'Oréal - Artistic Director – Paris + Vancouver, Canada *Nov 5, 2018 – June 13, 2019*
- Friends University Ballet - Seas of the Moon Contemporary Ballet - Choreographer - Wichita, Kansas *Nov 11-18, 2018 and Feb 11- March 11, 2019*
- Smile Productions Young Living - Director/Choreographer - Vancouver, Canada *Aug 28 - Nov 2, 2018*
- Westbank Corp. Unwritten Exhibition - Director - Vancouver, Canada *Nov 5 -10 2018*
- New Image Theatre Machinal (Drama) - Movement Director - Vancouver *Dec 3 -10 2018*
- Siegel Entertainment 2017-19 Artistic Direction - shows, events, festivals
- Westbank Corp. Fight for Beauty - Director - Vancouver, Canada *Sept 25 - Nov 2017*
- UBC Theatre Dept. Time - Director/Choreographer - Vancouver, Canada *Jan - Feb 2017*
- 20th Century Fox Minority Report - Choreographer - Vancouver, Canada *Aug - Nov 2016*
- New Image Theatre A Piece of my Heart (Drama) - Movement Director-Vancouver *Sept 2015*
- Seven Tyrants Theatre Ebenezer - Choreographer - Vancouver *Nov 6, 2015 - Jan 2, 2016*
- Cirque du Soleil Special Events Shows - writer and director - Canada, Russia, Africa, USA *Sept 2010 - Sept 2015*
- Cirque du Soleil Nouvelle Experience - Assistant Choreographer -Montreal, Las Vegas *1991-92*
- Zero Gravity Circus Productions in collaboration with Cirque du Soleil - Magnum Toronto - Circus Director, Toronto, Canada *July 2013*
- Watts Media Fluor Centennial Ceremony - Circus Director/Choreographer, Dallas Texas *April 22, 2012*
- Axis Theatre 1995 - 2017 - Resident choreographer of physical theatre Vancouver, Canada - Hamelin 2015-17 RIP 2014 The Number 14 1996-2012 King Arthurs Kitchen 2008
- Netherlands - Fontys Dance - Annual Contemporary ballets, festivals and musicals
- Dance Choreographer - Tilburg, Netherlands *1998-2008*
- Netherlands Fontys Circus Arts: Acts - hand to hand, banquine and contortion
- Circus Choreographer - Tilburg, Netherlands *2007-08*
- Netherlands Karavaan Touring Festival Cafe Diablo (Musical) - Writer Director Amsterdam, Netherlands *June - Aug 2005*

- The Underground Circus, The Necklace, plus various special events - Choreographer - Vancouver 1995 - 2011
- Microsoft Smoke and Mirrors - Circus Director/ Choreographer - Seattle, Los Angeles May 2000
- Kaleidoscope Theatre A Midsummer Night's Dream plus various projects - Dance choreographer - Victoria, Canada 1992-1994

## **TELEVISION**

**Role: Director, and/or choreographer, and/or actors' movement coach**

- 20th Century Fox Studios - Minority Report - choreographer and special effects movement specialist - Vancouver - 2016
- David Foster Children's Foundation - artistic direction and choreographer Vancouver - Nov 2011
- Bread Butter Productions - Godiva's - choreographer, Vancouver - 2006
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## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- Nationality: Canadian
- Spoken languages: English, French
- Written languages: English, French

## **EDUCATION AND FORMATIVE DANCE TRAINING**

- Bachelor of Arts Honours Music - University of Ottawa
- Certification of the Lynn Simonson Dance Technique - New York City
- Les Ballets Jazz de Montréal - Montreal
- Limon Dance Institute - New York City
- Alvin Ailey School of Dance - New York City
- Martha Graham Dance School - New York City
- Ottawa Classical Ballet - Ottawa