

BROADWAY

and Beyond

DIRECTED & CHOREOGRAPHED BY
KELLY AYKERS



Welcome!

It is funny how life can turn full circle.

As a young dancer practicing in the bedroom in country Victoria, I could never in my wildest dreams have imagined the roller coaster that life would have in store for me. Forty years later, I look back on my career and thank whatever dance gods were smiling down on me the day Mum bought me my first set of jazz shoes.

Over the years, I have been fortunate enough to have lived my dance dream and work alongside some of the biggest names in the industry and while performing in our most hallowed venues. I have been truly blessed.

I have never forgotten though, just how lucky I was to have the support of not only my parents, but of the teachers and mentors I had as a child. Their work ethic and their incredible attention to technical detail set me on my path from an early age and I will be forever grateful.

Now as the director of my own full-time tertiary dance school, it warms my heart to see that the talent and dedication of the dancers from the regional areas is as solid as ever and that the students and teachers from the county areas remain as dedicated to that same style and technique that is so dear to my own heart.

Tonight then, we give back to the regional areas by presenting them with an evening of classic dance that will be a trip down memory lane for some while inspiring our next generation of dancers to reach for their dream.

Company A, featuring some of those special regional talents that I spoke of earlier, will demonstrate tonight just how far dedication and hard work will take you in the world of dance.

I am sure you will love them as I do.

Kelly xx





Parklife Productions Pty Ltd and Company A present

Broadway & Beyond

Directed and Choreographed by Kelly Aykers
with additional choreography by Katie Place* and Claire Stubs**
and a collaboration with Neville Parry***

Act 1

Hey Pachuco! - Full Company

Minnie the Moocher - featuring Claire and the Boys

Don't Rain on My Parade - featuring Madeleine on vocals

Dance at the Gym - Full Company

Fosse's World and the Frug - featuring Rachael, Gabrielle and Luke

Dancing Fool - Full Company with George on vocals

Moon River - featuring Luke and Amy

To Quit Sait - Full Company

Hey Pachuco! (Tap) - Full Company**

INTERVAL

Act 2

It Must be Believed to be Seen - featuring Joshua on vocals

Fever - featuring the Girls

Prodigy - featuring the Boys*

Miller's Dance - featuring the Girls

Hernando's Hideaway - Full Company with Madeleine on vocals***

An American in Paris - featuring Connor, Emma and Joshua

Mr. Bojangles - featuring Bradley with George on vocals

Broadway Baby - featuring Madeleine on vocals

Crunchy Granola Suite - Full Company

**Amy
Browne**



**Katie
Place**

**Bradley
Lees**



**Claire
Stubs**



**Connor
Micallef**

**Emma
Spencely**



**Gabrielle
Mabilia**



**Joshua
Gordon**

**Luke
McConnell**



**Madeleine
Magetti**



**Rachael
Peters**

**George
Evangelakos**











Kelly Aykers Full Time Dance

With forty years of real industry experience at the highest level, few are better placed to usher in the next generation of performers than Kelly Aykers.

So it was in 2015 that Kelly established Kelly Aykers Full Time Dance in Brunswick. Her aim was to revolutionise the way dance is taught in Australia by providing the highest level of technical training employing real industry professionals

Knowing full well how detrimental large class sizes can be for dancer development, she would keep classes small, she would be on hand to mentor each student and she would put her focus on developing the dancer as an individual. Numbers would be kept to a strict minimum to ensure each student received the care and attention they deserve. In an age of oversized studio complexes and slick marketing, the idea was to make an intimate, focused environment that would return to core values and teach dance at the highest level.

It was never important to be the biggest - only to be the best.

The next step was to assemble a faculty like no other. Spearheaded by Kelly herself, the faculty at Kelly Aykers Full Time Dance is top heavy with some of the heaviest hitters in dance, providing not only the finest in quality tuition, but also providing real industry contacts for graduates to take beyond their training and into the workplace.

As one of the nation's most sought after choreographers, the students at Kelly Aykers Full Time Dance would receive industry experience like never before while training. Over the years they have worked in television, feature films, commercial dance, sporting events and have graced the stage at Australia's largest dance festivals.

Now in it's fifth year, the revolution is real.

With limited places on offer, the studio has run at capacity for the last four years and enjoys a reputation that grows with each year. In an industry that revolves around getting noticed, graduates from Kelly Aykers Full Time Dance have turned all the right heads and many have enjoyed tremendous opportunities both at home and abroad.

If tonight's performance proves anything, it is that the future of dance is in very good hands.

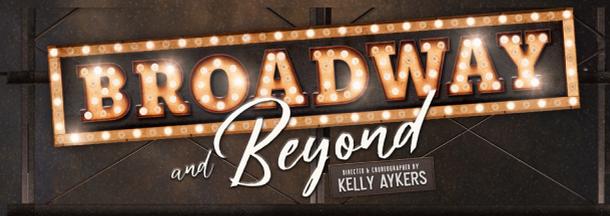




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