

TANYALLA SUMMER DANCE CAMP

17- 23 JANUARY 2010



Andris Toppe

Dancer, Teacher, Choreographer & Arts Manager

Andris Toppe has travelled the world in a career encompassing Classical Ballet, Contemporary Dance, Cabaret, Films, Opera, Puppetry, Television, Theatre and Ice Skating.

He began as a dancer with the Victorian Ballet Guild and then The Australian Ballet. After that, Andris lived, studied

and worked in Canada and the United States with American Ballet Theatre School, Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Les Grands Ballets Canadiens and in New York with the hit musical production *Tommy*.

Andris toured extensively, working with international guest stars Natalia Makarova and Mikhail Baryshnikov and in Australia has had a long association with Graeme Murphy and Janet Vernon of Sydney Dance Company fame. Here Andris was given the opportunity to teach and choreograph for the company, and after receiving a grant, returned to New York to further his studies at the famous Julliard School. On his return to Australia, Andris began to work freelance with all Australian State Dance Companies as well as commercial stage, film and TV productions.

For many years, as personal coach and rehearsal director to the famous skating team Torvill and Dean, Andris worked on all of their world tours and shows, choreographing, directing and assisting with their TV and Video specials. This led to successful engagements back in Australia as choreographer for the hit musicals *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum* and *The Merry Widow*. In 2000, Andris was appointed Company Manager/Assistant to Artistic Directors of Sydney Dance Company where he remained until 2008. In 2009, Andris worked as Company Manager for the Paris Opera Ballet's Australian visit and then for the Melbourne International Arts Festival.

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