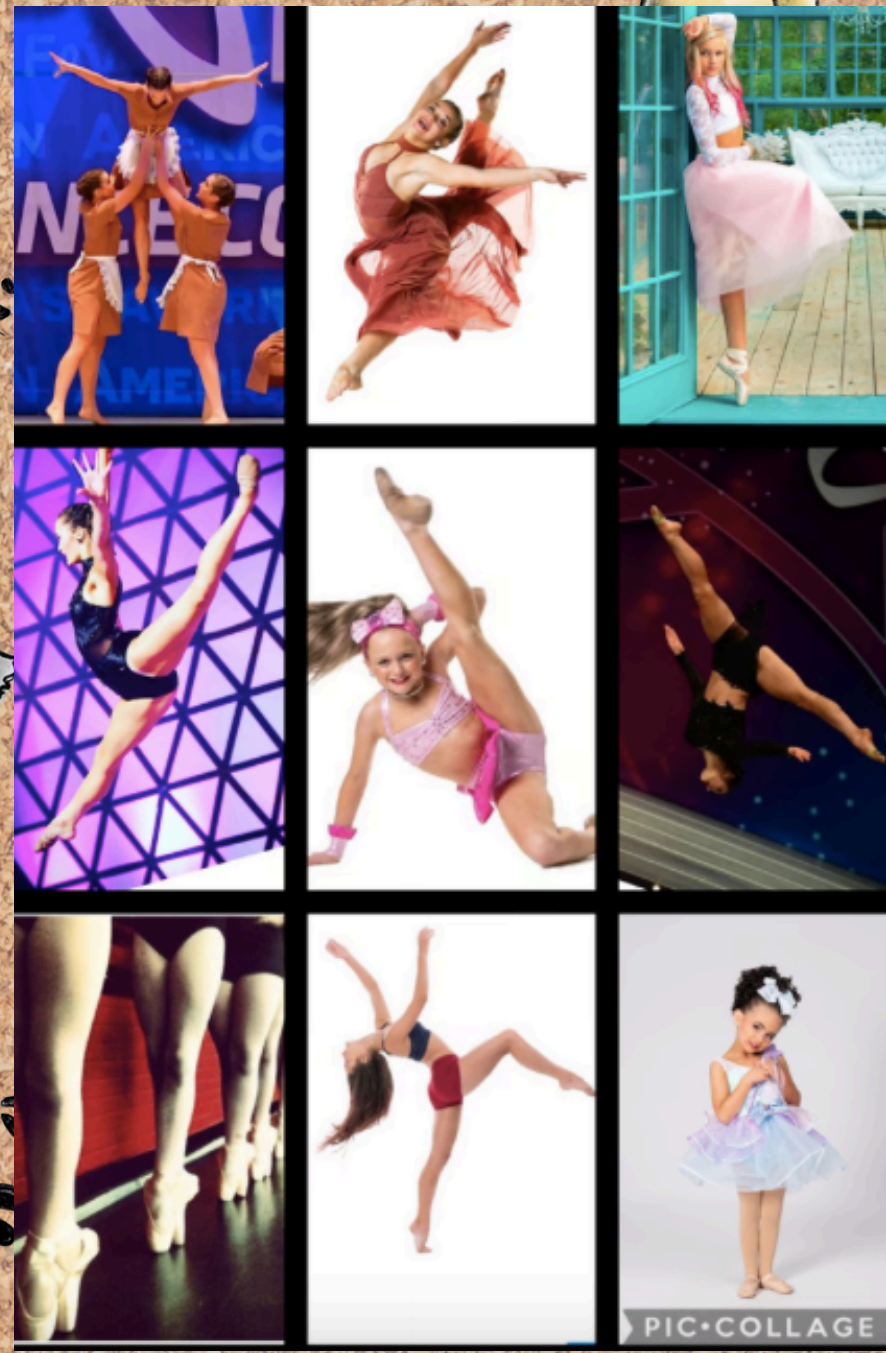


Rosie THE Reindeer

Some of you know but in case you do not, my long-time career was in the arts! Not drawing or painting, but dancing and choreography. Through owning a large performing arts studio I was given the opportunity to script and choreograph multiple times a year on many different topics!

My most favorite time of the year is Christmas! The costumes are more twinkly and the music is a lot more jolly. I love scripting and collaborating with talented individuals to produce original holiday shows that are equally loved by children and adults.

One Christmas, when I was helping my parents decorate their Christmas tree, I bent down to see a box of "favorites" that my mom held near and dear to her heart. I pulled the first ornament out, the highly cherished Radio City Rockettes ornament. As soon as I picked it up my mom bellowed, "Do not drop..." Sure enough, I dropped it and one of the legs fell off the tiny Rockette.



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This is my husband, Luke. We really get into the Christmas spirit! Can you tell?



My mother's Radio City Rockette Ornament.... All Fixed.

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That story could go on and on. Luckily, my husband repaired the ornament for my mom, and through that a new Christmas tradition was born... The tale of the broken Rockette. My mother told this story year after year.

Her repetition of the story and her love for the Rockettes really inspired me to write a story about a reindeer who wanted to become a Radio City Rockette.

My mother always wanted to see some of my scripts turned into children's books. In October of 2020, she passed after a long and hard battle with cancer. In case you needed further confirmation, 2020 was the worst year ever.



The original poster from the 2011 Christmas Show.



My mom passed at age 56. She battled multiple types of cancer and an autoimmune disease called Addisons. My mother had been sick since I was 14 years old.

My mom always claimed that the show "Rosie the Rhinestone Reindeer" was dedicated to my guilt of breaking her favorite Christmas ornament. While the guilt part may be a stretch, she had one thing right, she did spark an idea that has blossomed from stage show to now, children's book.



Even though I have plans to make Rosie the Reindeer a book series, this first book is dedicated to my mom.



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Books are FUN!!!! Christmas Books are BONUS FUN. I am obsessed with the feel of pages, the vibrant cover art, and the smell when I thumb through a classic Christmas read. I love using them for more than the words on the page; don't try and tell me that you don't decorate or make your kids hold them as photo props around the holidays!



In my story my illustrator and I implanted a lot of hidden meaning on the pages. On this page in particular, Rosie's mother is sewing a skirt. The skirt ends up becoming Rosie's costume in the end of the story. This is special to me since I was a dancer and my own mother always had a hand in sewing and embellishing my costumes.