

MEET THE TROUPE



**Brandon
Asazawa**

*Cleveland,
OH*

Brandon is a 20 year old performer who most recently won the title of North American Irish Dance Champion. He is a 3-time Mid American Champion and has received 6th place in the World Irish Dance Championships. In July of 2015 Brandon was announced as one of the newest members of Riverdance.



**Kelsey
Micko**

*Sarasota,
FL*

Kelsey is a championship dancer who has been competing with the Drake School of Irish Dance for 17 years. She is an 8-time World Qualifier and has reached top placements at national and regional championships. With the help of her teachers she has reached many of her competitive dance goals.



**Kelly
Pearson**

*Minneapolis,
MN*

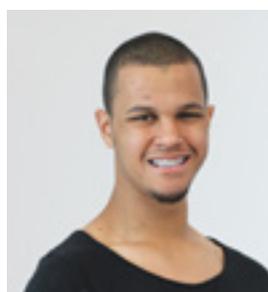
Kelly has competed nationally and internationally for over 13 years, first with Scoil Na D'Tri Academy of Irish Dance and now with Corda Mor Irish Dance. She is a 5-time World Qualifier, having achieved top placements at the Regional and National Championships.



**Erin
Roberge**

*Calgary,
Alberta*

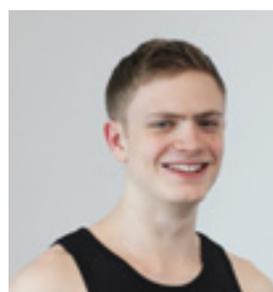
Erin has danced and performed with the Irwin School of Irish Dancing for 16 years. She is a five time regional champion, has been top ten at the All-Ireland, Great Britain and World Championships and top three in North America. Erin is passionate about sharing Irish dancing with the world.



**Myles
Lawson**

*Columbus,
OH*

Myles has been dancing competitively with Regan-Rankin-Holland Academy for 10 years with an additional 3 years of modern-contemporary training with Gabrielle Stefura of the Columbus Moving Company. Myles has been able to achieve ranks such as 3rd in Mid-America, 7th in North America, and 24th in the World.



**Thomas
Stewart**

*Pittsburgh,
PA*

Thomas has been dancing for 13 years. He is a two-time world medalist, ranking 7th in the world. Tom was a featured dancer in the Take the Floor 2014 tour and is delighted to be pursuing his passion for dance and performance with The American Company of Irish dance.



**Samantha
Merritt**

*Westfield,
NJ*

Samantha began dancing at the age of five for the Denogla School of Irish Dance. Samantha has placed within the top of her competitions, qualifying for the World Championships ten times. She most recently took 5th place at the North American Irish dance Championships and 10th at the All Ireland Championships in Dublin.



**Kendal
Griffler**

*Tuxedo,
NY*

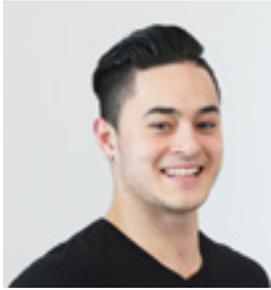
Kendal dances with the Early Mcloughlin School. She is ranked top three in the region, has placed top ten at the nationals, and has recalled at both the World Championships and All-Ireland's competitions. Kendal is ecstatic to be a part of the company to further her dance career and expand performance abilities.



**Jessie
Driscoll**

*Merrick,
NY*

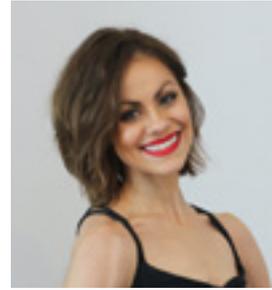
Jessie has been dancing for 18 years. She first appeared with Take The Floor in 2012-13 while also having performed with the neo-Irish dance group Hammerstep and the show Rhythm in the Night in 2014-15. She recently toured China with the dance show Celtic Legends and was featured in Raglan Road in Disney World.



**Jeff
Carandang**

*Vancouver,
BC*

Jeff has been Irish dancing since the age of 7. He has enjoyed much success on the competitive circuit and is a 10-time Western Canadian Oireachtas champion. He has also placed top 5 in the North American nationals and ranked in the top 10 at the recent 2015 World Championships. He performed in Take the Floor in 2014.



**Lexi
Bell**

*Calgary,
Alberta*

Lexi has been dancing since she was six for the Houston Academy. She has placed at both the national and international level while also having a featured role in Take the Floor for three years. She is so excited to be a part of The American Company of Irish Dance to continue pursuing her dream as a professional Irish dancer.



**Michael
Roberson**

*Little Rock,
AR*

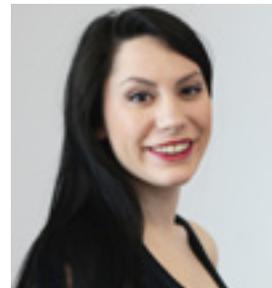
Michael began dancing with the McCafferty School of Irish Dance at age ten and has competed at regional, national and world championships. Over the years Michael has developed a passion for performance Irish dancing that challenges both his mind and body to further the art and share it with all people.



**Annie
Profeta**

*Cleveland,
OH*

Annie has danced for the Murphy Irish Arts Center under Sheila Murphy Crawford since the age of 5. She has competed at the regional, national, and world championship level and her team won the World Championship title for the Dance Drama Competition in April of 2015. She was previously a lead performer in Rhythm in the Night.



**Tanya
Tachon**

*Milwaukee,
WI*

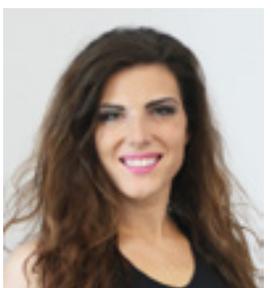
Throughout the years, dance has helped shape and define who Tanya is as a person today. She has been given opportunities to perform and compete across the globe and is delighted to be currently focusing on her dream of becoming a professional dancer with the American Company of Irish Dance.



**Michaela
Fernandez**

*Goderich,
Ontario*

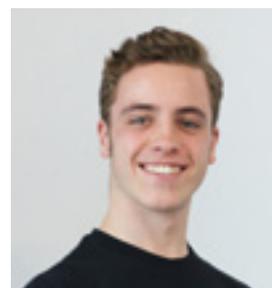
Michaela currently dances in Toronto, Ontario with the Druid Academy. Having danced for 17 years as well as being trained in ballet, dance has been an integral part of her life. She has competed at four consecutive World Championships and performed at Celtic Festivals and with various musicians at events across Ontario.



**Elyse
Transon**

*Milwaukee,
WI*

Elyse started dancing with the Cashel Dennehy school at the age of 5 and began her professional career with Celtic Fire. She has performed internationally including roles as a principle dancer. Elyse teaches for the McMenamin Academy in Shorewood and runs the Milwaukee Company of Irish Dance.



**Colin
Dyson**

*Wethersfield,
CT*

Colin dances for the Griffith Academy based in Wethersfield, Connecticut. Along with Irish dance, Colin has extensive training in ballet, tap, and jazz. Colin is a 6-time New England Champion and has placed as high as 3rd in the nation and 6th in the world. He is very honored and excited to be a part of this new company.