CHEERCON

Judges Bios -2023-

ANGELA MARVEGGIO

Angela has danced and trained in all styles since the age of 3 and has taught dance since the young age of 15. She has a passion for, and is known for, all things technique and progressing technique, and is very passionate about dance education and safe dance practices.

As a former high school teacher, she implemented the dance program in a leading Adelaide girls high school from scratch, and has delivered the SACE dance program many times with excellent results.

More recently since 2021, Angela has been judging competitions across Australia and in her home state. She has thoroughly enjoyed passing on her knowledge and varied dance experience to the next generation of dancers.

Angela is the co-creator of a successful studio that has an extensive troupe, solo, exam, acrobatics and preschool dance program, which was started together with her husband in 2016 based on her knowledge and teaching experience alone.

Angela has travelled nationally and internationally countless times as a dancer, teacher and choreographer. Extensive travel in her role means having danced with and learnt from many global experts in the dance industry across all styles of dance and dance technique.

Some of her favourite achievements include 3 top 10 placings at the IASF Worlds as well as her studio's global connections allowing them to work exclusively with icons such as Abby Lee, Brian Friedman, Tony Bellissimo & Rebecca Davies.

ASHLEY BELL

Ashley Bell has been an all star dancer and cheerleader for over 13 years, with experience in all genres and levels and has a strong passion for pom. Some highlights of their career include competing at the IASF and ICU world championships and coaching national winning teams.

Ashley is enthusiastic to join CheerCon for another great season and wishes all athletes the best of luck!

BETH HADLEY

Beth is a cheer judge and primary school teacher from Wollongong in NSW. She grew up training in all styles of dance and started competitive cheerleading at age 15. Beth competed in all levels of cheer up until the age of 24. She represented Australia at both ICU and IASF Worlds three times during her time as an athlete. For 12 years, Beth coached and choreographed for teams with athletes from across many age divisions and levels. After retiring as an athlete and coach she began judging for numerous event providers across Australia and New Zealand. In 2020 she toured the United States judging at a variety of different events including NCA, UCA and Cheersport nationals. In 2019 and 2021 Beth created training materials and presented judges education for ACSA, to a range of event providers from across Australia. In 2023 she achieved her goal of judging at The Cheerleading Worlds.

BRITTANY BYRNES

Brittany Byrnes is an Australian dance judge, coach, and choreographer across Australia as well as internationally. She is one of few Australians to have judged at The Dance Worlds, and has also achieved numerous ICU and Dance Worlds medals as both as an athlete and coach. Now one of Australia's busiest judges, Brittany works Australia-wide providing All Star choreography, education and support to dancers, coaches and judges.

Brittany has judged and coached across multiple continents, and for over 10 years she has also provided dance therapy for children living with HIV/AIDS in rural Thailand.

In 2023 Brittany proudly headed Australia's first ever National Dance Team, a passion project aiming to bring together dancers from across the Australian community. Brittany hopes that Team Aus Hip Hop will set an example of unity, which are cornerstones of her coaching philosophy.

BRITTON SPRINGER

Britton Springer hails from Southern California and holds a degree in Exercise Science Sports Medicine. With a background spanning over 18 years, she has made significant contributions as an Allstar cheerleading coach, choreographer, and judge. Britton's expertise has taken her across the United States, as well as to countries such as Canada, Norway, the UK, Philippines, and Australia, where she has coached and judged various events. Additionally, she boasts experience in the realm of Hollywood, having engaged in stunt work and being signed with Clear Talent Group. Notable credits include appearances in productions like "Gridiron Gang," "Bring It On: Fight To The Finish," "Camp Fred," and various commercials/TV shows. Furthermore, Britton dedicates her time as a certified Legality Official for USASF and IASF, traveling throughout the year to fulfill this role.

DANIELLE JACK

Danielle has been involved in the cheer industry since 2005. As a trained NZ cheer athlete, judge and coach, Danielle jumped ship to the Tasman with a versatile background in dance, musical theatre, presenting, and media in 2012

Danielle's judging speciality and passion lie within all building facets of cheer. Judging building for the past several years Australia-wide. Danielle was also a head coach for a successful Non-Tumble world team. And is a current gym owner of a stunt specialising gym in Sydney since 2017.

ELISE WILSON

Elise has tried everything when it comes to gymnastics and cheerleading: 2023 marks 27 years as a state-level gymnast, coach, judge and now masters competitor; 13 as a cheerleader from level 1-7, paid performer, coach, presenter, event staff and judge. Elise loves everything to do with tumbling and jumps but you can also expect her constructively critical eye on most areas of the scorecard throughout the season.

ELIZA IRWIN

Eliza Irwin is an emerging dance artist who is based in Brisbane, Australia. As a recent graduate - with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dance) from the Queensland University of Technology - she is excited to expand upon her 10 years of experience across both the commercial, and contemporary streams. Her personal philosophy is that dance is the ultimate intersection of artistry and athleticism. Through this notion, she hopes to promote inclusivity in dance, whilst exploring the physicality of the body in her choreographic practices. Eliza is looking forward to another season of judging and is excited to witness all the talent that hits the CheerCon stage this year!

EMILY BARTLETT

Emily Bartlett has been involved in dance for almost 20 years where she has worked as a performer, teacher, choreographer, and judge. She attained a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dance Performance) from QUT, where she also led the university all-star team to achieve National Champions. Emily is a current coach at Adrenaline Performing Arts and judges for three Australian all-star competitions. Her time as a dancer allowed her to gain experience in an array of styles, which she continues into her practice. Emily joined the CheerCon team at the end of 2022 and is excited to be returning as a 2023 panellist. She wishes all the best for competing teams and anticipates a successful season.

EMILY WOODHOUSE

Emily Woodhouse is an experienced athlete with knowledge across all aspects and styles of dance, which is brought to her judging. For the past 15 years, Emily has competed in All Star competitions, with a strong passion for pom, jazz and lyrical. She is a 3 x ICU Team Australia representative and has competed twice at Dance Worlds. Emily is excited to join the CheerCon team and wishes every athlete the best of luck!

GEORGIA COWLING

Georgia has been in the Cheer and Dance industry for 15 years and is passionate about the growth of our sport in Australia. As well as having coaching and choreography roles, Georgia is a Primary School Teacher in Victoria. She has coached both Dance and Cheer winning State and National titles with teams throughout the years. Georgia has previously been an athlete herself and now shares her love of our sport with many young people. In 2023, Georgia was on the Coaching team for Team Australia Hip Hop, the first National Hip Hop Team to go to Worlds. The Hip Hop Team made it through to finals and came home with 4th place in the World. Georgia loves judging as she sees it as an opportunity to help athletes, coaches and programs grow to reach their full potential.

HAYLEY O'CALLAGHAN

Hayley is a 27-year-old professionally trained dancer of 10 years.

Graduating high school from Victorian College of the Arts secondary school, where she trained specialist studies in circus arts, focusing on Aerial work and partner Acrobatics. She later went on to train full time at Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance and the Joffrey Ballet School in New York.

She has performed and competed in international level cheerleading and Dance for several years now, representing Australia in 2018 & 2023.

Hayley has been a cheerleading and dance coach now since 2016.

Being able to incorporate all elements of her professional and all-star life into coaching has made her both a unique and versatile choreographer. She has experience in coaching beginners all the way through to elite performers.

Having judged now for 3 seasons, she is committed to encouraging the All-star community to grow through rigours and targeted feedback that is in promotion of safe, inclusive, and developmental dance practice that encourages creativity, and individualism performance; Inspiring environments for all to thrive in.

JACQUI EICHER

Jacqui Eicher is a passionate dancer and creative who has been a part of the All Star world for over 10 years. After competing in at the IASF World Championships in 2019, Jacqui went on to complete 2 years of full-time dance training at Brent Street, attaining two diplomas in professional dance. In 2021 she choreographed and coached teams that competed at the World Championships, making finals in the Open Open category. In 2023, Jacqui is working professionally as a dancer, coaching with Attitude Dance and Cheer, and very excited to be judging with CheerCon.

JASMINE CROWSLEY

With a strong technical dance background, Jasmine has dedicated over two decades to her career in Allstar Cheer and Dance. Her journey has been rewarding, involving various roles both locally and internationally – including as an athlete, coach, choreographer, program manager, presenter, and judge.

Among her career highlights, Jasmine was honoured to be head coach and choreographer of the first-ever Australian team to achieve silver at the prestigious IASF Worlds.

ICU and NDCA accredited, Jasmine began judging in 2008 and has held the position of head judge and educator for the Cheercon dance panel since 2016.

Excited to be a member of the Cheercon team, Jasmine extends her best wishes to all athletes and coaches for the season ahead.

JESSICA BINION

Jessica has been a part of the All Star Cheer and Dance community for over a decade as an athlete and a coach. She has competed at the World Championships twice, earning a bronze medal with Team Australia All-Girl in 2012 at the International Cheer Union World Championships, and later as a member of the country's first All-Girl Level 7 team. Jessica is excited to be judging with CheerCon for another season, and cannot wait to see the incredible routines on the floor during 2023!

JESSICA RUSSELL

Jessica has been involved in the cheer and dance industry for over 25 years - as a dancer, gymnast, cheerleader, coach, choreographer, gym owner, judge, and event producer. Jessica has performed professionally for various sporting teams in the WAFL, WNBL and ABL.

Jessica is a credentialed level 1-6 cheerleading coach through USASF, and holds her ICU Rules Comprehension Course certification and ICU Cheerleading Judging certification.

This is Jessica's third year of judging cheer and dance, whilst currently a full time mum - and coaching Curtin University cheer and dance program in WA - which she founded 14 years ago.

JILLIAN (JILL) WEHNER

Jill Wehner has over 40 years of experience in the dance and cheer industry in various roles. She danced professionally in the NRL for two seasons with the Canberra Raiders. She has performed and worked with amazing artists such as Tina Turner, John Farnham, Olivia Newton-John and INXS. Jill has been judging Cheer and Dance nationally and internationally for over 13 years and is currently teaching fulltime and is the Director of Element CAD.Many of her past students have gone on to have professional careers, working with artists such as Justin Bieber, Pink, Beyonce, Kylie Minogue, Robbie Williams, FloRida, Pitbull, Rikki-Lee and top 10 on SYTYCD Australia. Miss Jill has also been heavily involved with the Cancer Council's 'Stars of the Eurobodalla' for the past 6 years helping to raise over $250,000 for the charity. In her 32nd year of teaching she enjoys judging and inspiring dancers for many years to come.

JOSHLYN TAN

Joshlyn is a new judge to the CheerCon team and is hoping to bring her unique knowledge to the judging panel. Joshlyn started competing in calisthenics competitions when she was 8 years old but moved into AllStar Dance in 2015. Since then she has previously competed in the University Division but has since moved into the Open AllStar Division. Joshlyn is currently competing with Endurance Elite in all styles including Pom, Hip Hop, Jazz and Lyrical. Her highlights include winning a Worlds Bid in 2020 and becoming National Champions for Open Hip Hop in 2022. Joshlyn is very excited to be joining the judging team at CheerCon and wishes all teams the best of luck for the competition season!

KAYLA CHAPMAN

Kayla has over 23 years of experience in the Cheerleading and Gymnastics industry. Originally from Fayetteville, Arkansas, she was an NCA Staff member and an athlete of the University of Central Arkansas Large Coed Team and placed Top 3 at the NCA College Nationals in Daytona. As an All Star athlete and coach, she has won several National Championships. Kayla moved to Adelaide, South Australia in 2016 where she continued to coach and became a Tumble Program Director and Mindset Coach. These days she works at Adelaide Oval and in her spare time enjoys watching sports and spending time with her husband and greyhound, Lady.

KEVIN ENNA

Kevin first found his passion for all star cheerleading in Canton, MI in 2006. That passion has lead him all over not only the United States but internationally. During his travels he has been involved of every aspect of all star from being an athlete (2x World Champion), to coaching all level teams including Team Australia All Girl (2023 World Champion) and choreography, and becoming a IASF certified judge.

KRYSTLE DAY

Krystle Day was introduced to cheerleading after joining the Queensland Crushers Cheer Squad whilst in primary school and went onto perform as part of the Brisbane Bullets Cheer Squad as well as at many State of Origin and NRL Grand Final Games. She found her passion in All Star cheer in 2008 and hasn't looked back since. She is a current All-Star coach in Qld, and has been judging since 2015. Krystle sits on the National Board of the Australian Cheer Union and is a certified IASF Legality Judge.

LAURA CALA

Laura is an established choreographer, teacher, and judge. With over 25 years of dance, cheerleading and performance experience, she has performed, choreographed and adjudicated for corporate functions, public shows, festivals, and competitions; both locally, state-wide, nationally, and internationally. Laura is currently the owner/ teacher at For the Country Kids in regional WA. Laura is passionate about effectively connecting and extending dance within regional Australia.

Laura is a credentialed level 1 and 2 cheerleading coach through USASF. Laura also holds her ICU Rules Comprehension Course certification, Performance Cheer Module A judging certification and Module A judging certification for Cheerleading.

This is Laura's second year judging with CheerCon, she is absolutely thrilled to be a part of such an awesome organisation, committed to the development of all-star dance in Australia.

LAUREN ERICKSON

Lauren is a passionate cheerleading judge and proud owner of Infinity Athletics. With a specialisation in Tumbling, she brings a decade of cheerleading experience as a coach and athlete, as well as Level 6 Credentials with the International All Star Federation to her role as a Cheercon judge. This will be her third season judging at Cheercon.

Beyond her judging role, Lauren is a full time Cheerleading Coach and Gym Owner. Recently, she had the honor of working with Team Australia, showcasing her commitment to advancing the sport. Frequently traveling the country and the world for cheerleading, she leaves a positive impact on athletes at all levels. With boundless dedication, Lauren inspires the next generation to reach new heights in the incredible world of cheerleading.

LEAH BUCHANAN

Leah owned an All Star Gym for 10 years where she coached & choreographed multiple National Champion & Grand Champion routines as well as an NCA winning routine.

Leah now does Choreography & stunt technique coaching around Australia. Leah has been judging since 2019 for numerous event providers across Australia and NZ.

LEON HOPKINS-GAMBLE

Leon has been an athlete in the cheer industry for 10 years, a coach for 8 years, and has stepped in judging over the past 3 years. He has been to several international competitions as an athlete and coach, making his experience extremely helpful in a judging role. From working with various event providers, Leon has judged in various areas of the scoresheet; tumbling, building and overall. He is looking forward to the unique experience that CheerCon offers with the World Experience competition!

LUCY JACOBS

Lucy Jacobs has been involved in Australian cheerleading since 2007, a coach since 2014 and a judge since 2018. After spending time in the UK, she has focused solely on judging safety and has enjoyed watching the progression Australian cheerleading is made. Lucy is thrilled to be back in Australia and is excited to be judging at a number of competitions this year.

MADDY FOWLER

Maddy has been teaching and working in the entertainment industry for over 15 years. Between dance, cheer, modelling and television work she has been helping children learn and grow between coaching, judging and mentoring throughout local, state, national and international levels of competition and performance. Maddy specialises in acrobatics and contortion and holds many qualifications between various styles and syllabus's. Maddy is passionate about safe dance practices and teaching children in a safe, secure and supported environment.

MARISSA WILLEMSE

Meet Marissa, a highly experienced cheer judge with an unparalleled passion for the sport. Marissa's journey into cheerleading began many years ago when she was an active cheerleader, starting off with sideline cheer and halftime performance dance before she discovered and fell in love with All Star Cheer, giving her 14 years of industry expertise under her belt. As she embarks on their 5th year as a judge, their wealth of knowledge and keen eye for detail continue to elevate the standards of competitive cheerleading. Her goal is to contribute to the continued evolution of cheerleading, maintaining its status as a dynamic and thrilling sport. With an unwavering dedication to fair judgment, technical proficiency, and the growth of the cheerleading community, Marissa continues to inspire and shape the future of this extraordinary discipline.

MARGARITA JIMENEZ

Margarita has over 25 years of experience in the All Star industry, trained in Ballet and has developed a passion for pom.

She is the owner of Pacific Elite and Dance Head Coach of Monash University. Some of her achievements as coach include: Team Australia Pom coach at the ICU World Championships in 2019 and 2023, a Worlds Silver Globe in the Open Coed Pom division (2019), Pom and University Dance National Grand Champion titles, multiple Dance Worlds bids and 3 silver medals as Head Coach of Team Australia University Dance at FISU World University Championships (Poland, 2018).

She holds a Masters in Leadership, a Certificate IV in Dance Teaching and Management and an ICU Black Medallion Coach Skill Certificate in Performance Cheer – Pom. Margarita is invested in helping the development of the sport in Australia and excited to be a part of the judging panel this year.

NAN TERNAI

Nan Ternai has been in the Australian cheerleading world for over 10 years. After competing at the IASF and ICU World championships, Nan highlighted her strong knowledge of the scorecard through coaching teams to win multiple National and Grand Championships as well as Worlds Bids. Upon retirement as an ahtlete, Nan transitioned into choreography and clinic work, assisting programs to ensure they are meeting scorecard requirements and progressing through skills with correct technique. Nan has now found her passion in judging where she has been part of the CheerCon judging family since 2021.

NATALIE LYON

With over 9 years judging experience around the United Kingdom Europe and internationally, expert at dance technique especially lyrical jazz and pom. Highly sort after overall cheer judge.

Natalie also runs her own cheer and dance academy in the UK taking her junior lyrical team to worlds and summit for the past 3 years. She also managed and coached team England adaptive abilities pom for several years at the ICU World championships helping them gain gold and Bronze medals.

I am so excited to be travelling down under to judge all the incredible talent in person not just remotely this season! And honoured to be part of the cheer con judging panel again huge good luck to all competing.

NICOLE FRANCILLON

After running a cheer and dance studio for over ten years, Nicole stepped away as a business owner and head coach. Her passion for cheer and dance and wanting to still be a part of the industry has led her to judging. 2023 is her third year of judging. Nicole's expertise is in legalities and deductions for lower levels of cheers while getting experience in the higher levels. She also has experience in legalities and deductions for all genres of dance. Cheercon has allowed Nicole to grow and learn as a judge and loves being part of the Cheercon team.

SHAYLA SANDERS

Shayla has become one of the most well-rounded experts in the cheerleading and dance industries. She has over 20 years of experience as a Program Director, Coach, Choreographer, Judge, Consultant, and Athlete. She has a wide range of knowledge in IASF, ICU, USASF, collegiate, and sideline cheer and dance. Currently, Shayla is the Program Director at Great Lakes Cheerleading and a CheerCon Choreographer. She also has legality, deduction, overall, and dance safety judge experience for CheerCon, Aussie Gold, DCE, All Things Cheer, CheerBrandz, Infinite Spirit, and Australia Cheer Elite. Originally from Orange County, CA, USA,

Shayla moved to Australia in 2017. She has worked with cheer and dance programs all across Australia, Mexico, and the USA, earning multiple IASF World Bids, Summit Bids, and Grand Champion titles. Shayla's great accomplishment was being chosen as the 2023 NSW State Coach for Team Australia's All Girl and Coed Teams. At the 2023 ICU World Championships, Team Australia won both a gold and silver medal in the Elite Division, placing Australia on the ICU world map.

Shayla's biggest passion is coaches education. An expert in the scoresheet and rubric, she loves helping coaches become the best they can be for their athletes. Every legality and deduction are learning opportunities for both the coaches and the judge. Shayla is so excited to see the amazing coaches and athletes shine. Best of luck to you all this season!

SIMONE MARES

Simone Vanderwolf's dance career spans over the past 30 years. She has worked extensively a dance teacher throughout Australia training in all facets of dance specialising in Hip Hop, Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical and Acrobatics. Simone is proud to hold her Certificate IV in Dance Teaching & Management, Cert III in Live Production, Theatre & Events, Diploma of Event Management and WWC Certificate.

Alongside her dance education, Simone has trained and competed in WAG (Women's Artistic Gymnastics) at a state level representing the metropolitan west region in state championships for 3 consecutive years and is level 1 accredited with Acrobatic Arts.

Simone was privileged to work as choreographer/dancer for Club Med Lindeman Island where she oversaw all entertainment throughout the village. Her commercial choreographic credits include; Sydney Royal Easter Show, Sydney Flames Halftime Entertainment, Western Sydney Business Awards, William Rose Ball amongst countless other corporate events. She has many years experience in dance film production, directing and choreographing multiple corporate and private concept videos and flash mobs.

With a passion for dance education, Simone has been involved in the development of syllabus used in primary school dance programs. Her students have gone on to hold regional and national titles across Australia in the commercial eisteddfod world with numerous other students successfully auditioning for coveted spots in some of the industry's leading hip hop crews.

Her Allstar team "Wolf PAC" hold multiple current national titles in Hip Hop, Jazz & Lyrical/Contemporary. Her Open AG Hip Hop team "The Alphas" winning 1st place Dance Royalty for Hip Hop in 2021 and worlds bids in both 2020 & 2021 her Junior Hip Hop team "The Gammas" won Pinnacle in 2022.

Simone has judged both nationally and internationally for many prestigious and national dance competitions such as Showcase, Hollywood Bound, Evolution, Cheercon, AASCF & Aussie Gold

TESSA PETRIE

I'm a qualified IASF Level 6 coach with 10 years of coaching experience. I have worked with multiple gyms around Australia guest coaching and choreographing. After returning home from a year in the USA learning from and competing with Top Gun Allstars, I began judging in 2021 to play a bigger role in our industry. While I love judging all areas of the scorecard my specialties include stunt and tumbling execution and tumbling difficulty.

THOMASINE WARMINGTON

Thomasine was introduced to cheerleading during her time at high school in Minnesota, USA. After returning to Australia she coached cheerleading for several years and continued her involvement in the sport by gaining her judging credentials. She has been judging for over 10 years across Australia, New Zealand and the USA including NCA, Cheersport Nationals as well as the IASF Cheerleading Worlds.

TONI ALTSCHWAGER

Toni Altschwager has experience in the cheer and dance world for over 30 years. Highlights from her performance career include working with artists such as Michael Jackson and performing with the Australian Ballet Company in their tour of Sleeping Beauty. Toni has been an accredited judge for 15 years and has enjoyed working in this area of the industry both nationally and internationally in dance and cheer. Toni recently was apart of the coaching team that represented Australia at the 2023 ICU World Championships in Orlando Florida for hip hop. Her favourite moment of a cheer routine is the dance break and she has a passion for contemporary and hip hop. She is excited to share her knowledge and expertise for yet another exciting season in this sport.

WILL CAIRNS

Will Cairns is a highly accomplished figure in the international cheer and dance community, with involvement spanning over two decades since 2001. He has extensive experience in judging, and has been a Legalities Official since 2013. Demonstrating expertise, he achieved IASF certification in 2019 and has actively participated in legalities panels for various event providers. In addition, Will has shown leadership and clarity in decision-making, worked collaboratively with judging panels to ensure fairness, and provided informative and educational feedback to coaches and participants regarding IASF rules.

In addition to his judging endeavors, Will has also been an influential coach and event organizer. He was the Head Coach and Choreographer for Starlets from 2010 to 2018, where he distinguished himself by fostering creativity and setting high standards of performance. Moreover, as the Owner and Director of Cheercon from 2014 to 2018, he managed competitive events, ensuring quality production and exceptional customer experiences. Currently, he is serving as a Committee Member for ACSA since 2021, where he plays a pivotal role in promoting the sport, developing technical documentation, and ensuring stakeholder consideration in policy-making. Will Cairns' extensive involvement has been invaluable to the growth and enrichment of the cheer and dance community.