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BIO - CHOREOGRAPHER & PERFORMER

Brenda Gorlick has been involved in the Performing Arts world for over 30 years in many aspects of the business. As a performer, she has acted, sung and danced her way across Canada, the U.S. and parts of Europe, including a two year contract with the **Stratford Festival**. She served as movement coach at the **Banff Centre Music Theatre Program** and producer/choreographer of the "Hot Cross Canada" Canadian Armed Forces Show Tour.

In 1999, Brenda had the great challenge of creating the **Opening and Closing Ceremonies** for the **Pan Am Games**, the biggest choreographic event Winnipeg has seen. She has also choreographed ceremonies for the 2003 **Western Canada Summer Games** in Selkirk, Manitoba and the **Canada Games** in Brandon.

Most recently, Brenda choreographed the hilarious Dry Cold production of **Urinetown**, Manitoba Opera Association's production of **La Traviata** and Manitoba Theatre Centre's sold out success – **Chicago**. World premieres include: **Jazz on Tap** for the Jazz Winnipeg Festival and **STRIKE! The Musical** which she both performed in and choreographed. She co-directed and choreographed a "heldover" run of **Seussical the Musical** for Manitoba Theatre for Young People.

Brenda starred in the high-flying role of the Wicked Witch of the West in Rainbow Stage's signature show: **The Wizard of Oz**, staged their 50th Anniversary production of **The King and I**, cross-dressed in the campy role of Mary Sunshine in the hit show **Chicago** and played Babette in Rainbow's spectacular production of **Beauty and the Beast** - a role she will be reprising this summer. She has performed in numerous musicals including MTC/Theatre Calgary's co-production of **Evita**, **42nd Street** in the coveted role of Dorothy Brock, Sheila in **A Chorus Line**, Miss Bell in the hit production of **Fame** and her all time favourite: Anita in the Banff Centre's **West Side Story**.

In film, Ms. Gorlick portrayed the principal role of Phyllis Flatow opposite **Shirley Maclaine** in the movie of the week, **Hell On Heels – The Mary Kay Project**. She acted as Assistant Dance Crew Liaison for Miramax Productions feature flick: **Shall We Dance** starring **Richard Gere** and **Jennifer Lopez** and choreographed one episode of **Murdoch Mysteries**.

She has been involved in over 100 productions including every theatre in Winnipeg over the past three decades. Selected credits include: **Die Fledermaus** (Manitoba Opera Association), **Hamlet** starring **Keanu Reeves** (Manitoba Theatre Centre), **Three Penny Opera** (Shakespeare in the Ruins), the award-winning **A Year with Frog and Toad** (Manitoba Theatre for Young People), **Funny Girl** (Wpg. Jewish Theatre), and **Le Train** (Cercle Molière).

In 2004, Brenda launched her own youth musical company: **Brenda Gorlick's YoungStars**. They had their theatrical debut in **You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown** and are currently rehearsing **Seussical the Musical** for Spring 2009. She serves as co-director of **Winnipeg Studio Theatre** along with Kayla Gordon and is currently developing the original musical **Hersteria**.

Ms. Gorlick serves as Guest Professor at the **University of Winnipeg** in the Drama Department and created the choreography for their 1st Fringe Festival Musical production - **Hair**, a sold-out success! She is in her 18th season as senior faculty member in the Musical Theatre Program of the **Royal Winnipeg Ballet School**, developing award-winning students and choreographies, and is also a much sought after adjudicator/clinician on the dance circuit.

Ms. Gorlick has worked as director/choreographer on numerous commercial projects including **Marrying Three Communities** for the United Way, Manitoba Hydro's **Festival of Lights Parade**, the **Canadian Artistic Gymnastic Championships Gala** and the Forks production for **Queen Elizabeth II Royal Visit**. Brenda serves the Manitoba performing arts community as **ACTRA Manitoba** Council member, **CAEA Manitoba co-chair** and Manitoba representative to the **Dancer Transition Resource Center**.

Last but certainly not least she is "mom" to two boys- Jordie and Taj.  
**Visit her website at: [www.brendagorlick.ca](http://www.brendagorlick.ca)**



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**ACTRA / EQUITY - ACTOR / DANCER / SINGER**

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**FILM & TELEVISION**

THE HORSEMEN  
STRIKE! THE MUSICAL  
SHALL WE DANCE

Lee Shoemaker  
Rose Elkin  
Dance Competition Judge  
Dance Crew Liaison  
Phyllis Flatow (Principal)  
Daniella (Principal)  
Special Dance Extra  
Woman (Actor)  
Quartet (Feature)  
Dancer/Choreographer  
Special Guest

Mandate Pictures/Jonas Ackerlun  
Danny Schur Productions  
Miramax Productions  
Choreographic Dept.  
Allianc Atlantis  
CBC  
Buffalo Gal Prod.  
Credo Productions  
CBC  
CITY-TV  
CBC

MARY KAY PROJECT  
ONE JANE DOE  
WITHOUT A WORD  
SHIRLEY HOLMES  
THE COMEDY OF ERRORS  
ELECTRIC CIRCUS  
FRONT PAGE CHALLENGE

**THEATRE**

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST  
NINE!  
WIZARD OF OZ  
STRIKE World Premiere  
CHICAGO  
EVITA  
A CHORUS LINE  
42ND STREET  
SOUND OF MUSIC  
DAMN YANKEES  
GUYS AND DOLLS  
AS YOU LIKE IT  
KISS ME KATE  
COMEDY OF ERRORS  
NUNSENSE  
A CHORUS LINE  
CDN. FORCES TOUR  
WEST SIDE STORY

Babette  
Claudia  
Wicked Witch  
Ensemble  
Mary Sunshine  
Ensemble  
Sheila  
Dorothy Brock  
Elsa  
Lola  
Agatha, u.s. Sarah  
Hysperia, u.s. Audrey  
Ensemble, u.s.Hattie  
Quartet  
Sister Mary Leo  
Kristine/Judy/Connie/Bebe  
Choreographer/Dancer  
Anita

Rainbow Stage Inc./Robb Paterson  
Dry Cold Productions/Donna Fletcher  
Rainbow Stage Inc./Richard Hurst  
Danny Schur Productions/Ann Hodges  
Rainbow Stage Inc./Bill Robertson  
M.T.C./Th. Calgary/Tim French  
Rainbow Stage Inc./Richard Hurst  
Rainbow Stage Inc./Robb Paterson  
Rainbow Stage Inc./Brian Foley  
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Stratford Festival/Richard MacDonald  
Stratford Festival/Richard Monette  
Stratford Festival/Donald Saddler  
Stratford Festival/Richard Monette  
Nunsense /Diane Nyland Proctor  
Vancouver Playhouse/Jeff Hyslop  
Overseas Tour/Ray St. Germain Prods.  
Banff Centre/Alan Lund

**TRAINING**

DANCE (Ballet/Jazz/Folk/Tap) - Royal Winnipeg Ballet - Corps de Ballet - Professional Program Graduate  
VOICEOVER TECHNIQUE - (ACTRA Manitoba ) - Roland Parliament  
CAMERA AUDITION TECHNIQUE - (ACTRA Manitoba )  
VOICE INTENSIVE - (Contemporary Dancers) - Richard Armstrong  
SHAKESPEARE TEXT - (Equity Showcase) - Neil Freeman  
SPEECH & DICTION - (Equity Showcase) - David Smukler  
BANFF CENTRE - Musical Theatre Program - Alan Lund & Howard Cable  
UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG - Graduate of Dramatic Arts  
SINGING - Anne Relyea, Lorelyn Morgan, Brahm Goldhammer, Riki Turofsky  
ROYAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC - Silver Medalist (Voice); Grade X Piano

**SPECIAL SKILLS**

Choreography; Piano (Grade X); Ukrainian Dance; Mime; Aerobics; Swimming; Scuba Diving; Cycling; Golfing; Curling; Skating; Racquetball; Badminton; Skiing (Cross-Country/Downhill); Driver's License

**INDUSTRIALS/COMMERCIALS:** Complete list on request





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**THEATRE** (continued)

YIDDLE WITH A FIDDLE	Choreographer	Winnipeg JewishTheatre (WJT)
LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR	Choreographer	MOA
MASTER HAROLD AND THE BOYS	Choreographer	Prairie theatre Exchange (PTE)
PIPPY LONGSTOCKING	Choreographer	MTYP
PUULIK CHERCHE LE VENT	Choreographer	Cercle Molière
CHAI SYMPHONY SHOW	Choreographer	Chai Folk Ensemble
FUNNY GIRL	Choreographer	WJT
YOU CAN'T BEAT FUN	Choreographer	University of Manitoba
THREE PENNY OPERA	Choreographer	Shakespeare in the Ruins
GREASE	Choreographer	Manitoba Theatre Centre (MTC)
HELLO MUDDAH, HELLO FADDAH	Choreographer	WJT
PASSAGES	Director/Choreographer	Winnipeg Fringe Festival
ROZMAI ANNIVERSARY SHOW '97	Choreographer	Rozmai Ukrainian Dancers
FAST FORWARD	Choreographer	R.W.B.
PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE	Movement Coach	MTC/National Arts Centre (NAC)
LEO MOL TRIBUTE	Choreographer	Rusalka Ukrainian Dancers
HAMLET	Chor./Mov't. Coach	MTC
TARTUFFE	Chor./Dance Instructor	University of Winnipeg
STONE ANGEL	Choreographer	PTE/NAC
DANCING AT LUGHNASA	Choreographer	Manitoba Theatre Centre/NAC
THIRTEEN HANDS	Choreographer	Prairie Theatre Exchange
LES BELLES SOEURS	Choreographer	Cercle Molière
WINTER MUSIC THEATRE PROGRAM	Asst. Movement Director	Banff Centre

**MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTIONS**

A CHORUS LINE • A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD • ALICE IN WONDERLAND • ANNE OF GREEN GABLES • ANNIE • ANYTHING GOES • BELLS ARE RINGING • BIG • BLUE CHAMPAGNE • THE BOYFRIEND • CABARET • CATS • CRAZY FOR YOU • FUNNY GIRL • GREASE • GUYS & DOLLS • HAIR • HELLO MUDDAH, HELLO FADDAH • JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT • KISS ME KATE • LEADER OF THE PACK • MUSIC MAN • OLIVER • PIPPI LONGSTOCKING • PIPPIN • PYJAMA GAME • SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL • THE KING AND I • THREEPENNY OPERA • URINETOWN • WEST SIDE STORY • WIZARD OF OZ • YIDDLE WITH A FIDDLE • YOU CAN'T BEAT FUN • YOU'RE A GOOD MAN ,CHARLIE BROWN

**FILM/T.V./VIDEO**

MURDOCH MYSTERIES	Choreographer	Original Pictures/Dir. Michael De Carlo
SHALL WE DANCE	Asst. Dance Crew	Dansu/Miramax Productions
MARY KAY STORY-Hell On Heels	Asst. Choreographer	Alliance Atlantis
LET'S GET TOGETHER (Rock Video)	Choreographer	Selah Productions/Suzanne Mariani
PAN AM GAMES	Choreographer	C.B.C.
CANADA GAMES	Choreographer	T.S.N.
CHILDREN'S MIRACLE TELETHON	Choreographer	C.B.C.
ELECTRIC CIRCUS	Choreographer	Nite Life Dancers/CITY-TV
SOFT ECLIPSE	Movement Coach	Sask. Board of Ed.
NO PROMISES (Rock Video)	Choreographer	Southwest Productions/Julie Masi

**DANCE EXPERIENCE**

ROYAL WINNIPEG BALLET - Department Head - Musical Theatre Program  
 GUILD HALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC (London, England) - Baroque/Renaissance Dance  
 YORK UNIVERSITY (Toronto) - Dance History Program  
 BANFF SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS - Music Theatre Program  
 GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE (Toronto)- Ballet/Jazz Instructor  
 ROYAL WINNIPEG BALLET - Corps de Ballet (Graduate of the Professional Program)  
 -Trained in Ballet, Jazz, Folk, Modern & Tap

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**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG - Guest Professor; Theatre Department  
BRENDA GORLICK'S YOUNGSTARS - Artistic Director  
RUSALKA UKRAINIAN DANCE ENSEMBLE - Creative Director/Instructor/Dancer  
SARAH SOMMER CHAI FOLK ENSEMBLE - Guest Choreographer  
GOTTA SING, GOTTA DANCE - Guest Instructor; Vancouver  
2000-2005 ARTS FESTIVALS- British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario  
1993 - 2001 MANITOBA DRAMA YOUTH FESTIVAL - Co-ordinator  
ROYAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC - Grade X Piano; Silver Medalist (Voice)  
UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG - Graduate of Dramatic Arts  
DTRC ON THE MOVE CONFERENCE - Co-ordinator  
ARTISTS-IN-SCHOOLS PROGRAM -1998-2008 -Manitoba Arts Council

**VOLUNTEER WORK**

ACTRA MANITOBA - Council Member  
CANADIAN ACTORS' EQUITY ASSOCIATION - Manitoba Advisory Council  
DANCER TRANSITION RESOURCE CENTER - Manitoba Representative



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