

Judges

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Konner is a seasoned entertainment professional with over 15 years of experience in the industry. Starting his dance journey at the age of 12, Konner immersed himself in various styles, including jazz, ballet, lyrical, tap, modern, musical theatre, contemporary, and hip-hop. His passion for performance led him to the world's biggest stages including various theme parks, theaters, and cruise lines where he was a Dancer, Aerialist, Dance Captain, and Company Manager. In his dance career, Konner also taught at numerous studios and dance teams across the Midwest, sharing his expertise and love for dance with the next generation of performers. Now based in Atlanta, he combines his flair for storytelling and entertainment as an Unscripted Casting Producer, contributing to hit shows including American Idol, MasterChef, and LEGO Masters. Thrilled to be part of the NexStar family, Konner aims to empower and uplift dancers, helping them reach their highest potential in artistry, performance, and technique. Konner's extensive background and passion make him a fun and engaging judge who brings both warmth and wisdom to every competition!

Sara hails from the outskirts of Atlanta, Georgia, where she was born and raised. From the tender age of two, she immersed herself in the world of dance, stepping onto the competition stage at just four years old. Blessed with the opportunity to train at esteemed institutions across the industry, Sara honed her skills at renowned centers such as Broadway Dance Center, EDGE Performing Arts Center, Giordano Dance Chicago, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, River North Dance Company and Dance 101. Her journey in dance has taken her both nationally and internationally, gracing stages for prestigious brands and events including Bloomingdales, The Coca-Cola Company, Delta Airlines, JLL, Music Midtown, National Auto Sales, Peloton, SEC Championship Game, Siemens, and Walt Disney World. Beyond the spotlight, Sara has shared her passion for dance as a teacher and choreographer in numerous studios, while also captivating audiences as a performer with various entertainment companies. Seasonally, she imparts her knowledge and

expertise as she guides and mentors aspiring contestants for upcoming pageants. Currently calling Stamford, CT home, Sara proudly celebrates her sixteenth season as an adjudicator.

Tonya Ferrucci began her dance training at the age of three and has studied under the late Bette-Ann Monti Rossi for the past 30 years. Her dance training is both extensive and impressive and she was well known in the competition world winning many prestigious regional and national awards. She has trained in Boston, New York, and spent a brief time in California pursuing her dancing career. She was the owner and director of APAC Dance, Inc., one of the most successful studios in the New England area. Her students have won many prestigious regional and national awards including Petite Miss Dance of New England; Petite Miss American Dance Awards, Junior Miss Candance North America, dance-off champions and many national dance scholarships. Her students were gold medal World Dance Champions for the United States in Reisa, Germany. Her unique choreography has been the recipient of many regional and national awards as well. Tonya loves sharing her passion of the artform dance to the next generation of artists.