## SARAH BOWDEN

SALLY BOWLES IN CABARET, GERMANY, IN GERMAN CASSIE IN A CHORUS LINE AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, LOS ANGELES.

comp moment?

Forgetting my red lipstick for our group routine, and realizing it only moments before we were to go on stage. My best friend came to the rescue and kissed me on the lips to give me some of her lovely red lip shine. Catastrophe averted and we won first place. Everyone was happy! Oh yes, and McDonald's... we always got to go to McDonald's after eisteddfod days, What a treat!

Improvisations, I only ever did one and it was awful.

As I was listening to the music behind the curtain I froze. Nothing happened, I ran out there but didn't dance. I just cried and ran offstage. My mum was

the sweetest, clearly realising improvisation was not my strength, she never made me do it ever again. Maybe that's why I've never felt the burning desire to be a choreographer!

## THALIA SMITH WE WILL ROCK YOU, GREASE (HARVEST RAIN)

comp moment?

My dance studio competed at the Opera House on the concert hall stage I had never in my life performed in such a massive space and to such a large audience and the prospect of doing so was very daunting for a country girl from Dubbo. It was completely terrifying and at the same time, absolutely invigorating. I remember coming off stage and hugging my best mate of 10+ years, a little teary and extremely sweaty - we were just so thrilled to be there.

## oops comp moment?

When I was 13 I was standing side stage listening to prescribed music for a Jazz improvisation. I'd decided to wear this fire engine red leotard which was definitely well past it's prime.

About 3 counts of 8 into the disco remix of "hot stuff" the leotard rebelled. The clasp broke, the leotard quickly fell down and I bolted off stage. I performed the fasted quick change of my life into a stark black leotard, made my way back to the stage and attempted to re-create the improvisation. Needless to say, it was a complete disaster. The red leotard was thrown out shortly after.



HUGH JACKMAN'S BROADWAY TO OZ TOUR, SCOTT HASTINGS IN STRICTLY BALLROOM THE MUSICAL

comp moment?

When I won my first tap championship.

I was so nervous but tried to act cool! Before I went on my mother Julie told me to lift my feet and don't scrape. I went out and tapped my heart out! I won the competition and from that day on, whenever I did another tap championship, my mother told me the exact same thing! It was my lucky charm.

## oops comp moment?

When I performed as 'Rum Tum Tugger' from Cats. Of course I had a tail attached with a pin and of course the pin came un-done! So I sang the rest of my song and then continued with the dance with a pin stuck in my back for the duration! Fun times!



