



Jennifer Zabudny
Creative Movement

Jen started Ukrainian dance at age 8 with the Veselka Dancers of the Teulon Ukrainian Dance Club. At age 15, she moved on to Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Ensemble where she was a member for 10 years. Within that time, she also danced with Rusalka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble for 5 years.

Throughout her many years as a dancer she had opportunities to travel and perform, including: Expo 86 Vancouver; Festival By The Sea, New Brunswick; Grandstand at Canada's National Ukrainian Festival and at Vegreville Pysanka Festival; RWB's production of Swan Lake; Soyuzivka Ukrainian Festival, New York; New Jersey Ukrainian Festival ; Disneyland; San Diego Ukrainian Festival. She also toured with Troyanda to Ukraine and to Australia with Rusalka. She has taken part in various memorable workshops with highly esteemed choreographers in Ukraine, including Myroslav Vantukh (Virsky Ukrainian National Folk Dance Ensemble in Kyiv), Daria Lastivka (Bukovinian Folk Ensemble in Chernivtsi), Ivan Koroliuk (Hutsul State Ensemble in Ivano Frankivsk) and Mykhailo Vanivsky (Yunisya Honored State Ensemble in Lviv)

Jen also has an extensive history as an instructor, teaching for 18 years at the Teulon Veselka Ukrainian Dance Club, Arborg Reechka Ukrainian Dance Club and Gimli Barvinok Ukrainian Dance Club. She also taught for 10 years previously with Selkirk and District Ukrainian School of Dance, prior to returning in 2022.

Jen worked for 16 years with Great West Life Assurance Corporation as a Financial Analyst. Currently, she is a stay-at-home mom, raising her son and daughter. Her daughter dances in the Junior Girls class at Selkirk & District.