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**TONI BASIL**

WEST COAST | DIRECTOR | MASTER EDUCATORS | SPEAKERS

Toni Basil is a multi-award winning performer, choreographer, director, producer, and street dance historian. She has been at the vanguard of dance and music for the last thirty years. She has choreography and directorial credits on over 50 videos and has choreographed and co-directed concerts for Tina Turner, David Bowie, Bette Midler, David Lee Roth, Mick Jagger as well as many others. In 2008 Toni received Hip Hop International’s highest award “Living Legend of Hip Hop”. Former recipients include Don Campbell/lock Campbell, Boogaloo Sam, MC Hammer, DJ Kool Herc and Grandmaster Caz Toni is one of the 7 original lockers that is considered “the group that changed the face of dance”. She is recognized as a seminal influence in bringing street dance to the attention of the American public. She is currently writing a book on the history of American Street Dance. She has worked on an incredible range of television programming, from TV Lands Salute to Soul Train, NAACP Image Awards, Saturday Night Live, Sesame Street and numerous Music Awards shows. Toni’s most notable feature film credits include choreography for such classics as American Graffiti and Legally Blonde. Her subtle choreographic hand was visible throughout Tom Hanks directorial debut, That Thing You Do. Toni Basil received a Gold Album for 1981’s Word Of Mouth and a double platinum record for her smash single Mickey and holds the same from the UK, Canada and Australia. She received a Grammy nomination for her Word Of Mouth long-form video album, which she produced, choreographed and directed. “Mickey” was Billboard magazine’s #1 song for the month of December, 1982 and was installed into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame as one of the groundbreaking singles of the 1980s. The Mickey music video resides in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art and in 1992, Toni earned herself a place as an American Video Artist in the coveted Museum of Modern Art’s calendar. She starred, co-directed and choreographed two self-titled BBC television specials, which were re-aired in record time due to unprecedented audience response and are credited as launching “Mickey” as a hit single in the U.K. charts and ultimately, worldwide. Toni has acted in numerous films including, Easy Rider and Five Easy Pieces. Toni directed short art films, “Game of the Week,” “A Dance Film,” “Our Trip” and “The Ping Pong Match”. Pre-dating music videos, these avant-garde pieces found a new audience and were exhibited at the Santa Monica Museum of Art and New York’s Grey Art Gallery. The L.A. Times noted that filmmaker Toni Basil’s deft editing transformed an ordinary ping pong match between Gray and Stockwell into an energetic dance routine. As a classically trained dancer, Toni continues to dance and attend Locking, Hip Hop and African dance classes by day and underground dance clubs at night. She has immersed herself in the Latin music and dance scene and has guest performed singing, dancing and playing percussion with the top Los Angeles based salsa bands. She adds to her list of expertise in world dance and partnering with Afro/Cuban, Tango, Flamenco, Salsa, East coast and West coast swing. Continuing in the family tradition (her father, an orchestra leader and mother, a vaudevillian) she has excelled in every entertainment medium; stage, music, commercials, television, film and video. Her unique form of artistic mastery is at the heart of all of her work. She remains a true pioneer in the dance world, a visionary and a genuine American treasure.

**Film**

| <b>JOB</b>                               | <b>POSITION</b> | <b>COMPANY</b>                |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Once Upon a Time in Hollywood            | Choreographer   | Dir. Quentin Tarantino        |
| Charlie Wilson's War                     | Choreographer   | Tom Hanks / Dir. Mike Nichols |
| Legally Blonde                           | Choreographer   | Reese Witherspoon / MGM       |
| Legally Blonde 2: Red, White, and Blonde | Choreographer   | Dir. Charles Herman / MGM     |
| Ed Wood                                  | Choreographer   | Tim Burton Productions        |

| <b>JOB</b>               | <b>POSITION</b> | <b>COMPANY</b>               |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| American Graffiti        | Choreographer   | Dir. George Lucas            |
| The Rose                 | Choreographer   | Starring Bette Midler        |
| My Best Friend's Wedding | Choreographer   | Starring Julia Roberts       |
| That Thing You Do        | Choreographer   | Dir. Tom Hanks / FOX         |
| Muppets From Space       | Choreographer   | Jim Henson Pictures          |
| The House Bunny          | Choreographer   | Dir. Fred Wolf               |
| Sunset Strip             | Choreographer   | Dir. Adam Collis / FOX       |
| Something To Talk About  | Choreographer   | Julia Roberts / Warner Bros. |
| Peggy Sue Got Married    | Choreographer   | Dir. Francis Ford Coppola    |
| Mobsters                 | Choreographer   | Universal Studios            |
| Delirious                | Choreographer   | Starring John Candy          |
| Divine Madness           | Choreographer   | Starring Bette Midler        |
| Head                     | Choreographer   | The Monkees                  |

## Television

| <b>JOB</b>                              | <b>POSITION</b>                   | <b>COMPANY</b>         |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Ru Paul's Drag U                        | Choreographer                     | LOGO / World of Wonder |
| So You Think You Can Dance              | Guest Judge                       | FOX / 19 Entertainment |
| Cold Case                               | Choreographer                     | Warner Bros.           |
| Bette Series                            | Choreographer                     | CBS                    |
| Murphy Brown                            | Choreographer                     | CBS                    |
| Bette Midler Concert "Diva Las Vegas"   | Choreographer                     | HBO                    |
| Sesame Street                           | Director/Choreographer/Co-Prod.   | 4 Segments             |
| Saturday Night Live                     | Segment Choreographer/Co-Director |                        |
| Toni Basil, Tape 1 & 2                  | Writer/Co-Director/Choreographer  | BBC Variety Special    |
| David Bowie Concert "Glass Spider" Tour | Co-Director/Choreographer         | ABC                    |
| Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour           | Dance Segments Director           | 4 Shows                |

## Concerts/Tours/Events

| <b>JOB</b>                                       | <b>POSITION</b>              | <b>COMPANY</b>                     |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| David Lee Roth Live                              | Choreographer                | Beverly Hilton Hotel               |
| Tina Turner Live 2008/2009 Tour                  | Associate Dir./Choreographer |                                    |
| Tina Turner "What's Love Got To Do With It" Tour | Choreographer                |                                    |
| Bette Midler "Divine Intervention"               | Co-Director/Choreographer    |                                    |
| Bette Midler "The Showgirl Must Go On"           | Choreographer                | Caesars Palace, Las Vegas          |
| Bette Midler / Grand Opening of Harrah's Casino  | Choreographer                | Harrah's Casino / Hammond, Indiana |

| <b>JOB</b>   | <b>POSITION</b>           | <b>COMPANY</b>          |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bette Midler "Kiss My Brass" Tour                                | Choreographer             |                         |
| Bette Midler "Miss Millennium" Tour                              | Dance Dir./Choreographer  |                         |
| Bette Midler "Experience the Divine" Tour                        | Dance Dir./Choreographer  |                         |
| Bette Midler "Experience the Divine" '93-'94 Tour                | Dance Dir./Choreographer  |                         |
| Bette Midler "Detour"  | Co-Director/Choreographer |                         |
| Bette Midler "Tour For New Depression"                           | Co-Director/Choreographer |                         |
| Valora at the Troubadour 2010                                    | Choreographer             |                         |
| Lee Ann Womack 2002 Tour   | Director/Choreographer    | Erv Woolsey Company     |
| Enrique Iglesias "Escape" Tour                                   | Director/Choreographer    |                         |
| Matchbox 20 1998 World Tour                                      | Choreographer             |                         |
| Menudo "Reencuentro" Tour  | Choreographer             | Mi Bondo Toca           |
| David Lee Roth 1995 Road Show Tour                               | Choreographer             |                         |
| The Manhattan Transfer 1995 Multi-Media Interactive Concept Show | Choreographer             |                         |
| Shockin' The House at LA Festival                                | Director/Choreographer    |                         |
| Frankie Valli Las Vegas Show                                     | Choreographer             |                         |
| Bolshoi Circus Japanese Tour 1993                                | Director/Choreographer    |                         |
| David Bowie "Glass Spider" Tour                                  | Co-Director/Choreographer |                         |
| David Bowie "Diamond Dogs" Tour                                  | Co-Director/Choreographer |                         |
| Toni Basil at The Kitchen "A Decade in Street Dance"             | Director/Choreographer    |                         |
| Toni Basil at The Roxy   | (Dir./Chor./Prod.)        |                         |
| Toni Basil at The Fox Venice                                     | (Dir./Chor./Prod.)        |                         |
| The Lockers at Radio City Music Hall                             | Director/Choreographer    |                         |
| Manhattan Transfer 1991 Tour                                     | Director/Choreographer    |                         |
| Pee-Wee Herman at J.C. Penny Fashion Show                        | Co-Director/Choreographer | J.C. Penny Fashion Show |

## Music Videos

| <b>JOB</b>                                 | <b>POSITION</b>                 | <b>COMPANY</b> |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Toni Basil "Word of Mouth"                 | Director/Producer               |                |
| Toni Basil "Shopping A to Z"               | Director/Producer/Choreographer |                |
| Toni Basil "Mickey"                        | Director/Producer/Choreographer |                |
| Toni Basil "Over My Head"                  | Director/Producer/Choreographer |                |
| Linda Rondstadt "You Took Advantage of Me" | Director/Choreographer          |                |
| Fishbone "When Problems Arise"             | Co-Director/Choreographer       |                |
| David Byrne "Girls On My Mind"             | Co-Director/Choreographer       |                |
| Talking Heads "Once In A Lifetime"         | Co-Director                     |                |
| Talking Heads "Cross-Eyed and Painless"    | Director/Producer/Choreographer |                |

| <b>JOB</b>                                  | <b>POSITION</b> | <b>COMPANY</b>                  |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Matchbox 20 "Push"                          | Choreographer   |                                 |
| Big Bad Voodoo Daddy "You, Me & The Bottle" | Choreographer   |                                 |
| Vanessa Carlton "Pretty Baby"               | Choreographer   | Palomar Pictures                |
| Stella Soleil "Kiss, Kiss"                  | Choreographer   | A Few Miles North               |
| Mick Jagger "God Gave Me Everything"        | Coach           |                                 |
| CSS "Hangover"                              | Co-Director     | Dir. Matt Dilmore / Epoch Films |

## Award Shows

| <b>JOB</b>                                    | <b>POSITION</b> | <b>COMPANY</b>    |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| Billboard Awards w/ Bette Midler              | Choreographer   | FOX               |
| TV Land Awards "Tribute to Soul Train"        | Choreographer   | Chloe Productions |
| 2005 MTV Video Music Awards w/ Kelly Clarkson | Choreographer   | MTV               |
| 1999 MTV Movie Awards w/ Robbie Williams      | Choreographer   | MTV               |
| 1994 Annual Emmy Awards w/ Bette Midler       | Choreographer   | ABC               |
| The 26th Annual NAACP Image Awards            | Choreographer   | NBC               |

## Commercials

| <b>JOB</b>                            | <b>POSITION</b> | <b>COMPANY</b>                            |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Nabisco Pita Chips w/ George Hamilton | Choreographer   | Dir. David Kellogg / Anonymous Content    |
| NFL Films Promo                       | Choreographer   | Dir. Bryan Barber / FM Rocks              |
| Seppala                               | Choreographer   | Bad Company Films                         |
| Toon Disney Promo                     | Choreographer   | Toon Disney Channel / Atlas Pictures      |
| Carl's Jr                             | Choreographer   | Ofrenda                                   |
| The Gap "Khaki Kids"                  | Choreographer   | Dayton Faris Productions                  |
| The Gap "Khaki Groove"                | Choreographer   | Directors Bureau / Primitive Productions  |
| Miller Lite                           | Choreographer   | Dir. Jerry Casale / Primitive Productions |
| Toyota                                | Choreographer   | Backyard Productions                      |
| Southwest Airline                     | Choreographer   | Stiefel & Company                         |