## Biography of Danielle Austin

Danielle has been dancing for over 28 years, firstly attending the Joy of Movement dance studio, in South Surrey, with many great teachers as well as the studio's acclaimed accomplishments. Danielle was a member of Visions II and Visions Dance Company for many years, training at a professional level in a wide variety of disciplines. This allowed her to take part in many local and International dance competitions at the regional and national levels, to participate in many conventions and master classes held by some of the world's best, and to be involved in school tours as part of the Art Starts educational dance program, where she toured throughout the lower mainland, Vancouver Island, and Okanagan. As Danielle began to understand the importance of strong ballet technique, she decided to supplement her education at Victoria's Ballet School. Danielle has always felt the passion for teaching and became a substitute teacher for many of the different classes and continued to teach for the Joy of Movement studio for 3 years. She taught as a guest teacher at Tri-Dance Academy, the Ballet Mistress at Classical Fine Arts Day Care and continued training at Harbour Dance Centre.

There are so many things that drew me to Amy Hamilton's Dance Arts, but most importantly it is Amy Hamilton herself that makes this place so special. It is her love for not only the art of dance but for her dance family. Amy strives to make every student feel special and listens to their needs and desires. She takes the time to listen to any concerns of parents and reassures them with confidence. With every class she teaches, you can see the passion she has to make everyone a success; and also teaches them to push the boundaries with technique and artistry. She creates a completely safe atmosphere where everyone feels safe to grow, learn and be the individual that they are. There is truly no other place that I'd recommend more.