

What previous contestants had to say about their WCOPA experience.



WCOPA was one of the best experiences I've had in my life! As well as performing my heart out on the World Stage, I made some of the greatest friends and memories to last a life time! I came away with Junior Grand Champion Dancer of the World 2015 as well as 4 Gold medals, 1 Silver medal, Division Champion for Contemporary, Jazz, Hip Hop and Open solo I'd like to thank our National Director, Lizette for giving me this amazing opportunity and also to my Parents and family, I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for them.

Clare

I couldn't speak more highly of the WCOPA experience. I have been fortunate enough to compete in the World Championships of Performing Arts from 2012 – 2015 in dancing, singing and modelling, competing in the grand final show three times, winning a total of 55 awards including seven overall division champion of the world awards three finalist awards, 10 gold medals, 17 silver medals, 15 bronze medals and three industry awards. I was also fortunate enough to receive two scholarships to Millennium Dance Complex in Hollywood, one of which I have already used which has certainly been the experience of a lifetime and has pushed me to an even greater level.

Awards aside, it is more than a competition; it is one of the greatest opportunities to network not only with industry professionals, but with other talented artists from around the globe. Through my experience I have had the chance to talk with and learn from the best in the industry which has improved all areas of my performing and has opened up a whole new world of opportunity for me in the performing industry. Being a performing arts teacher on the Sunshine Coast, It has also given me the ability to pass what I have learned onto my students as well as bring industry professionals I have met from this experience to my own studio to give them opportunities most could only dream of.

I would recommend WCOPA to all aspiring performing artists as what I have gained from this experience is beyond what I could have ever imagined and it has been great to see not only how much I have grown through WCOPA and the opportunities it has given me, but also how much my team mates have grown as performers as well. The opportunities are endless! *Britt*



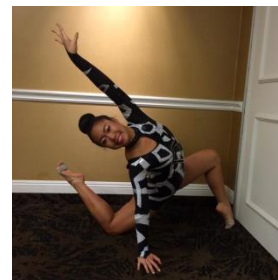
What an experience of a life time. Competing on the world stage with contestants from all over the world is nothing short of incredible. I have competed at WCOPA for the past three years and would have to say it has been the best decision I have made.



This experience has improved my stage craft, given me confidence that I never thought I would have and has created contacts I never thought was possible. The knowledge gained from the Boot camps, the feedback and connections created at the Go Sees and the opportunities available to me from the scholarships are just part of what WCOPA can offer.

It has been an incredible journey for me and other Team Members, some laughed, some cried but everyone has come away with lifelong friends and with knowledge, experience and connections in their chosen tract that others can only dream about. *Chloee*

WCOPA was an amazing experience and I feel so blessed to be a part of it. From getting to know the Australian team to meeting people from all around the world, the memories I have made are ones never to be forgotten. Performing and competing was great fun and with new peers all cheering me on the side, I felt even greater joy on stage. I want to share my gratitude to all the Australian team managers for giving us this opportunity and share the experience. I really hope to come back again and represent Australia at WCOPA in the near future! *Sasha*





My experience at WCOPA as part of the Australian team was indescribable. Nothing can compare to the high that is felt during the competition, and the experience is life changing. I made so many connections with Industry professionals, so many new great friends and I even learned so much about myself! I would recommend every aspiring performer to have a go at the competition, you won't regret it! *Chelsea*

"The most amazing part of WCOPA for me was how many friends I made. As an older member of the group I was worried about fitting in, however everyone in the team welcomed me with open arms. Team Australia really felt like a family and I loved how supportive everyone was about how others did in their respective competitions.

I personally achieved everything I could have hoped for. In my Acting categories, I received 5 Silver medals and 1 Bronze medal. I was also very fortunate to receive a \$10,000 scholarship to the New York Film Academy, which I will be taking up in 2016.



As a performer, I would recommend WCOPA to anyone who wants to further themselves and test themselves against the best in the world. It really is an incredible experience and certainly one I won't forget." *Hayley*



An unbelievable experience! With the ability to whistle any chart topping song or classical old time favourite, Uno had no fear in front of Hollywood's biggest talent scouts, who voted for him to win one of Variety's top award. Uno took home two gold and one silver medal as well as the Senior Grand Champion Award in Variety category. Uno is no stranger to performing and impressed Red Symon on Australia's Got Talent in 2008, with Symon proclaiming Uno to be "Upstairs with the great whistlers: Roger Whittaker and Ronnie Ronalde. Marvellous! Very good". *Uno*

Attending WCOPA was awesome. I felt something differently, honestly, something I never really felt before, I knew I would achieve something good, something great! Something bodacious to show my family and friends, but especially my mother, and to thank her for raising me for 15 years and always being by my side. Well I guess I did just that, competing in 6 categories (Modelling and Acting half half) receiving 3 Gold medals, 3 Silver medals, an Industry Award, 2 Overall Awards and a Scholarship to go to New York Film Academy in LA! I've met some great people and friends from all over the world from this journey, and I hope to be in touch with them forever. I formally want to thank Lizette Hunt Australian National Director and my teacher Cat Rickets for this great opportunity and always being there for me, from the bottom of my heart I thank you. Well, I hope fathers proud from watching upstairs.

Deyako



World Championships of Performing Art has really changed my life as a young artist, giving me the opportunity to showcase my talent and understand how the entertainment industry works in the real world of music in Hollywood. Firstly, I feel so blessed representing Australia in 2013 at the World Championships of Performing Art and also competing with people from all around the world. Secondly, having the privilege meeting other people with the same passion as you make you realize that music is so strong and it can bring people together no matter who you are.

Having the opportunity to attend WCOPA, was an AMAZING introduction to the global entertainment industry.

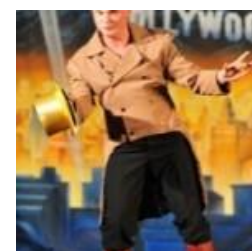


All my life I've watched from the distance, now it's like the doors are being opened and it's becoming a reality. In Hollywood before the competition we attend the boot camp led by professionals within the Industry. I was so inspired by messages I got from those professions, giving me the courage not to give up and always strive to work hard. Being judged by the best of the best in Hollywood was a massive privilege to me knowing that these people can change your life and help you improve. I also got the chance meeting people from around the world who soon became like a family and made a long-time friendship. The highlight for me was making connection with music gurus in Hollywood and having one on one conversation with them at the 'Go Sees'

Attending WCOPA has made a huge impact on me as musician, I learnt so much, gained more knowledge, experienced it and most importantly I had a lot of fun singing, dancing and performing in front of the judges and audience! I strongly encourage anyone to audition for the World Championship of Performing Arts. Good luck because this is your moment to shine in Hollywood! *Monga*

This was truly an amazing experience! Everything moved at the speed of light! My head shot and resume ended up in Steven Spielberg office following me asking of a few question at one of the seminars before the competition. At the go-sees we had a chance to meet with agents, managers, and other Industry professionals. This was quite an eye opener and was also where I was offered a place and scholarship at the prestigious New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts, School of Film and Television.

Damien





The World Championships has been the greatest acting experience of my life. I never stopped learning, from the boot camp seminars, the industry professionals and even my peers. The competition is beyond words and something every aspiring performer should get the opportunity to contend in. I gained medals, self-validation of my acting skills and level, contacts within the entertainment industry, a scholarship to the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts, friends who really are so much more than just teammates and a story to last a lifetime. Thank you so much Lizette Hunt for

inviting me to represent our fine country and providing me with a stepping-stone into the Hollywood business. I wouldn't trade this experience for anything. *Aimee*

My experience at WCOPA was one I will never forget. I made life-long friends from all around the world. I started out as a street kid who had a passion for music and writing lyrics never knowing that one day I will be representing my country that I love and win Gold for Vocal Rap. Throughout my entire time in the USA I networked with a lot of people who have helped me push my music further. It was a great experience being around so many talented people and was great fun bonding and building a relationship with the Australian Team. Upon returning I have gained the motivation to strive harder and higher for my dreams. *D.Minor*





The World Championships of Performing Arts was one of the best experiences of my life. I was able to expand my knowledge of the music industry, sing in front of industry professionals, workshop with one of the greatest vocal teachers in the world, perform in front of record labels and producers, explore L.A and all of its famous 'sight sees' and so much more. After WCOPA I managed to walk away with connections into the music industry, confidence in my original songs, 6 awards and an overall division winner award and I will be working on music and touring with many of the Australia contestants. This experience was priceless and none of this would be possible if it were not for our National Director Lizette Hunt. Thank you so much Lizette. All of your efforts are very much appreciated. *Felishia*

The World Championships of Performing Arts was an absolutely amazing experience. The competition was intense, there were so many contestants – but enjoyable nonetheless. It opened my eyes to the fierce world of entertainment, but also highlighted how much I want to pursue my dream as a violinist. The best part was definitely making it into the semi-final and having all m new friend and team mates in the audience sheering me on and playing my favourite piece “Theme from Schindler’s List”. *Alexandra*

