

## **Mel & Chanti** choreographers

One of the most dynamic partnerships in the dance world today - Melissa Panton and Chantelle Leonardo, hailing from Vancouver and Toronto respectively, have combined their considerable talent and experience, fusing the best of West Coast and East Coast dance styles to create innovative, stylish choreography.

As dancers, both Melissa and Chantelle have extensive worldwide experience both onstage, in music videos and in some of Hollywood's most recent blockbusters – Hairspray, starring John Travolta and Queen Latifah, Shall We Dance with Jennifer Lopez and Richard Gere, Honey with Jessica Alba, and Repo! The Genetic Opera with Paris Hilton.

Mel & Chanti credit their versatility to extensive training in Hip Hop, Street Jazz, Broadway and Acrobatics, and honed their skills as dancers for some of the industry's hottest stars.

Mel has extensive experience as a choreographer and dancer with several professional dance teams in the CFL, NBA and National Lacrosse League. Recently she co-choreographed an episode of Disney Television's "Life With Derek" and national commercials for Bally's Fitness and Joe Fresh. She has choreographed for Nike, Coca-Cola, General Motors, Sears Canada, and Electronic Arts, as well as artists such as Grandmaster Flash, Dragonette, and Zascha Mktan.

Chanti is the owner and operator of one of the hottest dance studios in Toronto, Tha Spot. As a choreographer Chanti already has an impressive list of credits including a national commercial for Zellers, and a new TVO program for kids called "Pop It!" She is also in demand as a choreographer for live concert tours for artists like Cory Lee, Danny Fernandes, and George. She has worked with, and choreographed for her husband, popstar Shawn Desman.

Together only a short while, Mel & Chanti have built a reputation for giving the client what they want – innovative choreography with a style that audiences will remember!

They have choreographed live shows for Scarlet Johansen's Reebok Line Launch and That's So Raven fashion show with Raven Symone for Wal-Mart and Disney, several charity events (Dragons Abreast Fashion Show for breast cancer, Veteran's Day at Ricoh Coliseum, Toronto Aids Walk for Life, the Raptors Foundation) as well as the Opening Ceremonies for the FIFA Under-20 World Cup in Toronto, 2007.

Their most recent work can be seen in Virgin Mobile's "Go Jesus" commercial campaign, Dragonette's new video "Competition", and "Love Has Gone" by Ministry of Sound Recording Artist, Dave Armstrong featuring H-Boogie.

*"Wow-I just wanted to say how extraordinarily impressed I am with you guys - thank you so much for your brilliant hard work and mind-blowing results on the Dave Armstrong job. The casting choreography and dancing were SO great and integral to the job going so well. Look forward to working with you again soon."*

**Jannie McInnes (Executive Producer) – Revolver Film Co.**