

Interviewee Name: Darcy Carpenter

Interviewer Name: Jung Yoon

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Transcript

Jung: Can you tell me about yourself, your name, how you started, where you're from? how did you become an artist?

Darcy: Okay, I'm Darcy May Carpenter. I'm a professional company dancer. I... I'm originally from the Riverland. Now I live in Adelaide. I come to - I done a workshop with Restless in the Riverland. I had amazing time with Emma Stokes. She was my first director and in August 2014 I got invited, I got discovered by Michelle Ryan when I was about 14. I... very excited to adapt [accept] to join the youth ensemble.

Jung: and then?

Darcy: and then after that I done more shows. I was going back and forth on a bus.

Jung: From here to Riverland?

Darcy: Yes

Jung: Wow

Darcy: And also I...I did "In The Balance". I've done "Touched", "Intimate Space" and into - I got invited to the company.

Jung: Wow.

Darcy: With doing "Guttered"

Jung: Oh, that was your first big show "Guttered"?

Darcy: With the company.

Jung: Ok.

Restless Dance: Could you also talk about the Riverland Youth Theatre?

Darcy: I, I went to Riverland Youth Theatre. I did one on one acting with Chris Bond. He came into acting. I got an agent called Ann Peters. Ann's really lovely person. I've done a couple ads. I did McDonalds ads. I did Beyond Bank. And what else I did? I don't know.

Restless Dance: so, you have an interest in both. Acting and dance?

Darcy: Yes.

Restless Dance: Do you want to just talk about that?

Darcy: Because also I want to act I can dance to a big screen. I can...able to dance with Hugh Jackman hopefully down the track. I love Hugh Jackman. He's an amazing person.

Jung: So why did you want to be an artist?

Darcy: Because I want to be a bit different from my parents.

Jung: Oh, so what are your parents doing?

Darcy: My dad helps the government. My mom's a health - my mom used to be a dancer. Back in her day - her day days and she's a health assistant.

Jung: But you want to be a dancer and an artist?

Darcy: Yes. I'm the third generation to get it because both my grandma and my mother used to be dancers.

Jung: So you want to be a third generation dancer?

Darcy: Yes.

Jung: That's cool. So what - do you have any favourite artists or dancers?

Darcy: Yes. My favourite artist is Pink.

Jung: You tell me about your favourite artist?

Jung: What's their name?

Darcy: Pink.

Jung: Pink.

Restless Dance: Pink be the music artist.

Jung: Oh. Pink.

Darcy: Yeah.

Jung: And why do you like her?

Darcy: Because she dance.

Restless Dance: She dance.

Darcy: I'm always dreaming of to be her backup dancer one day.

Jung: Oh. Back up dancer one day. That's so cool.

Darcy: Yes. My favourite dancer is myself.

Jung: Oh (laughs).

Restless Dance: Oh. That's cool.

Darcy: And, Hugh Jackman is a good dancer, too. He's my real favourite dancer. He can sing, act and sing.

Jung: So. So you enjoy coming to Restless?

Darcy: Yes I did, yes. I've been at Restless coming up to eight years. Coming up nine.

Jung: Nine. So you've been in Restless for nine years?

Darcy: I just, I did eight years first. This is my eighth year. But next year will be nine.

Jung: Oh, wow. So what makes you want to come to Restless Dance?

Darcy: To, uh. Well, I come to Restless... they can help me grow and develop as an artist. I want them to push my boundaries and challenge me to do new things.

Jung: What else do you like about being at Restless Dance?

Darcy: I like Restless because they help me with stuff like shows to get over my anxiety. They're always there for me and sometimes I'm a bit anxious before, before the show, which some people say "don't be anxious, you got to own it".

Jung: So when you dance in front of people, what do you want to share with the people through your dance?

Darcy: I want to give audience emotional, emotional. I want them to be emotional, happy, soulful and to make them cry, and proud.

Jung: Make things quiet.

Restless Dance: Cry.

Jung: Oh, make them cry. Wow.

Restless Dance: That was the last thing to be proud. Was it? Yes.

Darcy: To be proud of the artists - they did for Restless.

Jung: And do you - how, how much do you enjoy being, uh, communication with, uh, the audience to people, with the people who come and watch your show?

Darcy: I like one person said, "that's a beautiful performance you did". It was, it was fantastic to hear their views because, they get emotional with some things and to express their true feelings.

Jung: True feelings.

Darcy: Yeah.

Jung: So, is there anything else you want to talk about yourself and your art?

Darcy: Yes, I will - for me, I can paint with some things.

Jung: Painter?

Darcy: Yeah.

Jung: Wow.

Darcy: And I love coming to Restless every day to see Michelle happy, see what's hap- see - to see clearly Michelle Ryan and make was happy to see me here.

Restless Dance: (Laughs) Always.

Jung: Oh, so you must be very proud of yourself being an artist.

Darcy: Yes, I am. Especially my parents.

Jung: Oh

Darcy: Because I want to develop as an artists. And will be forever. And I'm about to go to uni very soon.