

How did Montreal land popular US TV dance show tour?



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"I am not surprised that the US tour is coming to Montreal," says **Connie Rotella** from LaSalle's Danse 123 Studio. "The community of artists here is strong and support and love what they see."

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Was Genereux surprised to learn that the tour is coming to Montreal? "Yes and no," he responded. "The tour always stopped in Toronto. SYTYCD Canada generated a great fan base in Montreal and plus it's on French language television here now as 'la fièvre de la Danse.'"

Genereux very much wants to see SYTY-

CD Canada return. "I always believe," he says. "Australia cancelled their tour for few years and it's back now, so please CTV Bell Media know that we want it back! Canadian dancers need this platform to showcase their talent. Canadian dancers are in demand all over the world and as a nation we must provide our dancers with the opportunity to shine!"

For more information about the Montreal show log on to www.evenko.ca.

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"I am not really surprised to see the tour coming to Montreal," says **Danny Arbour**, who operates Studio Danza in Pierrefonds, was a SYTYCD Canada top 10 finalist in 2008 and returned to the program in 2010 and 2011 as a choreographer. "There is a big dance community

in Montreal, especially young kids and teenagers who have been fans of the show for many years."

Added **François Pruneau**, a 2011 top 10 finalist now residing on the West Island: "I'm sure a lot of passionate dancers or just people that love that form of art are very happy that the big American show is coming here."

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Christian Millette from West Island St. Lazare, was also a top 10 finalist on SYTYCD Canada's final 2011 season. He is now spending most of his time in Europe with longtime dance partner **Denitsa Ikonomova** of Laval, who was also in the top 10 with him two years ago. "I have been watching this year's American show," he says. "I also helped Jean-Marc with the choreography he did."

Arbour admits he has not watched the American show much this year due to the gruelling pace he keeps with his own studio. However, he vividly remembers the 2008 SYTYCD Canada tour. "In Montreal we sold out two presentations at the Place des Arts," he recalls. "We could not get the Bell Centre because **Céline Dion** was there. They did go to the Bell Centre a year later and it was pretty packed."

For information about the Montreal



Danny Arbour

show go to www.evenko.ca.

ECOLOGY DAY: Ecology Day is an annual environmental fair that takes place in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue and it is a project of the town's Environment Committee. The aim is to sensitise the population to the local ecology of the region and promote ways of protecting the natural environment and making lifestyle choices that promote sustainable living. The event began in 2004 and has attracted countless numbers of people and institutions to support it. Ecology Day always occurs in conjunction with the regular Saturday Farmers' Market (Sainte-Anne Market) which is located on rue Lalonde at the corner of rue Sainte-Anne and Saint-Pierre).

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"The American show replaced our Canadian one and all the fans and lovers of dance will be very happy to be able to see a live version of it," said Laval's gorgeous dance sensation, **Denitsa Ikonomova**, a top 10 finalist from the 2011 final season of SYTYCD Canada. "If it is not the Canadian dancers, it might as well be the American ones, who are just unbelievably incredible, and getting better each year."

"I knew that the American tour was

coming to Canada," she added. "I love that show and follow it regularly. I am not surprised that they are trying to expand their audience for the tour by coming to Canada, given the popularity of the show and the fact that they know we had our own Canadian version of it. I have been able to record it and watch it according to my own free time."

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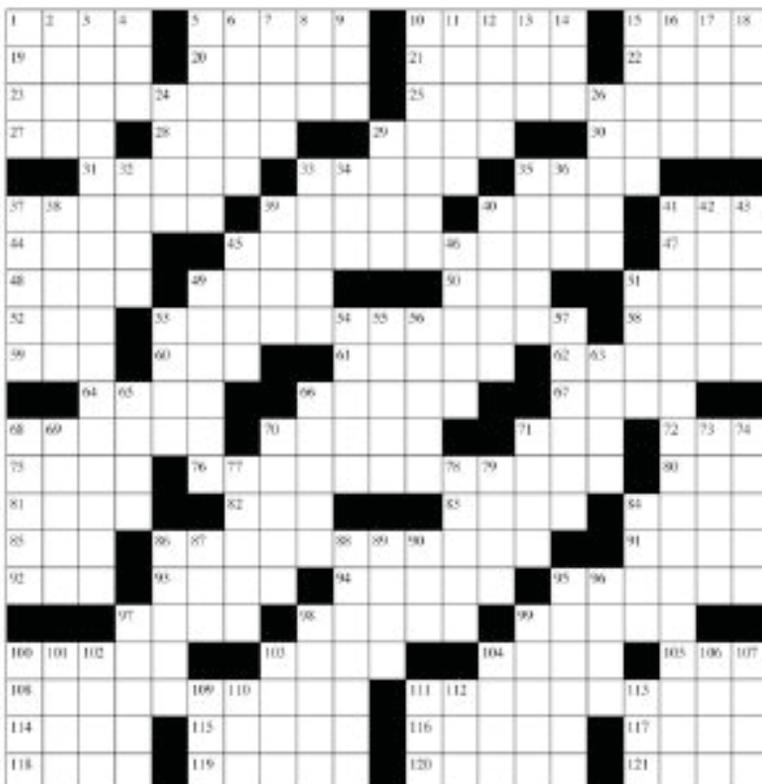
Denitsa told me from Paris that she hopes a dance show will return to Canadian TV. "I am a firm believer that one day they will bring back a Canadian dance show on TV," she says. "Dancing is something that everyone enjoys. I know that if done well, it would be a huge success among the Canadian viewers, just like *So You Think You Can Dance Canada* was. I will admit that I was very saddened by the news that we had no tour for my season of the show. Not only were we not going to be able to travel across Canada and perform for our fans, but also it was the last season of the show and the tour would have been our last chance to meet up with them as part of the top 10."

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WINNING SERIES

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ACROSS

1. Cleansing
5. Tees
10. Bird of prey
15. See 108 Across
19. 1968 U. S. open champ
20. Enthusiastic
21. Allege
22. Actress Lanchester
23. 1973 Best Drama Series Emmy winner
25. With 43 Down, 1984 Best Drama Series Emmy winner
27. Lab.'s neighbor
28. Passes on
29. EAP's family
30. Head coverings
31. Double-reads
33. Drink container
35. Lee or Laurel
37. Break
39. Harsh
40. Ignore
41. Get hold of
44. __ Sommer
45. 1966 Best Drama Series Emmy winner
47. Night creature
48. Clump of hair
49. Visionary
50. Born
51. Feminine title
52. Solemn promise
53. 1964 Best Drama Series Emmy winner
58. To be in Paris
59. Always, in song

DOWN

60. Taxing aggy.
61. Sidestep
62. Mesty dishes
64. Zwei und eins
66. Michelangelo work
67. Before: pref.
68. Declare
70. "No __ sir!"
71. repeated denial
71. Insert
72. Monogram for Emerson
75. Trot or gallop
76. 1953 Best Drama Series Emmy winner
80. Flyers' org.
81. River in Egypt
82. Digit
83. Noises
84. Departed
85. Wind dir.
86. 1958 Best Drama Series Emmy winner
91. Wheel rod
92. Holy ones: abbr.
93. Capital city
94. Put
95. Outdoorsman
97. Drinking spree
99. Tennis or polo
99. Useful rope
100. Leather band
103. Pleased
104. Woman's garment
105. __ Lanka
108. With 15 Across, 1954 Best Drama Series Emmy winner
111. Associates
114. Tennis strokes
115. Long, flat piece

116. Eastern European
117. __ surgeon
118. Get rid of
119. Is an accomplice
120. Distorts
121. Big name in soccer

DOWN

1. Mariners' sticks
2. Sick-looking
3. 1978 Best Drama Series Emmy winner
4. Chop
5. Misrepresents
6. Has value
7. Series of self-esteem
8. Scalp cyst
9. Grad. school applicants
10. Repeating
11. Unfamiliar
12. Gasoline emits
13. Abner's adjective
14. Els' followers
15. Long-legged bird
16. Substitute product
17. Not new
18. Word of disgust
24. Turmoils
25. Scottish clan chief
29. Arequipa's location
32. Underground edible
33. Cubic meter
34. Singer Tennessee's initials
35. More inhibited
36. File drawer, perhaps
37. Connect again
38. Get away from
39. Get rid of
40. Mount
41. 1992 Best Drama Series Emmy winner
42. Cognizant
43. See 25 Across
45. Shirts, for short
48. 2nd-most-populous nation
49. Little one
51. Word with song or slug
53. Level
54. Renaissance __
55. Happening
56. __ this world; heavenly
57. Sunglasses
63. Conjunctions
65. Formal event
66. Chesapeake
68. __ Moorehead
69. Imperceptible
70. Examining device
71. Skin condition
73. Aquatic mammal
74. Firstborn of two
77. Doodads
78. Proclamation
79. Pleasant
84. Barriers
85. Pitfalls
87. Be greedy
88. Homies
89. Ool
90. Feather's partner
95. Proofreader's marks
96. Continent
97. Lancer's event
98. Weather forecast
99. 1987 Best Drama Series Emmy winner
100. WWII battle site
101. You, once
102. Yanks' foes
103. Trail carrier
104. Wild plum
106. Authentic
107. Isolated land
109. Refreshing spot
110. Dieter's drink
111. Blood units: abbr.
112. TV alien's home
113. Bush's group: abbr.