



**TAP**  
**SHAWN BYFIELD**

Actor, Dancer, Choreographer, Instructor / ACTRA | CAEA

“Working hard is not the same as working smart. Understand the difference, then do both” – Self

Shawn Byfield ([www.ShawnByfield.com](http://www.ShawnByfield.com)) is the recipient of a DORA MAVOR MOORE AWARD as co-creator and choreographer of the theatre production “I THINK I CAN” and is one of the country’s only dancers to be a GEMINI AWARD nominee for performance.

As a leading force in Canadian entertainment, Shawn is a veteran TV & film performer and actor, an internationally renowned dance instructor, and creator of Toronto’s #1 dance studio for adults BYFIELD DANCE EXPERIENCE.

Shawn has received professional public speaker training directly from leading presentation coach Paul Tobey of TrainingBusinessPros, and is trained in the art of Suggestology, the same presentation skill used by top motivational speakers T. Harv Eker, Brian Tracy, Tony Robbins and more. Shawn has coached thousands of dance students over 20 years and travels nationwide as a highly respected dance choreographer, instructor and outstanding adjudicator for dance competitions and dance festivals.

As an in-demand performer, film & TV credits include: COBU 3D (2012), Turn The Beat Around, HAIRSPRAY, Blues Brothers 2000, Taal, Bojangles, Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen, The Music Man, The Ladies Man, The Juno Awards, Slings & Arrows, Royal Canadian Air Farce, Instant Star... TV commercials for Dentyne, Best Buy, The Bay, Got Milk, Rogers Video, McDonalds, Molson Canadian, Joe Fresh... You may have read about him in the Globe and Mail, Toronto Star, National Post, Now Magazine, Eye Weekly, Toronto Sun, Canadian Living Magazine, or tuned in to his interviews and lessons on SLICE Network, Much Music, CBC’s The National, Rogers TV or Breakfast Television...

“If your idea of tap dancing comes from old black-and-white Fred Astaire movies, you obviously haven’t seen Shawn Byfield. The local tap sensation’s fancy footwork moves to an R&B/soul groove, and his influences come from the contemporary street, not the urbane nightclub.” – Glenn Sumi, NOW MAGAZINE

Many of Shawn’s dance students worked with artists like Britney Spears, Aaron Carter and Janet Jackson, currently star in Canada’s Shaw Festival, Stratford Festival, various shows on Broadway, and have appeared in hit television shows such as So You Think You Can Dance. Many of Shawn’s dancers have become respected professionals in film, television, cruise ships, music theatre and more.

Shawn is: An Instructor. A Choreographer/Director. A Photographer. A Motivating Coach & Speaker. A Student. An Extremely Fun Dude. A Leader Trying To Make The World A Better Place.

Shawn Byfield believes in providing absolutely the most positive, motivating and fun learning environment and continues to encourage our next generation of performers. | [www.ShawnByfield.com](http://www.ShawnByfield.com)