

Mark Brinkley - BIO

Mark Brinkley OAM -ARAD  
Grad Cert ( Visual and Performing Arts )  
Cert 4 in Assessment and Workplace Training Dip  
Australian Ballet School

Mark Brinkley trained under Pam Petrie and Phyllis Danaher in Queensland before entering The Australian Ballet School in 1970 where he topped both years with Honours . In 1972 he joined The Australian Ballet working with such distinguished international artists as Dame Margo Fonteyn , Rudolf Nureyev , Sir Frederick Ashton and Sir Robert Helpmann.

His many roles included thoes in . Gemini/Monotones/Romeo and Juliet/Swan Lake/Symphony in D/The Dream/One in Five/Carmen/The Merry Widow/Lady and the Fool/Nutcracker/Tales of Hoffmann/Beyond Twelve/Spartacus/The Concert/The Taming of the Shrew/La Fille Mal Gardee/ Gaité Parisienne/Giselle/Don Quixote/Graduation Ball/Pineapple Poll and Coppelia

Promoted to Soloist in 1979 and to Senior Soloist in 1981.  
Mark has toured extensively overseas with The Australian Ballet on 12 occasions.Plus was a Guest Artist with the Company

Since 1981 Mark has frequently been a Guest Artist with The Australian Ballet s Dancers Company becoming its Ballet Master in1986 . At the end of 1991 he retired from The Australian Ballet after an impressive performing career which spanned twenty years.

In 1993 Mark was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to Ballet and was made a Maroochy High Achiever by Mr Fred Murray Chairman of The Maroochy Shire.

After leaving The Australian Mark became a staff member of The National theatre Ballet School from 1996 till the end of 1999 .The year 2000 Mark was a Lecturer at The Australian Ballet School and From 2001 till the end of 2008 Mark was a Lecturer at The Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

Mark was Appointed an International Adviser on The Royal Academy of Dance ,Board of Trustees in London the position was for 4 years .While in London Mark was a guest teacher with The Royal Ballet School.

In 2009 Mark returned to Queensland and now freelances as teacher , adjudicator , Examiner and has taught with The West Australian Ballet ,Queensland Ballet ,Adelaide College of the Arts , QUT in Brisbane ,Victorian College Of the Arts and Many Private Ballet Schools.