

## Chika Temma – Principal Bristol Russian Ballet School

Chika started ballet training with her mother at Tokuko Temma School in Japan. At age 16 she was accepted to train at The Royal Ballet School in London (Teachers Dame Merle Park, Svetlana Beriosova) . At final year of the training Chika took Russian State Examination for Professional Ballet dancer at Vaganova Ballet Academy (Teacher Prof. Marina Vasilieva) in St. Petersburg, Russia. She also had opportunity to attend State Ballet School Berlin by invitation after attending their summer school.

Upon graduation from Vaganova Ballet Academy Chika was offered contact to dance with St. Petersburg State Academic Ballet Theatre for 7 years where she was promoted to Soloist then Principal Dancer after performing title role in Swan Lake and many other leading roles. She toured internationally and performed at Mariinsky Theatre, Bolshoi Theatre , Hermitage Theatre, Pushkin Theatre, Mussorgsky Theatre and many others.

Since moving to the UK Chika joined Swansea Ballet Russe as Principal Dancer , Guest principal dancer for Cork City Ballet and performed Swan Lake, Nutcracker, Coppelia, Giselle, Sleeping Beauty, Don Quixote and many others. Chika also Directed Ballet Russe for 10 years.