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BELMA -- a woman with a unique call and ministry focused on expressing faith in Christ through worship dance.

Her ministry, Celebration of Dance (www.celebrationofdance.com), Belma Vardy has inspired people of all ages and denominations to discover intimacy with God through worship for 20 years. Her gentleness and dedication have made her a leader among those seeking ministry to children, youth and adults in dance. A Bible college graduate, she travels internationally wholly committing her talents and service to the Lord as a vessel of blessing to the body of Christ. During her travels she has had opportunity to study worship dance under various qualified and recognized artists in the field.

Former actress/model Belma Vardy was born in Toronto, Canada and raised by her grandparents in Berlin, Germany. Since August 1983, when Christ came into her life, Belma has been drawn to express her adoration and devotion to the Lord through the dance.

Throughout the years, her devotion became a calling as the Holy Spirit grounded her worship in Scripture. Her ministry of dance became a means of release by which adults, teens and children could express their love for their Saviour freely through movement. This new-found worship drew their hearts into a depth of relationship and reconciliation with God they hadn't previously experienced. And best of all, it brought restoration and unity within the body of Christ.

Belma has witnessed this touch of God in people's hearts and lives bringing inexpressible joy, inner healing, deeper experiences of the Father's love, and new levels of freedom in worship. No one has left her workshops unchanged. Whether at church services, praise gatherings, evangelistic meetings, in schools and universities, or choreographed performances, Belma has demonstrated that her unique and effective ministry sets the people of God free to worship through dance.

Over the years Belma has taken part in worship conferences and seminars with the trained and the untrained; with the young and old alike, throughout Canada, the United States, Europe and South Africa.

Belma places the utmost importance on listening to, and working closely with the pastoral/leadership teams of churches, and places great value in the principle that congregational needs can only be met through co-operative team effort.

In her home church, Belma shares her gifts with the leadership and congregational members. For four years she was actively involved in outreach with jail ministries. She has also been an integral member of the Celebration Team as dance leader since 1988, and has worked with recording artists Colleen and Grace for 20 years to integrate dance with praise and worship in monthly concerts throughout North America.

Her special love for children has been recognized by her appointment as the International Co-ordinator for Focus Network Children's Dance Ministries. In her home church, the Christian Reformed Church of Meadowvale, she devotes many hours to children, teaching and sharing her faith and love of Christ through Scripture and prayer. By virtue of the Holy Spirit, she desires to impart to children a sound biblical foundation concerning worship through dance.

Children are drawn to her and flock with excitement and enthusiasm to her workshops. In appropriate settings and on request only, Belma brings a group of children to share the gospel through dance.

Belma also serves as the Joint-National Co-ordinator – Canada, for adult worship dance, with the Christian Dance Fellowship of Canada, which is under the umbrella of the International Christian Dance Fellowship based out of Australia. In the summer of 1990, Belma was actively involved with Crossroads Christian Communications Inc., Canada's national daily Christian telecast 100 Huntley Street's children's "Circle Square 'Discovery'" programs. She has appeared many times on the Miracle Channel, and since 1994 has served on the Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship's ministry team appearing frequently on T.A.C.F.'s television program "Catch the Fire" (Vision TV) and "Catch the Fire" radio programs.

As a guest speaker, Belma has a moving and powerful testimony. Parts of Belma's testimony appear in Dr. Guy Chevreau's books, "Catch the Fire" and "Pray with Fire."

Belma has recorded a beautiful praise and worship tape "Songs for a Celebration of Dance." She is also producer of many worship dance videos / DVD's, for children, youth, and adults. Videos / DVD's include: "The Biblical Basis for the Celebration of Dance, Let's Dance, Devotional Dance Workshop, Dance into Battle, Lord I Lift Your Name on High, Breakout, Now is the Time, River of Healing, Riviere de Guerison, Action Songs for Worship I, Action Songs for Worship II, Action Songs for Worship III, Action Songs for Worship IV". These can be ordered off the website www.celebrationofdance.com.

Since 2001, the video projects have come under "IMAGO": a charitable umbrella organization (www.imago-arts.on.ca) that adopts projects that are compatible with a Christian worldview and are of good artistic quality. All who wish to make a tax deductible donation, towards another video production, please make your cheque payable to The "GEMS Project"; and send to the address above.

Promotional video available upon request.