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# What?

Mona was labelled a "hyperactive, gifted" child which translates into a child that is always expected to succeed, and has no friends. This is a perfect recipe for a workaholic. She was age 12 in grade 9. She did not reach puberty until university. She was the youngest at 21 to publish secret classification research for DND (Department of National Defence). She was the youngest Psychology Professor, hired at 23. She worked up the corporate ladder as a Program Officer, Supervisor, and Training Consultant for the federal government in the BC/Yukon region in her 30s and 40s. With the sudden death of her father 5 days after he was diagnosed with cancer, and the economic services bulletin published by COPS (Canadian Occupational Projection System) that crossed her desk which read: "Dancers and choreographers are among the top 10 growth occupations in Canada in the next decade", she took the one year buyout of a full year's salary, paid off her mortgage, and founded 5678 Showtime Inc in 1994, and Dance World Cup in 2008. In 2020, there were over 10,000 youth registered to dance with 5678 Showtime until the pandemic hit.

With no business to operate, and no place to travel, Mona turned to local photography. She became an accredited professional photographer with PPOC, Professional Photographers of Canada, and was invited to be the PPOC Blog Master, effective July 1, 2021. She is responsible for writing/editing and encouraging other photographers to write online news stories. She has been a photographer for 5678 Showtime, Dance World Cup, and Cirque du Soleil. She also has experience with travel, pictorial/scenic, wildlife, botanical, ornithology/bird, wedding, and family photography. In short, she loves a challenge, and is a perpetual workaholic with more than 50 years of work experience. However, when you follow your passion in life, it is not work. As she writes: "Youth is a measure of promise. Age is a life of experience." She describes herself as a Critical Thinker, Creative Artist, Outspoken Activist, Business Owner, Wife, Mother, and Grandmaman.

