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# Memories of Mom

By Clint Hamblin

On Mother's Day, as we remember and honor our mothers for their love, sacrifice and guidance, we can't help but remember those wonderful moments that make every mom special.



Angelique O'Neil and her mother Caron LeBrun

## Artistic Approach

Who doesn't know Caron LeBrun? LeBrun is Boston's public relations maven and for the last 11 years, the area director of

public relations for the Ritz-Carlton and Taj Boston. If you've had the good fortune to be invited to one of LeBrun's spectacular hotel parties, you know that it doesn't get much better than that.

As they say, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, and LeBrun's daughter Angelique is a great example.

"When I had my art gallery on Newbury Street and visited the museums and galleries for my art reviews, Angelique was with me, and this influenced the artistry of color and design that now is seen in her work," LeBrun said.

Angelique now travels the world with CBS Watch! and uses luxury hotels as the backdrop for her elaborate celebrity photo shoots.

Angelique fondly remembers the little girl frocks. Even at 10 years old she cherished the Yves Saint Laurent ruffled dresses her mother bought for her at Filene's Basement.

"I would put them on properly, and on more than a few occasions Mommy would insist they worked far better on me backwards. The line was better," Angelique laughed.

"I've learned it all from her. In life, as in fashion, never be afraid to take a chance, follow your instinct. Sometimes looking backwards is the best way to go," Angelique said. "She is spectacular, flawless. ... I know I am beyond blessed."



Tiffany Hedman and her mother Ellen Stryd

## Unwavering Support

Tiffany Hedman, one of Boston Ballet's corps de ballet dancers, is dancing no less than six roles in *The Sleeping Beauty!* She attributes her success to her mom's unwavering support and personal sacrifice to help Tiffany accomplish her dreams to become a dancer.

"When I was 12, Mom moved me four hours north of home to San Francisco to attend San Francisco Ballet School. She worked 100 hours a week to pay for a place for me to live," Tiffany said.

Returning home was always an adventure.

"There were times I would come home and wonder if I had walked into the wrong house. Where was the sofa? Where was the TV?" Tiffany said.

It seemed that Mom loved to rearrange the entire house – often. One time, she

pulled up the wall-to-wall carpet in one afternoon.

"All of a sudden we had a house with tile flooring," Tiffany said. "It made it much easier for her to rearrange everything. Adding wheels to all the furniture helped. Hey mom, where would I be without you?"

## For the Love of Food

"My mom is an excellent cook," said Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart. "We had great food growing up – fresh produce from the garden – and there was much canning, preserving and bread making."

"I credit my parents with my lifelong love of good food," Lockhart continued. "The only negative thing I would say about my mom in the kitchen is that she shares with my dad a pathological inability to discard anything. Maybe it's their Great Depression-era upbringing."

"Every time my folks come to stay with us, we find tidbits carefully preserved that wouldn't feed a mouse for a day. Among my favorites was a tiny Tupperware container containing seven peas! Seven peas. Count 'em. At least she doesn't use the 'starving children in Africa' line anymore!"



Keith Lockhart and his mother Marilyn



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