

?Dreams do come true? for Spectrum Baton



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On Sunday October 1, Aurora's local Spectrum Baton Club went to see Cirque Du Soleil - Volta to support fellow twirler Jennifer Marcus.

Not only were kids amazed to see someone doing what they love doing but were inspired watching Jennifer perform under the ?big top? for one of the most prestigious companies.

Jennifer's story in twirling began at the age of three when she was a competitive baton twirler.

Her goal each year was to place as high as possible at the world baton twirling championships.

In 2006, some representatives from Cirque Du Soleil came to the Twirlmania Championships and invited her along with two other athletes to audition for Cirque Du Soleil.

So, she did just that on October 31, 2006.

She was told that they didn't have any current twirling positions available, but that she would be entered into their talent bank.

Then in 2016, ten and a half years later from her first audition, she received an email from Cirque Du Soleil the week of her wedding and officially received the offer while on her honeymoon.

Upon returning, and with the encouragement of her parents and her wonderful new husband, she said yes! Two days after her return from Hawaii, she boarded a plane and headed to Montreal to live her dream and perform as a baton twirling artist with Cirque Du Soleil's brand new big top show, Volta!

Jennifer's story of perseverance and determination was shared with the kids from the Spectrum Baton Club as she was gracious enough to meet in-between shows, take some pictures and sign autographs.

Club Director Jennifer Meron met Marcus over the years through the baton community and had suggested the idea when she heard Cirque Du Soleil, Volta was coming to Toronto.

?Thank you to Jennifer Meron for always putting Spectrum kids first. Spectrum is family forever. It was great to see the show and meet and greet with Jennifer Marcus?, said Chris McDonald one of the parents of Spectrum Baton.