



Award-winning author, speaker and presenter, Diane Demetre wins International Women's Day Award in Leadership in the Entertainment, Creative Arts and/or Media Industry

Over two hundred women gathered at the official luncheon on the Gold Coast to celebrate International Women's Day. Sixteen remarkable women were chosen as finalists in categories including business, sports, entertainment, social justice, community services, nursing, tourism and more.

Much to her surprise, Diane Demetre was the winner in the hotly-contested category of Leadership in Entertainment, Creative Arts and Media Industry.

Being a passionate woman who's always done things a little differently, Diane's diverse career began as a school teacher before she moved into a full-time career as a professional choreographer, director and dancer on television and in theatre throughout Australia, including the original multi-million-dollar extravaganzas at Conrad Jupiter's Casino—Starz & Galaxies.

During Galaxies, Diane was sacked by her employer for apparently being 'too fat' after she refused her producer's sexual advances. She took him to court, and the ensuing court cases for sexual harassment and wrongful dismissal became some of the highest-profile cases in Australia in the late 1980s and were instrumental in changing the national industrial relations laws. Diane's courageous stand set precedents, making it the first public #metoo event in this country.

Following her onstage career, Diane's thirst for knowledge led her into the field of self-development, where she spent many years as a stress & life skills





therapist, life coach and corporate facilitator educating business leaders and women returning to work in the 'new mindset' for business in the 21st century.

Assuming the pseudonym of the Goddess of Love, she appeared as a regular guest presenter on the nationally syndicated radio program *The Nitemix* on Gold FM broadcast to 1.4million listeners. Diane's empowering advice on life, love, sex and relationships, sprinkled with a good dose of humour proved popular. Her passion for life and compulsive sharing nature made her a great inspiration to her listeners. As the Goddess of Love, she also appeared as a regular guest on the national television program *Beauty & the Beast*, where her practical insights were televised to viewers across Australia.

Diane now writes award-winning contemporary fiction packed with emotional punch. Her works feature empowered heroines who live life to the fullest, much like the author herself. Her three-book debut erotic romance series, *Dance of Love*, won Luminosity Publishing Readers' Choice Awards Best Books and Best Covers for 2015 and 2016. Her debut romantic suspense, *Retribution* won the Romance Writers of Australia Emerald Pro Award 2017 for Best Unpublished Manuscript. While *Island of Secrets*, her recent romantic mystery garners great reviews.

Her soon-to-be-finished memoir, *Dare*, charts her rise from being born an illegitimate child given up for adoption, to fulfilling her ultimate dream in the live entertainment industry, working in the largest production shows ever staged in Australia. It's an insightful, raw account of her transformative journey from the misery of #metoo to the triumph of #Iam more. Blending memoir and mind, body, spirit methodology, *Dare* is Diane's personal journal of insights which challenge women to *be* more—personally, financially, physically, mentally and emotionally.

As Diane said in her leadership award acceptance speech, "...Dare to dream bigger than ever before, dare to forge our own path no matter how hard the challenges. But most of all, dare to *be* you and let the chips fall where they may. We are all warrior women with gossamer wings...It's time to roar!



Diane talks about her #Iam philosophy here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWQzbMh5cCo>

Her #Iam Facebook group is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Iam.Being/>

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