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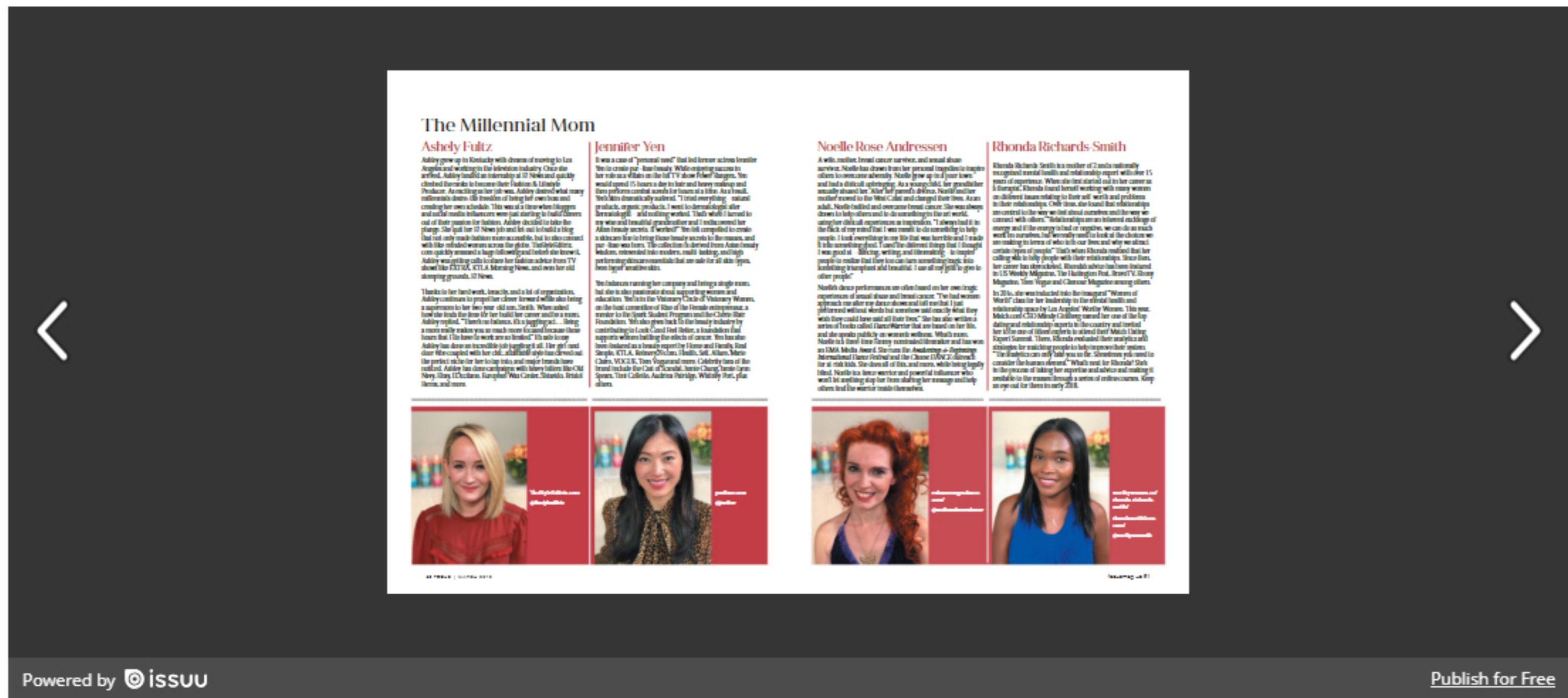
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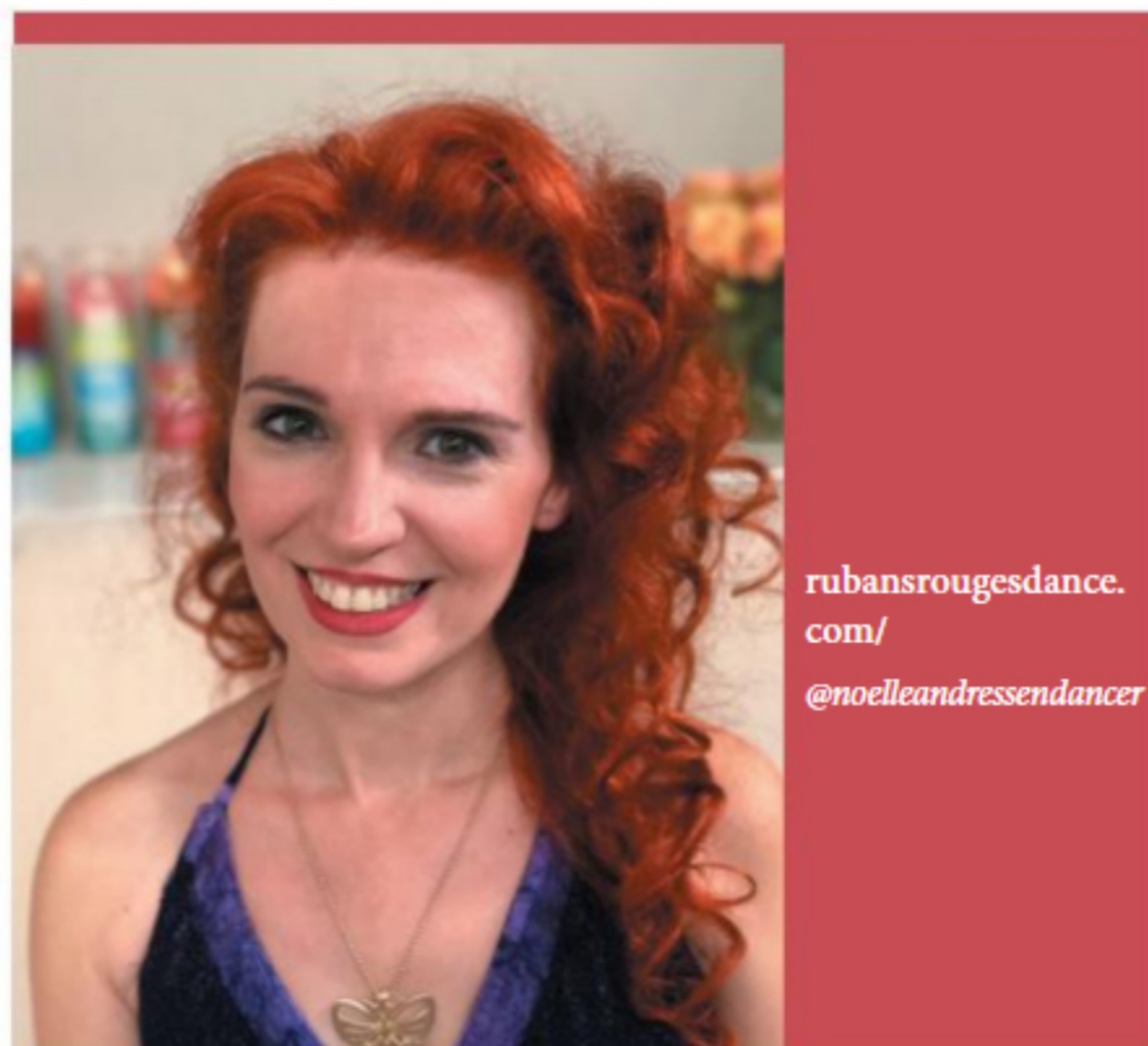
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Noelle Rose Andressen

A wife, mother, breast cancer survivor, and sexual abuse survivor, Noelle has drawn from her personal tragedies to inspire others to overcome adversity. Noelle grew up in a poor town and had a difficult upbringing. As a young child, her grandfather sexually abused her. After her parent's divorce, Noelle and her mother moved to the West Coast and changed their lives. As an adult, Noelle battled and overcame breast cancer. She was always drawn to help others and to do something in the art world, using her difficult experiences as inspiration. "I always had it in the back of my mind that I was meant to do something to help people. I took everything in my life that was horrible and I made it into something good. I used the different things that I thought I was good at – dancing, writing, and filmmaking – to inspire people to realize that they too can turn something tragic into something triumphant and beautiful. I use all my gifts to give to other people."

Noelle's dance performances are often based on her own tragic experiences of sexual abuse and breast cancer. "I've had women approach me after my dance shows and tell me that I just performed without words but somehow said exactly what they wish they could have said all their lives." She has also written a series of books called *Dance Warrior* that are based on her life, and she speaks publicly on women's wellness. What's more, Noelle is a three-time Emmy-nominated filmmaker and has won an EMA Media Award. She runs the *Awakenings & Beginnings International Dance Festival* and the *Choose DANCE* outreach for at-risk kids. She does all of this, and more, while being legally blind. Noelle is a fierce warrior and powerful influencer who won't let anything stop her from sharing her message and help others find the warrior inside themselves.



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