

Dixie Dansercoer



Born in 1962 in Nieuwpoort, Belgium.

Married to Julie Brown.

Father of four children: Jasper, Evelien, Thijs and Robin.

Resume

- Spent one year as an AFS exchange student in Moscow, Idaho, USA, 1980.
- Completed his studies as an interpreter/ translator in Ghent, Belgium, 1984.
- Two Round The World trips West to East and East to West, 1984-1986
- Belgian windsurfing champion in the wave-riding discipline, 1987.
- Climbing expedition Cho Oyu, Tibet, 1990.
- Mount Kenya climb, N/E and S/W faces, Kenya, 1991.
- World record holder (Guinness record) altitude mountain biking, Teide, Tenerife, 1991.
- Winter ascent Mont Blanc, France, 1992.
- Mount Fuji winter ascent, Japan, 1992.
- Ironman (full triathlon) finisher, Australia and Belgium, 1993.
- Organiser and participant "Karakoram Bike Adventure", 1200km through Pakistan and China, 1994.
- Second place finisher Ultramarathon "La Transardennaise", 160 km, Belgium, 1994.
- Polar trek Langjökul Glacier, Iceland, 1995.
- Mount Cameroon climb, Cameroon, 1995.
- Trans-Greenland expedition with Alain Hubert, 700 km on skis with powerkites, 1995.
- Alpmayo trek and ascent Mount Pisco, Peru, 1996.
- Mount Everest climb (camp two) and ascent of Island Peak, 1996.
- Polar trek Spitsbergen, Svalbard, 1997.
- South Through The Pole:
Crossing of the Antarctic continent with Alain Hubert, World premier:
4000 km skis and with revolutionary powerkites, including scientific research, 1997-98.
- Antarctica 2000:
Ascent of Mount Vinson with Julie Brown and polar trek Ellsworth Mountain Range with Rudy Van Snick, 2000.
- The Ultimate Arctic Crossing:
Attempted traverse of the Arctic Ocean from Siberia to Canada. With Alain Hubert. 69 days in autonomy. February - May 2002.
- Barcelona Marathon, April 2003.
- Sierre-Zinal Mountain Running Race, Switzerland, August 2003.
- Les Templiers 65 kilometer mountain race, Nants, France, October 2003.
- Bering Strait Odyssey:
Attempt to cross the Bering Strait from Alaska to Siberia and back. With Troy Henkels. March - April 2005.
- 100 km running race Bornem Belgium: 3rd place finisher, August 2006
- Arctic Arc: succesfull crossing of the Arctic Ocean, from Siberia to Greenland, world premier 1800 km in 106 days, Februari-June 2007

- In The Wake Of The Belgica: successful commemorative sailing expedition to the Antarctic peninsula. 7 crew members on the "Euronav Belgica" re-enacted the 20 landings made by Adrien de Gerlache 110 years prior. Pioneering sailing, wind-and kitesurfing, climbing and canoeing expedition, Sept 2007- may 2008
- Double Marathon, Gondo Switzerland (Simplon Pass), 9th place 2008

Publications

- "Zwevend over de IJskap, Trans-Groenland Expedition 1995", Ganda Publications (Dutch)
- "Nothing is Real, account of the mishaps during the Everest Expedition 1996", self-published (Dutch)
- "In the Teeth of the Wind, South Through The Pole Expedition 1998", Publisher Van Halewyck (Dutch, French, English)
- "Hands of Ice, Hearts of Fire" 2000
- "Shades of White, Antarctica 2000 Expedition", Publisher Van Halewyck (Dutch, French, English)
- "Chaos on the Ice", attempt to cross the Arctic Ocean from Siberia to Canada 2002, Publisher Van Halewyck (Dutch, English and French)
- "Brainstormen in een iglo", How to run your business like an expedition, Publisher Van Halewijck 2004 (Dutch)
- "Een Passie Moet Je Volgen", motivational book, co-author Julie Brown 2002, Publisher Van Halewyck (Dutch)
- "Milestones", artistic interactive workbook, together with Julie Brown and photographer Herman Vanaerschot, December 2003 (English and Dutch)
- "Swept Away, adrift between Alaska and Siberia", Publisher Lannoo 2005. Book about the Bering Strait Odyssey 2005 (English and Dutch)
- (Ant)Arctica: Inspirational photobook
- "De diepvriesexpedities van Ollie en Eleonora", Publisher Davidsfonds 2008. Kids book on the Arctic and the Antarctic (Dutch)
- "Het geheim van Antarctica", Publisher Standaard/Manteau 2008. Youth Adventure book (Dutch)

Expositions

- "Het Laatste Kontinent" (1997-1998)
- Sportimonium & Barometermuseum

Prizes won

- First prize at the Mountain Film Festival, Trento Italy, for In the Teeth of the Wind 1998
- First prize "La Toison d'Or du film d'aventure", Dijon France, for antarctica.org 1999
- Klauwaert prize, recognition for representing the Flemish community in exceptional manner 2003
- 2007 Winner of the Trento Filmfestival: National Geographic price for best documentary

Ambassadorial functions

- Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF Belgium
- Ambassador for Switzerland Tourism (Mountains and Nature)
- Job@ ambassador VUM Media Group)
- Crowne Plaza Maverick

Titles

- Honorary citizen of Lubbeek, Belgium
- Honorary citizen of Nieuwpoort, Belgium
- Honorary citizen of Huldenberg, Belgium
- Awarded by His Majesty King Albert II the title of High Officer in the Order of the Crown

Patronage

- Patron of the Humboldt-penguins in the Sea Life Centre in Blankenberge, Belgium (2003)
- Patron of the first Mt. Blanc expedition led by one-legged climber Kristien Smet (2003)
- Patronage of the [Agonquin Winter Crossing](#)
- Patron of the 2007 "[Umicore Solar Team](#)"
- President of jury for the Touring Explorer “Young Traveller Award”
- President of jury for the Valvert Nature Film Festival
- Patron of the Mongolia 2010 Expedition

Member of

- the EOS magazine (American Scientific) advisory committee
- the Swiss Alpine Club

Statues

- "The Polar Traveler" in Nieuwpoort, Belgium, at the old Yacht Harbor
Coordinates:
 - North 51° 08' 21
 - East 2° 44' 23

Postal Products

- Stamps: “Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers” : Arctic Ocean and Antarctica
- Commemorative Card: “In The Wake Of The Belgica” : Belgian & Greenlandic Post