



# Dance News

Official Newsletter of the Singapore Ballroom Dance Teachers' Association

**WHAT AN EVENTFUL 2012 !!!** Towards the second half of 2012, SBDTA was busy with changes, educational and competitive programmes in Singapore.

## April 2012

### **New Management Committee**

During the SBDTA annual general meeting, the new president, Ms. Josephine Liew, was elected. Under her guidance, the Management Committee shall propel the SBDTA to even greater heights in the future. The SBDTA's official address at 20 Maxwell Road, # 09-17 Maxwell House has been approved by the Singapore Registrar of Societies.



## May 2012

### **World Dance Council Annual General Meeting**

With approval from the World Dance Council (WDC) board of directors, 3 delegates namely Josephine Liew, Sammy Soo and Edwin Chan, represented the SBDTA at their 1<sup>st</sup> overseas meeting held at Winter Gardens in Blackpool, England. It was a most spectacular & memorable atmosphere of productive exchanges of ideas and experiences between the delegates of the respective organisations.



### **Singapore dance professionals in Blackpool**

SBDTA is proud to acknowledge for the first time there being so many competitors representing Singapore in the professional events in Blackpool. Worthy of mention are Robin Chee & Pele Lim, Cedric Cabanero & Wendy Wang, Eric Labita & Lim Eng Ai, who all competed in the professional standard while Melvin Tan & Sharon Tan competed in the professional latin.

## June 2012

### **13<sup>th</sup> Stardust Dancesport Grand Prix**

This competition, the first to be endorsed by SBDTA's new management committee, was organised by the Louis & Catherine Dance Studio and held at the Orchid Country Club, Grand Ballroom. At this event there was also recruitment of associate members for SBDTA. It was well organized.

### July 2012

#### **Merlion International Dancesport Championships 2012**

Endorsed by the SBDTA, this championship was held at the Orchid Country Club. It was jointly organised by Dancesport de Allan and Allan & Irene Dance studio.

The athletes had great fun dancing as evident from the smiles on their faces though the beads of perspiration trickling down their faces!

### August 2012

#### **Dance Lecture/Seminar @ Le Danz**

The president invited 3 world champions, Mr Richard Gleave OBE, Mr Anthony Hurley and Mr Ralf Lepehne, to conduct complimentary lectures to all ordinary members of the SBDTA. It was an invitation from the president herself. It was indeed an insightful and enriching learning experience, for the audience of professional dancers/teachers, leaving them enlightened and motivated to do more to impart the values of dance to fellow dancers.



### **The 2nd Singapore Open Dance Championships 2012**

For the second consecutive year, John & Josephine Dance Creative organised this Open Dance Championship. By endorsing 'Freedom to Dance', this championship imparted knowledge to the dancers on the paramount importance of the freedom and the right to dance.

This championship also featured spectacular show dances by the Blackpool finalists of 2012. Their stunning performances left everyone mesmerized.

### **Raffles Open Dance Championships 2012**

Held at Orchid Country Club, this Championship was organised by S&A Standard/Latin Studio. There were a lot of children competitors from local and overseas competing. Way to promote dancing to children!

## **September 2012**

### **3rd Ballare International Dance Championships 2012**

Held at Orchard Hotel, this Championship was organised by Melyvn Low Dance Studio. It was a huge success with a full house attendance.

## **October 2012**

### **SBDTA Joined WDC AAL**

WDC AAL, World Dance Council Asian Amateur League, is an organisation that looks to expand the activity of dance. Thus, all championships endorsed by SBDTA will automatically be endorsed in the WDC AAL and their competitors will also be ranked.



**WDC AAL**  
**ASIAN AMATEUR LEAGUE**

### **25th Singapore International Ballroom Dancing Championships 2012**

Organised by the renowned Sunny Low Dance Studio, this hugely successful 25th Championship was held at the Raffles City Convention Centre. This prestigious championship was well attended. Many guests and competitors left with a satisfied smile on their faces.

## **November 2012**

### **World Standard Championships 2012**

This prestigious championship was held in Blackpool, England on 18 Nov. Robin Chee & Pele Lim was the sole nominated couple to represent Singapore in this championship.





### Singapore National Open Dance Championships 2012

SBDTA organised the Singapore National Open Dance Championships. It was held at the Serangoon Gardens Country Club. All associate member competitors taking part in this championship received rankings.

## Upcoming Events

### 2012 Ranking Event cum Chinese New Year Gathering

This would be held on 17 February 2013, at Le Danz, Suntec City from 1 PM to 6 PM. The SBDTA Management Committee would like to invite all ordinary and associate members of the SBDTA to come to celebrate this event.

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Members	FOC
Guests	S\$ 28

### 2013 SBDTA endorsed championships

30 March	1st Brillante International Dancesport Championships	The Dancesport Academy, <a href="mailto:tda@thedancesportacademy.com">tda@thedancesportacademy.com</a>
6 April	The 1st All Star Open Dance Championships	WM Danceworld, <a href="mailto:wmdanceworld@gmail.com">wmdanceworld@gmail.com</a>
23 June	The 14 <sup>th</sup> Stardust Dancesport Grandprix 2013	Louis & Catherine Dance Studio, <a href="mailto:louiscat@singnet.sg">louiscat@singnet.sg</a>
27 July	The Merlion International Dancesport Championships	Dancesport De Allan, <a href="mailto:Dancesport_allan@yahoo.com">Dancesport_allan@yahoo.com</a>
11 August	The Raffles Open Dance Championships	S&A Standard/Latin Studio, <a href="mailto:Crystal_kau@hotmail.com">Crystal_kau@hotmail.com</a>
5 October	The UKA Cup International Dance Championships	Steven Han School of Dancing, <a href="mailto:Rickol_han@hotmail.com">Rickol_han@hotmail.com</a>

**The president & management committee wishes everyone a Prosperous & Happy Chinese New Year!**