

Dear members and friends of Artistic Dance.

The WADF 2017 Spring Season had a Grand Opening in Moscow, Russia with the European Championships on 17th - 19th March at the luxury Corston Hotel. This was extended to a three day event with each day starting early morning and finishing late at night in two parallel halls. Over 30 WADF International Adjudicators were on duty, which as usual was organised to perfection by the Russian Dance Union Artistic Dance Department under the leadership of Irina Shmalko.

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The WADF 2017 North European Street & Pop Dance Championships were held on 8th - 9th of April in Tallinn, Estonia, presented by "MAKEART Estonia". The Lead organisers Triina and Teele Utt both have a long experience with the organisation of International dance events. This successful event did not only present Street and Pop Dancing but also fantastic performances in Artistic Dance Show and Jazz Dance. A super event!

Later in April the WADF caravan was off to the exotic city Karaganda, Kazakhstan, for the first Artistic Dance event to be held there. A wonderful event full of colour and talented dancers, from mainly the Folk, Ethno and Belly Dance divisions supported by Artistic Dance Show, Classical Ballet and Tap Dancing. Among the 1.500 enrolments, from 44 schools and clubs, we saw 52 Large Teams and 23 Showcases, which was very encouraging for a "first time" event. The organisers Aleksey Maccarrow, Evgeniy Ermakov and Zhanara Aubakirova are well known dancers, coaches and choreographers. It was a most enjoyable event where the time past so quickly that I am looking forward to many more events in Kazakhstan in the future.

Nils-Håkan Carlzon
President WADF

WADF 2017 European Artistic Dance Championships Moscow, Russian Federation. Artistic Couple Dance Department

This prestigious event is developing into a gem of the “WADF Event Crown” after only the 4th presentation. As always this event was organised to perfection by Irina Shmalko and her “pink team” who are exactly instructed what to do and when to do it. It has now grown into a three day event with competitions held in two parallel halls from early in the morning to late at night. The 30 WADF International Adjudicators, from four continents, did a great job selecting the placings from the early rounds through to the finals using the unique WADF 1 and 2-dimensional judging system.

The WADF are now clearly leading the World with regards to Artistic Dancing. Among the thousands of enrolments were almost 2.000 Solo performances which as far as I am aware have never been seen before in the history of competitive dancing. What is also so satisfactory is the extremely high quality of these Solo performances. The WADF system clearly shows that Solo performances are performed by one dancer even when the dancers are presenting a Waltz. The whole body is included in the presentation as it is in a Ballet or Jazz performances. The arms are as important as the rest of the body. A Solo performance is not one person dancing waiting for a partner with the arms held in a fixed position. The arms should be moving in harmony with the rest of the body not only in Cha-Cha-Cha, Samba or Bachata but also in Waltz, Tango and Slowfox. It is a pure joy to see the development of the Artistic presentation of the solo dancing today as compared with 4 years ago when we started.

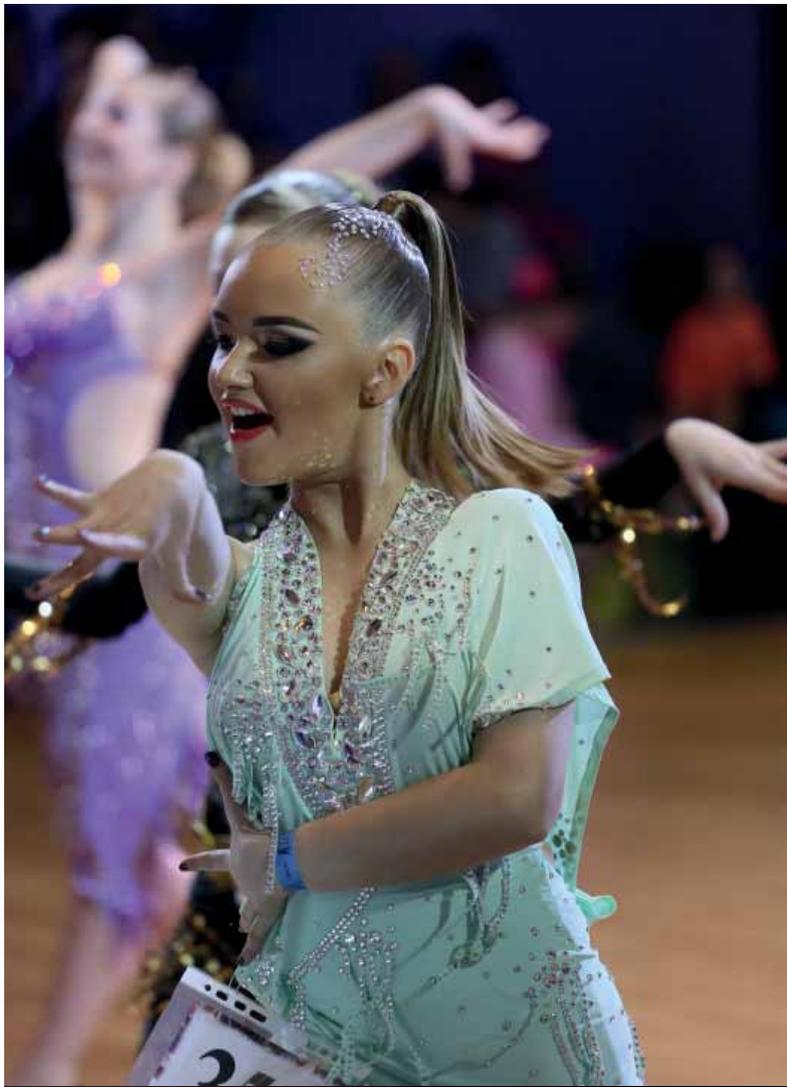
The WADF would like to extend a huge thank you to the Russian Dance Union and to Irina Shmalko for presenting and organising such a wonderful event. We are already looking forward to next year. We will all certainly return to Moscow. THANK YOU!!!

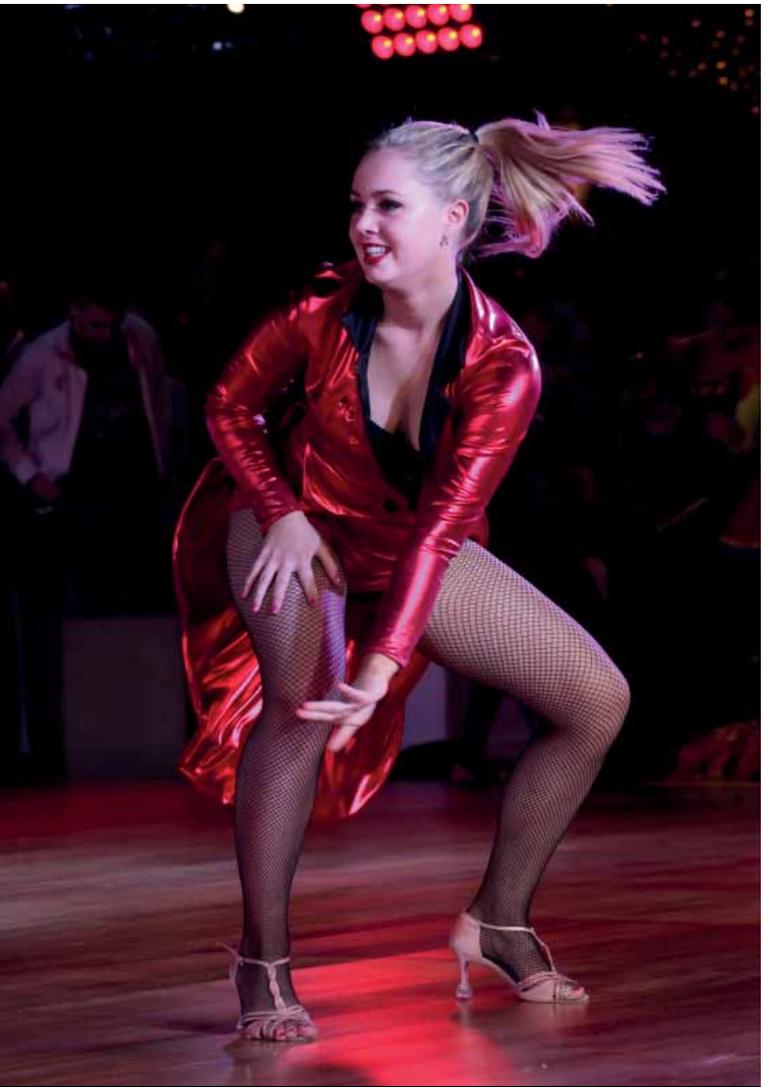












WADF 2017 North European Street & Pop Dance Championships Tallinn, Estonia Street and Pop Dance Department

On the 8th and 9th of April our member MAKEART, in Estonia, organised the annual North European Street & Pop Dance Championships for the Street and Pop Dance Department in a newly resorted large hall in Tallinn, Estonia.

This event, as always, was professionally presented by Triina Utt and her daughter Teele. The WADF Supervisor was Roman Filus from Poland whose task was made easy because Triina and her team have been organising Street Dance events for 12 years.

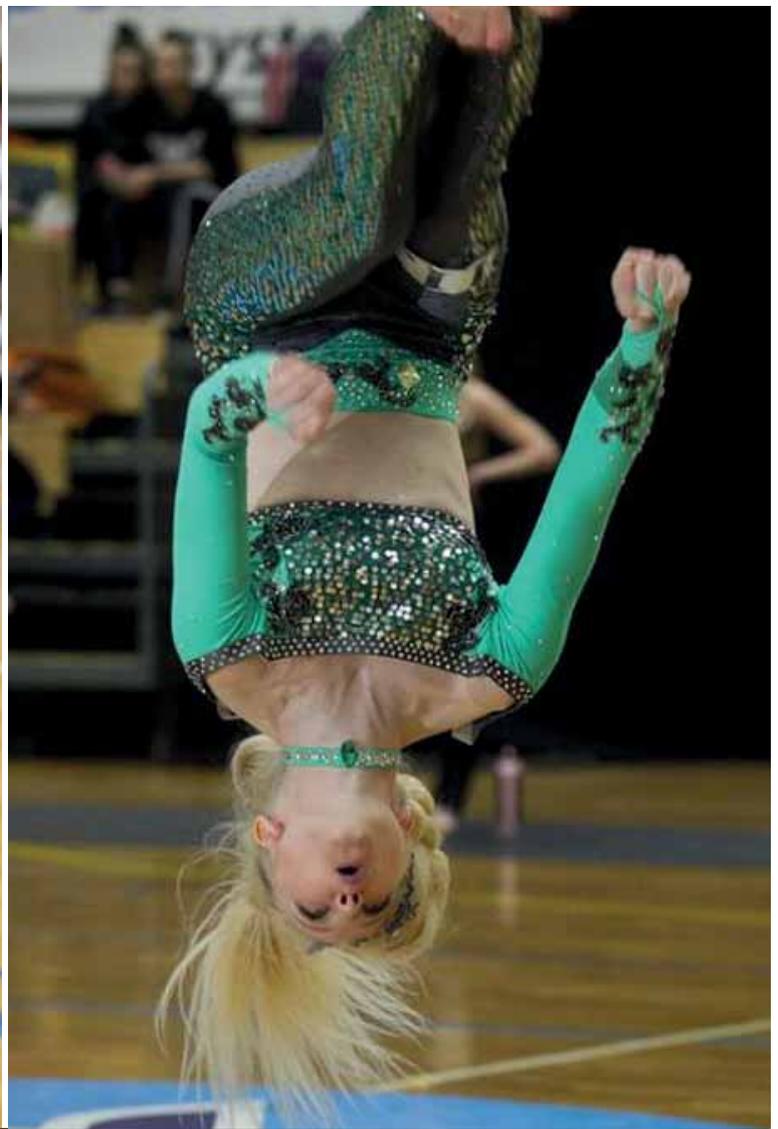
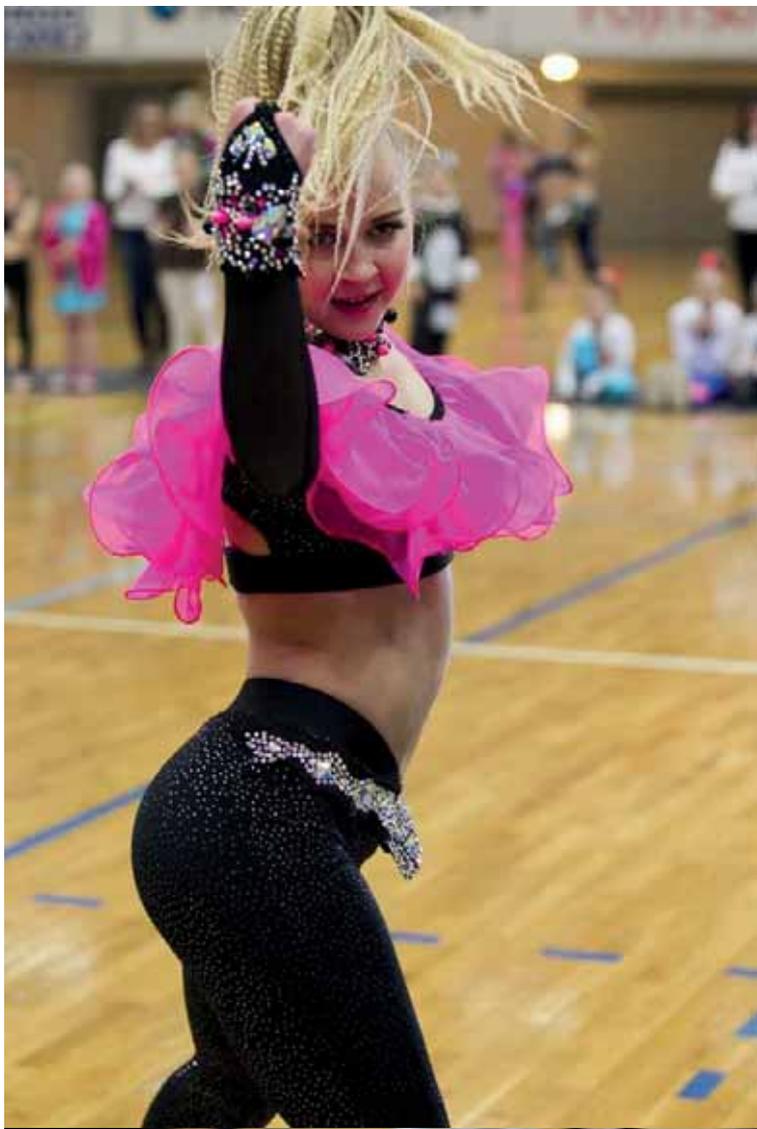
The Hall was filled to capacity with dancers from the Baltic countries, Finland, Russia, and Ukraine, with a quality of the dancing. The disciplines enjoyed were from the Street and Pop Dance decisions backed up with Urban Fusion Show performances. The Stage Dance Department was also represented by Jazz and Artistic Dance Show.

The WADF Managing Committee is convinced that this event will continue to grow from year to year with Street and Pop dancers from "new" WADF Street countries like England, Germany, Sweden and Poland. We would like to thank Triina and her team for a colourful event and welcome back!









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WADF 2017 International Open Cup Timisoara, Romania.

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Roland and Oane have built a large network of Dance Schools and Clubs in the neighbouring countries who just love this event which has become so popular due to its very friendly and pleasing atmosphere. Many of these dancers are already looking forward to the next event in the autumn.

Thank you Roland and Oane for another Great event!





WADF 2017 North East EuroAsian Artistic Open Dance Championships

If we are honest with ourselves how many of us, in the west, have heard of or even know where Karaganda is. As President of the WADF I am so delighted at having had the opportunity to visit the exotic city in Kazakhstan. This super event, full of colour and talented dancers, is a wonderful addition to the WADF calendar.

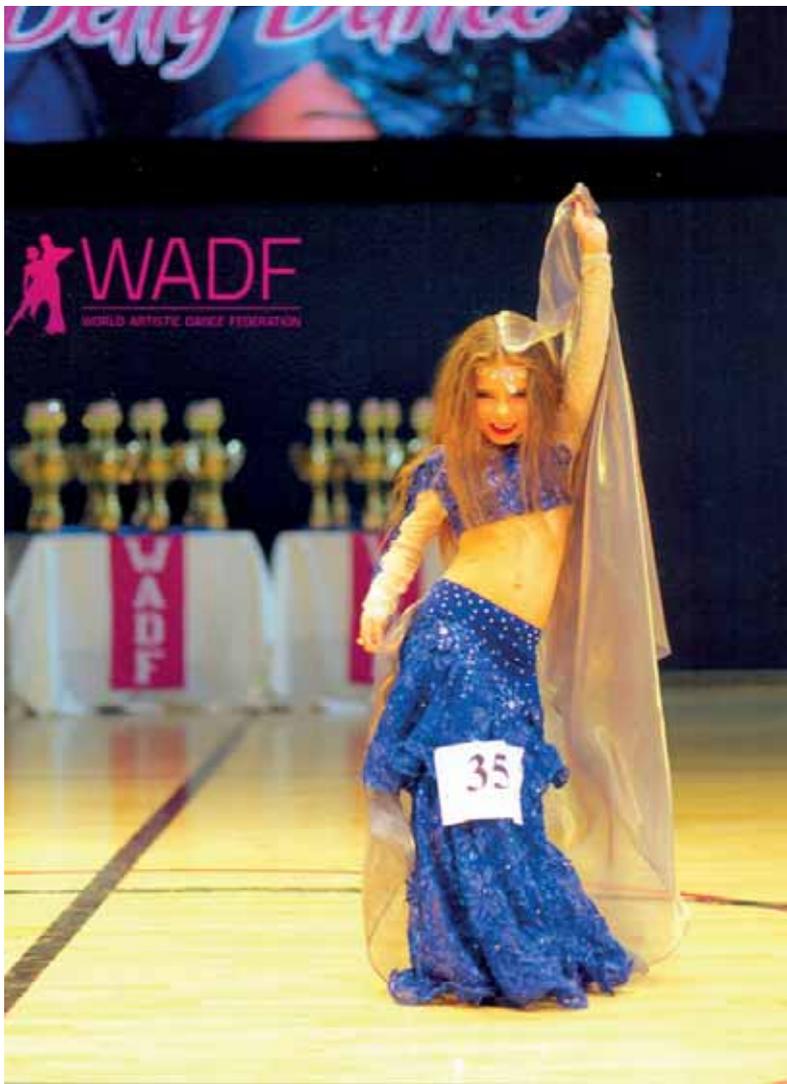
The WADF Arts & Culture and Stage Dance Departments can proudly puff their chests out proudly with the standard of dance that was on show while I was there. 44 schools and clubs were, amongst Solos and Duos also represented by 52 Large Teams and 23 Showcases, which is quite amazing for a 1st time event.

Organisers Aleksey Maccarrow, Evgeniy Ermakov and Zhanara Aubakirova are also very well known and respected as coaches and choreographers. The end result was a most enjoyable event that passed by so quickly that I can only recommend the next one and look forward to further events in Kazakhstan in the future.

Thank you Aleksey, Evgeniy and Zhanara for organising such a great event! Looking forward to the next one!

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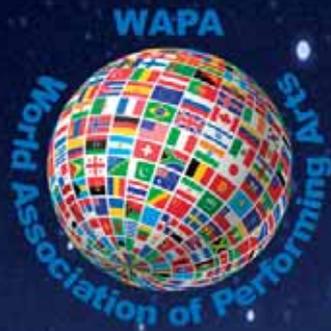
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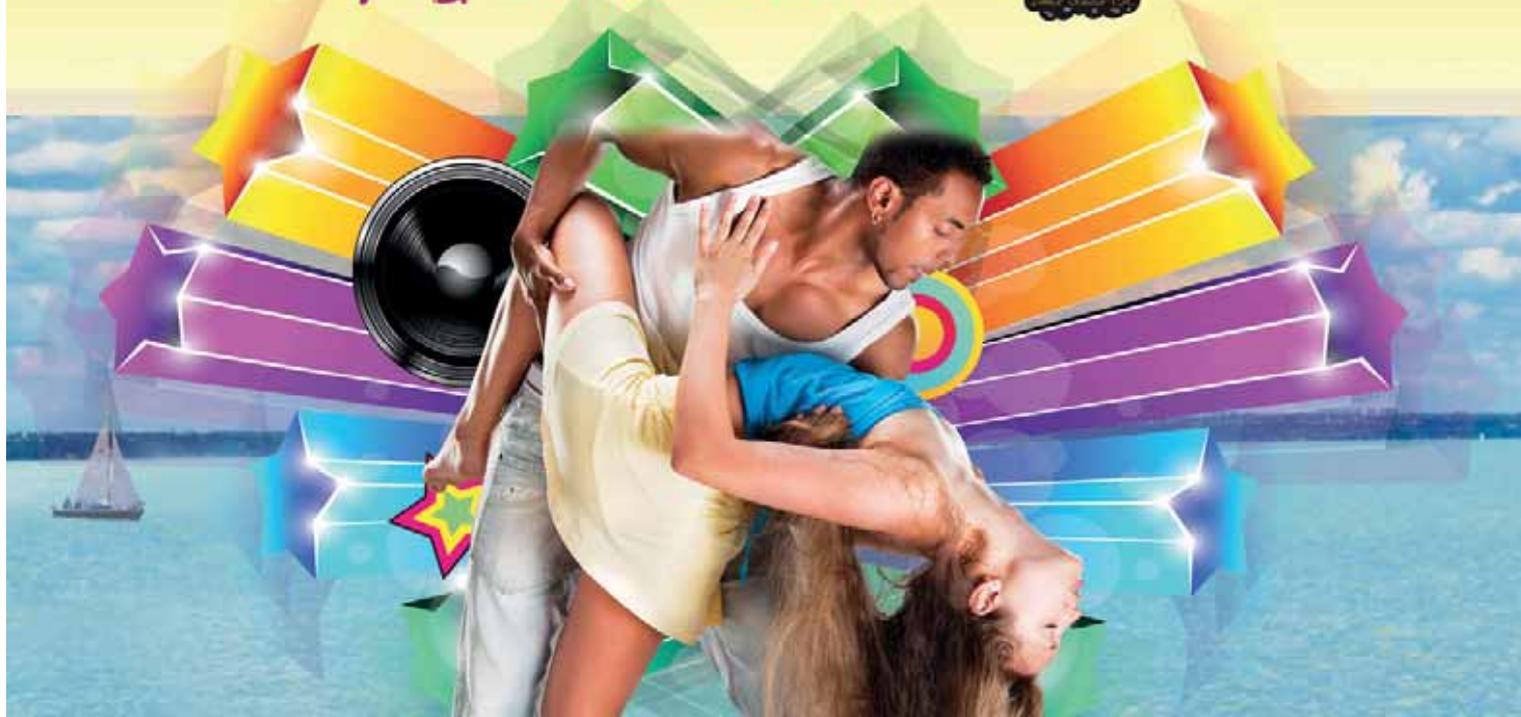
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