



## 2006 Blackpool Dance Festival



**Congratulations!**

**Katlego Khunou &  
Carlien Scholtz**

danced 4 rounds of the  
Amateur Rising Star  
Latin Section and came  
102 out of 480 couples

## Junior World Gold Cup 2006 Birmingham England

It is always a good start for the dancers competing in the Junior British Dance Festival to participate in this competition held in Birmingham every year. Hosted by the "2 Richards", like most competitions in England, it is always well organised with a great package deal for the full weekend, which includes 4-star hotel accommodation, lectures by top names, the competition, as well as the coach up to Blackpool at the conclusion of the competition.

What a lovely opportunity for the dancers to get to know their foreign competitors.

South Africa's **Darren Hammond & Simone Strybos, Gerrie De Wet & Tarien van Niekerk** took part in the Junior Open Championship and Junior Jive Competitions. Gerrie & Tarien reached the Semi Final while Darren & Simone were placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Open championship Section and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Jive Section – well done!!

**Jamie Smuts-Steyn & Katy-Lee Winter** competed well in the Juvenile Section, which certainly helped prepare them for what was to come at the British Festival.



We offer a free service to disseminate information concerning competitions, dancer news, etc – please contact Josina at [josina@iafrica.com](mailto:josina@iafrica.com) or Fax 021 705 9721 Tel (H) 021 705 8995 Cell: 082 7843646

**2006 SAADA Registration**

Have you paid your fees for 2006

**Please contact Josina for the registration form at [josina@iafrica.com](mailto:josina@iafrica.com) or Fax 021 705 9721**

## 2006 Blackpool Dance Festival for Juniors

There is no doubt that this is the best and biggest competition for Juniors and Juveniles to be held world wide.

Never can the organisation be faulted. The atmosphere is electric as parents, family and friends give support to their little ones that they are so proud of.

Dancers from all over the world come to the famous Blackpool Tower Ballroom to compete, dancing to the most famous live orchestra and nothing but top well known names on the judging panel.

South Africa was extremely well represented this year. Four Junior & four Juvenile Couples took part, all getting through a round or two in various competitions. The Junior couples were **Hayward Saudi & Bontle Gaobepe, Darren Hammond & Simone Strybos, Gerbrandt De Wet & Terian van Niekerk, and Makho Nkosi & Naledi Nhlanga.**

The Juvenile Couples were **Sean Meyer & Kylee Brown, Thato Sibongana & Mando Mokhethi, Oarabile Morweng & Basetsana Kgole, Jamie Smuts-Steyn & Katy-Lee Winter.**

Approximately 100 Juvenile Couples were in the Ballroom and Latin Sections and approximately 262 in the Junior Sections.

**We were extremely excited and proud when Darren and Simone reached the final in the British Junior Jive Section.** If I am not mistaken the only other Junior or Juvenile to have reached a British Final was Bryan Watson & partner Glynis Watson. Hopefully Darren & Simone will follow in Bryans footsteps and make it all the way to the top!

Another proud moment for South Africa was the invitation to send an Adjudicator for The Juvenile International Team Match. **Sandra Smuts-Steyn was appointed** and kept South Africa's flag flying doing a great job of being the sole adjudicator.

Sadly this was my last Junior British as Darren & Simone move into the Youth age group next year. It certainly has been wonderful experience for me, and I recommend any Professional to make the effort to attend the fantastic Junior British Festival.

BEVERLEY HAMMOND.

## Ubusika Challenge

SAADA KZN

24 June 2006 : 12h00

Holy Family Convent – Glenmore – Durban

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### South African Competitions

All Entry Forms can be obtained from

[josina@iafrica.com](mailto:josina@iafrica.com) or visit

<http://www.saddsc.co.za>

**Not to be missed – hurry up with those entries**

#### SADTA : WC

#### Winter Ballroom & Latin American Festival

Parow Civic Centre, Cape Town  
9 & 10 June 2006

Professional; Amateur; Social Sections

**For more information contact:-** Marion Baxter  
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7<sup>th</sup> Annual

#### JUNE 16 MEMORIAL

LATIN AMERICAN AND  
BALLROOM DANCE  
FESTIVAL

**17<sup>th</sup> June 2006 – 12h00**

#### ORLANDO COMMUNAL SPORTS CENTRE

Opposite Orlando Stadium,  
Orlando East, Soweto

**Open To Amateurs & Professionals**

**FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT:**  
Paul Kgole Tel 011 622 3678  
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17  
June  
10h00

#### AT HOME Ballroom & Latin Festival

Benoni City Hall  
Princes Ave, Benoni

Enquiries: 011 849 8963 or 083 227 8141

Open Viennese Waltz & Paso sections open to all competitors graded Bronze to Novice.

Championship sections are open to all Pre-Championship and Championship graded dancers.

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### Nelspruit

Ballroom & Latin Dance  
Competition

#### Emnotweni Arena

15 July  
11h00

Next To Riverside  
Mall and The  
Government  
Complex

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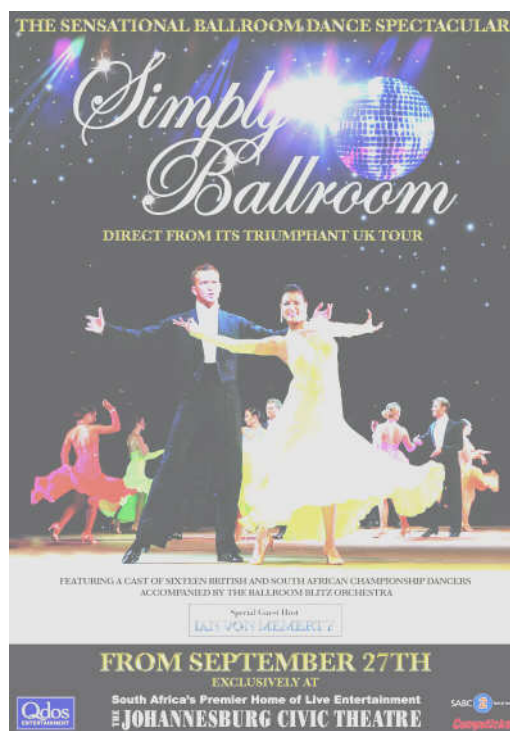
### CLASSIQUE FREESTYLE FESTIVAL

SADTA Gauteng Branch

29 July 2006 : 09h00

Benoni City Hall

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South African  
Amateur Dancesport Association



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International Dancesport Association [IDSA]  
International Dance Union [IDU]

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