

Dance for LIFE Academy

Latin, Ballroom, SALSA! & Freestyle

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Newsletter - January/February 2007

1. A warm Welcome

A very warm welcome to all the new dancers who have joined. Also welcome back the regular dancers, and thank you for your continued support. We wish you a year of eventful dancing!

2. New teacher

Welcome to Andre, whom some of you have already met. Andre has a wealth of dance experience, both nationally and internationally. He is also an ex Blackpool championship dancer, with extensive show work experience. *Short portfolio to follow in February newsletter.*

3. Dance Programmes to watch

"So you think you can dance" is on DSTV series channel (channel 36) every Thursday at 19h30. Participating dancers are put through their paces, in all styles of dance, from Latin, Hip-hop, Ballroom, Contemporary, Jazz to name but a few.

"Strictly come dancing" is back once again on DSTV's channel 40 (BBC Prime), Weekdays at 17h30.

4. New Venue

As most of you will have noticed, we are rapidly out-growing the Parkhurst Recreation Centre. I (Andrew) am looking at possibly purchasing a gallery situated on Jan Smuts avenue. So watch this space for forthcoming news.....

5. Medal & competitive classes

This year will see the start of social class students taking their dancing to a whole new level. If any couples wish to join these classes which take place on **Thursdays (20h00 to 21h00)** please speak to Andrew, studio principal.

6. Music & Shoes

DFLA is now importing international dance CD's & Shoes, which will be made available to students at reasonable prices. Catalogues will follow shortly.

7. Shows

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" the London west-end production is currently showing at the Johannesburg Civic Theatre. *Well worth seeing for those who like old fashioned musicals 6/10.*

THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE

FEATURING THE ORIGINAL LONDON WEST END PRODUCTION
Scenic Design by DAVID GALLIG | Costume Design by MARTIN PARLEDINAZ

Lighting Designer: JOE ATKINS | Musical Director: BRYAN SCHWABEL | Choreographer: TISH MAKENNA
Resident Director: PHILIP GODAWA | Executive Producer: BERNARD JAY | Associate Producers: SIMON JAMES and CLAIRE PACARIZ

THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE takes audiences on a fun-filled ride back in time and drops them off smack dab in the midst of the Roaring Twenties. The singing, dancing, romantic musical takes place in Manhattan 1922, with all the jazz-age sass and sizzle you'd expect in a big, bright, musical-romance Broadway Broadway Broadway. The winner of six 2002 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE was the 2002 season's most awarded new show on Broadway.

Based on the 1967 George Roy Hill film starring Julie Andrews and Mary Tyler Moore (a film that won an Oscar for Best Original Music Score), the show takes audiences back to the height of the Jazz Age in New York City when "modern" – including a flapper named Millie Dillmount – were breaking their hair, raising their hemlines, entering the workforce and rewriting the rules of love. It's the story of an American girl from the mid-west who arrives in New York City and the people who seek to discover themselves there, this spectacular stage version of THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE features fifteen songs, including ten from the 1967 film. Four standards from the 1920s and nine original songs.

"This all guns blazing blast of a Broadway show... is designed simply to delight and entertain and it does so handsomely on both scores!"
Sunday Express, UK

"Zip, charm and attack that makes most of the musicals now in the West End look like something from the Ring Cycle...Stunning!"
Sunday Times, UK

"Thoroughly sweet Millie. Romantic high energy entertainment with its frenzied dancing vivacity and jocular hedonism captures the style and mood of the Roaring Twenties"
Evening Standard, UK

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and the JOHANNESBURG CIVIC THEATRE present

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SAMANTHA PEO
ABIGAIL KUBEKA

THOROUGHLY MODERN millie
WITH CRAIG URBANI
ANGELA KILIAN
BRENNAN HOLDER
MICHELE LEVIN

Book by RICHARD MORRIS and DICK SCANLAN
New Music by JEANINE TESORI
New Lyrics by DICK SCANLAN
Original Story and Screenplay by RICHARD MORRIS for Universal Pictures Film
DIRECTED BY DAVID BOWNES

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