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DPA SUMMER FESTIVAL (INCLUDING) UNITED KINGDOM CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS
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Day 2 – DPA Summer Festival: Solo Competitors Take the Stage

Day 2 of the DPA Summer Festival was all about the solo stars! It was an early start, with the first round kicking off at 8:30am, but the energy and talent on display kept spirits high all day long.

From graceful Ballroom to fiery Latin, our solo dancers wowed the audience and adjudicators with their skill, style, and passion. Each performance was a testament to the hard work and dedication these dancers have poured into their craft. A huge congratulations to all the solo competitors, you truly made the day one to remember!

Get the latest on the spot updates from the United Kingdom Closed Championships, featuring our talented Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, and Adult Solo competitors.

This report also includes coverage of the Under 19 DPA Open, highlighting standout performances and memorable moments from an incredible day of dancing.

Don't miss the full breakdown it's all in this report!

United Kingdom Closed U10 Solo Ballroom Championship. Reporter – Charlotte Cutler

1st No. 109 Mia Jacyszyn – What soft and classy movement for this age category. Improve some footwork accuracy and expect awesomeness.

2nd No. 152 Alice Williams – This girl has amazing power and movement. Your arms don't need to be quite so high.

3rd No. 126 Milena Cohen – I can see you have really worked on your use of feet. Now just look at your shoulder line in promenades.

4th No. 20 Amelia Anghel – You are a fab performer and full of confidence! Now try to soften your actions for higher placings.

5th No. 82 Jayden Mu – A star in the making! Nice footwork developing, now try some more movement.

6th No. 154 Anastasia Salvage – Some lovely use of feet here, Now try and work some more on your topline and head extension.



United Kingdom Closed Under 10 Solo Ballroom Champion **MIA JACYSZYN**, can be seen pictured above holding the winning trophy. The full line up photograph can be found on P2.

United Kingdom Closed U12 Solo Ballroom Championship. Reporter – Kyle Taylor

1st No. 192 Evelina Shevchenko – Congratulations on winning this Championship. Very soft and smooth dancer, with good mechanics. A little more power would add to the performance.

2nd No. 105 Ava Armstrong – Great dancing today and challenged strongly. Very positive at all times and gave a solid and competitive performance.

3rd No. 36 Eleanor Lawton – Definitely at her best in the slow dances. A little strain in the neck and shoulder line detracts from an otherwise beautiful dancer.

4th No. 160 Anna Kochoian – Very strong dancer with great movement across the floor. To reach the next level, a little softness and flexibility in the upper body would help.

5th No. 127 Emily Iddon – A very nice dancer with a positive image on the floor. Has every possibility to move higher in the ranks if attention to posture is given.

6th No. 122 Zoe Bowen – Must have been very disappointed as in my opinion gave the strongest and most attacking performance on the floor. Keep up the good work and results will come.



United Kingdom Closed U14 Solo Ballroom Championship. Reporter – Kevin Allcott

1st No. 17 Lukrecija Zukauskaitė – Very nice performance in all dances. Best dance Quickstep, full of energy.

2nd No. 28 Paishey Saunders – Very strong leg action shown in all dances. Great Waltz showing great sway action.

3rd No. 26 Ellie Hunt – Great, strong movement shown with good changes of speed. Well done.

4th No. 185 Lily-June Davies-Janson – Nice smooth action with very nice posture.

5th No. 74 Olive Walters – Good musical dancing shown with very nice changes of speed.

6th No. 111 Sara Zarzyczna – You have a very nice style and good posture, well done.



United Kingdom Closed U10 Solo Ballroom Championship
R-L, Presenter, Kris Turner, Mia Jacyszyn, Alice Williams, Milena Cohen, Amelia Anghel, Jayden Mu, Anastasia Salvage



United Kingdom Closed U12 Solo Ballroom Championship
R-L, Presenter, Kris Turner, Evelina Shevchenko, Ava Armstrong, Eleanor Lawton, Anna Kochoian, Emily Iddon, Zoe Bowen



United Kingdom Closed U14 Solo Ballroom Championship
R-L, Presenter, Kris Turner, Lukrecija Zukauskaitė, Paishey Saunders, Ellie Hunt, Lily-June Davies-Janson, Olive Walters, Sara Zarzyczna

United Kingdom Closed U16 Solo Ballroom Championship. Reporter – Laura Fox

1st No. 104 Riona Ni Bhriain – Riona had a beautiful frame throughout the competition, sometimes a little quiet with facial expression.

2nd No. 11 Anna Harcourt – Anna was consistent throughout the competition with frame, expression and timing.

3rd No. 79 Evie Crofton-Martin – Evie had the most amazing energy in every dance, great stamina and beautiful footwork.

4th No. 203 Tilly Ellet – Tilley had beautiful footwork. Less arching in the back would enable more drive out of the standing leg.

5th No. 77 Tamzin Barlow – Tamzin had a good usage of the standing leg, creating great drive, try to keep this in all dances.

6th No. 22 Scarlett Hargreaves – Scarlett had a fabulous driving action and timing in the Viennese Waltz.



United Kingdom Closed U21 Solo Ballroom Championship. Reporter – Linda Chatterley

1st No. 132 Evie Rush – Danced a beautiful final. Very confident dancing in every dance. Fabulous dress.

2nd No. 99 Jasmine Wollison – Jasmine danced really well. Best dance for me was her Waltz.

3rd No. 68 Clarice Hartwell – Expressive dancing from Clarice. I particularly liked her Tango.

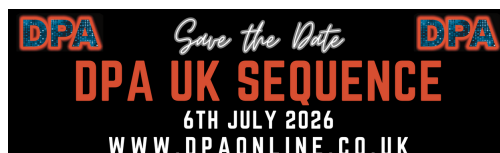
4th No. 121 Chloe Barlow – Showed good floorcraft and excellent use of the feet.

5th No. 92 Heather Walker – Heather has a lovely floor presence. Very musical dancing.

6th No. 14 Isabella-Grace Bevan – Must be very pleased to make this excellent final. Well done Isabella-Grace.



United Kingdom Closed U21 Solo Ballroom Championship
R-L, Presenter, Kris Turner,
Evie Rush, Jasmine Wollison, Clarice Hartwell,
Chloe Barlow, Heather Walker, Isabella-Grace Bevan





United Kingdom Closed Adult Solo Ballroom Championship
R-L, Presenter, Kris Turner, Catriona Lawton, Nina Dzikowska, Heather Walker, Harriette Phillips, Kiera Feldon, Rachel Haskell.

United Kingdom Closed Adult Solo Ballroom Championship. Reporter – Stefanie Taylor

1st No. 138 Catriona Lawton – Congratulations on winning this championship event. Catriona stood out from the first round with her elegance and soft movement.

2nd No. 175 Nina Dzikowska – Nina danced very well today. Her movement across the floor was powerful in particular at the beginning of the final.

3rd No. 92 Heather Walker – Heather has a lovely stable topline and great swing, particularly in Foxtrot. She was clearly enjoying herself which was lovely to see.

4th No. 5 Harriette Phillips – Harriette is a lovely dancer with strong feet. She had some great musical moments today, particularly in Tango and Quickstep.

5th No. 98 Kiera Feldon – Kiera's best dance in the final was her Foxtrot which was eye-catching, even in the early rounds. Some attention to the posture would be beneficial.

6th No. 110 Rachel Haskell – Congratulations on making this championship final. Rachel danced well, however more focus on timing her rotation would be good for further improvement.



United Kingdom Closed U10 Solo Latin Championship
R-L, Presenter, Milena Cohen, Brooke Bailey, Alice Williams, Anastasia Salvage, Nova Osborn, Alba Thomas.

United Kingdom Closed U10 Solo Latin Championship. Reporter – Daniella Trueman

1st No. 126 Milena Cohen – This young Lady had a fabulous presence on the floor. Her Paso Doble was danced with great musicality. I have no doubt that she will continue to shine on the floor.

2nd No. 90 Brooke Bailey – A beautiful Rumba was danced by this young Lady. Her feel for this dance was lovely to see at such a young age. She also has a great Samba action.

3rd No. 152 Alice Williams – A wonderful personality on the floor in every dance. This young Lady danced a fabulous Cha Cha Cha with sharp arms and great use of her skirt. Never stop showing your lovely personality.

4th No. 154 Anastasia Salvage – Another young Lady who danced a Rumba beyond her years. It was lovely to see this dancer use her arms with purpose throughout this dance, nothing was ever over done! A great look on the floor.

5th No. 39 Nova Osborn – A knock out Jive. The sass this young Lady has in her dancing is wonderful. At such a young age she walks on the floor with such confidence. Paso Doble was also another strong dance.

6th No. 196 Alba Thomas – Completing this final, a dancer who had a lovely Cha Cha Cha action. The way she used her feet in this dance was great. This young Lady had a lovely rock action in Jive.



Left: UK Closed U12 Solo Latin winner Sevil Safina. Right: UK Closed U10 Solo Latin winner Milena Cohen. Above: UK Closed Adult Solo Ballroom winner Catriona Lawton.



United Kingdom Closed U12 Solo Latin Championship. Reporter – Chloe Hewitt

1st No. 197 Sevil Safina – Beautiful all round dancer. Congratulations on your win.

2nd No.105 Ava Armstrong – Lovely feet and legs in Cha Cha and Rumba. Very rhythmical.

3rd No. 143 Lycia-Scott Jones – Congratulations on making this final. Beautifully danced.

4th No. 127 Emily Iddon – Beautifully executed technique in all dances.

5th No. 36 Eleanor Lawton – A dancer with massive potential. Congratulations.

6th No. 160 Anna Kochoian – Well done, lovely performance.

United Kingdom Closed U14 Solo Latin Championship. Reporter – Clara Guzzardi-Evans

1st No. 17 Lukrecija Zukauskaitė – Very musical young lady, no surprise on this win. Well deserved.

2nd No. 167 Coral Brush-Davies – Clean dancer, lovely isolated movements and use of legs and feet. Particularly great arms.

3rd No. 58 Lexi Hughes – Terrific energy from this young lady, good isolation and stamina. Interpreted each dance very well.

4th No. 74 Olive Walters – Very talented young lady, would like to see this effervescence a little more throughout.

5th No. 166 Eva Jones – Lovely presentation and good, clean show of basics included in open work.

6th No. 44 Ava Cave – Very energetic young lady, nice legs and feet.



Photographs

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United Kingdom Closed U16 Solo Latin Championship.
Reporter – Lesley Dodd

1st No. 204 Isabelle Bevan – Elegant dancer, happy you changed your dress.

2nd No. 22 Scarlett Hargreaves – Very musical, nice Rumba.

3rd No. 72 Isla-Rose Flood – Elegant feet and ankles.

4th No. 58 Lexi Hughes – Well presented work and lovely style.

5th No. 23 Lauryn Fooks – Rhythmical and expressive arms.

6th No. 33 Amy Vernon – Traditional style, well presented.

7th No. 104 Riona Ni Bhriain – Beautiful arms and rhythm.



United Kingdom Closed U16 Solo Latin Championship
 R-L, Presenter, Kris Turner, Isabelle Bevan, Scarlett Hargreaves, Isla-Rose Flood, Lexi Hughes, Lauryn Fooks, Amy Vernon, Riona Ni Bhriain.



United Kingdom Closed U21 Solo Latin Championship. Reporter – David Trueman

1st No. 142 Victoria Franklyn – Fabulous foot and leg speeds with great changes in rhythm. Beautiful feet in Samba.

2nd No. 132 Evie Rush – Solid in style and characterisation, so strong in foot action. Superb feeling in Paso carries the story to the end.

3rd No. 68 Clarice Hartwell – Atmospheric and grounded in Cha Cha Cha. Delightful use of the hands and arms in Rumba.

4th No. 146 Ella Church – Lovely isolation skills in all dances, Vibrant and full of dance energy with wonderful expression in Rumba.

5th No. 174 Ellie Smith – Powerful use of body in Samba and exquisite feet for Rumba. Very clear Paso shaping and character.

6th No. 63 Isabella Coomber – Superb display of leg and hip styling, excellent use of the muscle groups. Great balance in Rumba.

This has been a great UK Closed final.



United Kingdom Closed U21 Solo Latin Championship
 R-L, Presenter, Kris Turner, Victoria Franklyn, Evie Rush, Clarice Hartwell, Ella Church, Ellie Smith, Isabella Coomber.



United Kingdom Closed U14 Solo Latin Championship

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R-L, Presenter, Kris Turner, Lukrecija Zukauskaitė, Coral Brush-Davies, Lexi Hughes, Olive Walters, Eva Jones, Ava Cave.

United Kingdom Closed Adult Solo Latin Championship. Reporter – Katie Geddes

1st No. 191 Millie Davies-English – Millie displays great dynamics across all dances. Paso Doble was her strongest dance where she creates great lines.

2nd No. 14 Isabella-Grace Bevan – Isabella's dancing is full of power and speed. Now improve use of arms to further enhance.

3rd No. 130 Ruby Sinclair – Ruby has great leg speed and displays fast actions across all dances. She definitely win's the entertainment factor.

4th No. 168 Ashleigh Jones – Ashleigh has shown a great improvement. She shows beautiful action in feet and legs. She danced a great energetic Jive.

5th No. 186 Melita Mockapetryte – Melita shows great leg extension and a nice grounded action particularly in Cha and Rumba.

6th No. 175 Nina Dzikowska – Nina has shown a great improvement since I last saw her dance. She put out a strong performance in this final.

7th No. 5 Harriette Phillips – Congratulations on making this strong final. Great energy.



**United Kingdom Closed Adult
Solo Latin Championship
WINNER
Millie Davies-English**



United Kingdom Closed Adult Solo Latin Championship

R-L, Presenter, Kris Turner, Millie Davies-English, Isabella-Grace Bevan, Ruby Sinclair, Ashleigh Jones, Melita Mockapetryte, Nina Dzikowska, Harriette Phillips

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Wednesdays adjudicators can be seen pictured below. L to R. Laura Fox, Charlotte Cutler, Linda Chatterley, Lesley Dodd, Clara Guzzardi-Evans, Stefanie Bosson, Chloe Hewitt, Daniella Trueman, Abbie Neeson, Katie Maganga, Kyle Taylor, Kevin Allcott and Non-Voting Chairperson, Kris Turner.





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