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DPA SUMMER FESTIVAL (INCLUDING) UNITED KINGDOM CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS
Competition Organisers, Dance Promoters' Association

DPA Summer Festival

DAY THREE (THURSDAY)

The third day of the DPA Summer Festival proved to be super exciting, with a full day of thrilling competitions held in the vibrant atmosphere of the Purbeck Hall, here in sunny Bournemouth.

Competitors performed to a completely packed arena, and the audience was treated to an outstanding display of skill, artistry, and passion from both couples and solo dancers.

Today's programme featured The United Kingdom Closed Championships in the multi-dance couples competitions, including the prestigious 8 and 10 Dance events.

For the very first time, the Dance Promoters' Association also introduced multi-dance Championships for solo competitors. These Championships included: Juvenile, Junior, and Adult categories, marking an exciting new chapter in the festival's history.

Alongside these, further United Kingdom Closed Championships were held in the couples section, including the esteemed Junior All Girls Latin, Under 14's Ballroom, Over 60's Ballroom and U19's Latin.

This truly was a magnificent day, as the DPA Summer Festival continues to showcase excellence, passion, and the highest level of competitive dancing.

Professional 10 Dance Champions



Charlie Townsend
& Ineta Vaicikauskaite



FRIENDSHIP ON AND OFF THE FLOOR!

Captured in this photograph are three couples celebrating their achievement of reaching the United Kingdom Closed Under 14s Ballroom Final
L to R: Siena Upton, Bay Rose, Pebble Rose Spratt, Luca Ivanets, Lewis Barks and Jack Murphy.



United Kingdom Closed Juvenile 8 Dance Championship - Reported by David Trueman

This was a terrific competition with all couples lifting performances to such a high level. It is very refreshing to see that dancers are steering towards the syllabus. This allows for so many technical skills to be clearly defined.

Winners tonight, by placing first in all dances, James Edwards and Bonnie Gorham, 2nd Ted Hinchcliffe and Sophia-Mae Melia, 3rd Daniel Dobo Holland and Abigail Curzon, 4th Leo Jury and Chloe Towers, 5th Aaron Zicman and Carina Lungu, 6th Blake Jessup-Blincowe and Eleanor Morgan.



R - L, Presenter, Diane Haywood, Bonnie Gorham, James Edwards, Sophia-Mae Melia, Ted Hinchcliffe, Abigail Curzon, Daniel Dobo Holland, Chloe Towers, Leo Jury, Carina Lungu, Aaron Zicman, Eleanor Morgan and Blake Jessup-Blincowe.

United Kingdom Closed Junior 10 Dance Championship - Reported by David Trueman

The winners tonight, Oscar Kowalczyk and Valerie Bartkevych, gave a fine display in both styles. They are very good at switching from Ballroom to Latin and demonstrating their fundamental knowledge. They were rewarded with first in all dances in the final analysis, 2nd Austin Street and Gabriela Jakubowska, 3rd Toby Frey-Smith and Dara Litvaitis, 4th Antoni Bebeniec and Sofia Komisarovas, 5th Alex Makhno and Isabelle Blowers, 6th Andrey Chernov and Ilinca Buga.



R - L: Presenter, Diane Haywood, Valerie Bartkevych, Oscar Kowalczyk, Gabriela Jakubowska, Austin Street, Dara Litvaitis, Toby Frey-Smith, Sofia Komisarovas, Antoni Bebeniec, Isabelle Blowers, Alex Makhno, Ilinca Buga and Andrey Chernov.

United Kingdom Closed Senior 10 Dance Championship - Reported by David Trueman

The winners have stamped their mark as leaders in 10 Dance events and tonight they retained the title which has now become an official UK Closed Championship, Michael O'Leary and Nicola Pickin, 2nd Robert Eylert and Cheryl Davies, 3rd Richard Gibbons and Nicola Gibbons, 4th Hayden Warner and Julie Warner, 5th Jason Carter-Shipman and Michelle Robinson, 6th Nigel Mellors and Deborah Martin.



R - L: Presenter, Fabio D'Angelo, Nicola Pickin, Michael O'Leary, Cheryl Davies, Robert Eylert, Nicola Gibbons, Richard Gibbons, Julie Warner, Hayden Warner, Michelle Robinson, Jason Carter-Shipman, Deborah Martin and Nigel Mellors.

United Kingdom Closed Amateur 10 Dance Championship - Reported by David Trueman

This was yet another fabulous UK Closed 10 Dance Championship with the country's best taking part. Champions once again producing a truly wonderful performance in both styles were Mark Chilcote and Madison Ingoldsby they won 7 out of the 10 dances., 2nd Daniel Ettridge and May Reid, 3rd Benjamin Turner and Lilia Fleming, 4th Luciano Stoto and Raisa Sedykh, 5th Lewis Hayley and Nadya Martynenko, 6th Enrique Adolphus and Sienna Tia.



R - L: Presenter, Fabio D'Angelo, Madison Ingoldsby, Mark Chilcote, May Reid, Daniel Ettridge Lilia Fleming, Benjamin Turner, Raisa Sedykh, Luciano Stoto, Nadya Martynenko, Lewis Hayley, Sienna Tia and Enrique Adolphus.

United Kingdom Closed Professional 10 Dance Championship

Reported by David Trueman

All three couples gave a super display of high level dancing. The audience played their part, encouraging the couples in each dance. Winners on this occasion were Charlie Townsend and Ineta Vaicikauskaite. They won the Ballroom section and were second in the Latin section. 2nd Krystof Grzelak and Natalia Krzystoszek, 3rd Sanna Saidy and Sadie Wild.

Photographs

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R - L: Presented, Fabio D'Angelo, Ineta Vaicikauskaite, Charlie Townsend, Natalia Krzystoszek, Krystof Grzelak, Sadie Wild and Sanna Saidy.

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United Kingdom Closed U16 All Girls Latin Championship - Reported by Amy D'Angelo

1st No. 7 Esmay Walters and Eve Harris – Well done on your win girls! Always a pleasure to watch, showing consistency of power and energy throughout your performance.

2nd No. 174 Medi Parry and Tia-Leigh Edge – This couple had good energy which was consistent throughout. Well done.

3rd No. 80 Eva Sorrene and Hollie Soffia – I saw a huge improvement from you today girls. I could see you have been working hard on your partner work, it was a pleasure to watch. Well done and keep up the hard work.

4th No. 169 Sienna Morris and Isabelle Bir – This couple showed a good understanding of foot and leg action throughout this final. Keep up the hard work girls, well done.

5th No. 26 Eloise Martin and Lacie Davies-English – Well done girls, this was a lovely performance from you today. Greatly synchronized throughout.

6th No. 93 Freya Davies and Ava Jones – Very good and very well danced in this final. Keep up the hard work as you have great potential.

7th No. 153 Libby Farr and Ava Bateman – Good performance girls. Keep working on the fundamentals and the results will follow. Well done.

The line-up photograph of the United Kingdom Closed U16 All Girls Latin Championship and United Kingdom Closed U16 All Girls Latin Championship can be seen on page 5.

United Kingdom Closed U14 Ballroom Championship - Reported by Ben Taylor

1st No. 91 Luca Ivanets and Pebble Rose Spratt – Luca and Pebble Rose produced a very calm and together performance. They both have very expressive feet which was a joy to watch. Congratulations.

2nd No. 71 Petya Mott and Anya Mott – High energy and exceptionally consistent. They cover the floor with considerable ease. For the future, arm styling needs a little refinement.

3rd No. 166 Dominykas Orlauskas and Sophia Dell – A very elegant and classical couple. They had a wonderful flowing movement. Need to add a little more attack to their performance.

4th No. 27 Lewis Barks and Lena Skrzypczynska – Lewis and Lena were very eye catching with high energy. Perhaps a little unlucky today, however they did lack some consistency as the final progressed.

5th No. 127 Will Grant and Bay Rose – An improved showing from these two, with better posture and a consistent frame. Foot strength is needing improvement to challenge further.

6th No. 181 Jack Murphy and Siena Upton – Jack and Siena are musical and expressive dancers who cover the floor well. Some attention to hand styling and connection would assist their challenge for higher placing.

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United Kingdom Closed U16 All Girls Latin Championship

R - L: Presenter Diane Haywood, Eve Harris, Esmay Walters, Tia-Leigh Edge, Medi Parry, Hollie Soffia, Eva Sorrene, Isabelle Bir, Sienna Morris, Lacie Davies-English, Eloise Martin, Ava Jones, Freya Davies, Ava Bateman and Libby Farr.



United Kingdom Closed U14 Ballroom Championship

R - L: Presenter David Trueman, Pebble Rose Spratt, Luca Ivanets, Anya Mott, Petya Mott, Sophia Dell, Dominykas Orlauskas, Lena Skrzypczynska, Lewis Barks, Bay Rose, Will Grant, Siena Upton and Jack Murphy.



United Kingdom Closed O60 Ballroom Championship

R to L: Presenter David Trueman, Helen Diles, Grahm Diles, Karen Ogden, Ian James Ogden, Annette Sutton, John Sutton, Teresa Hardy, Peter Wakefield, Hong Song, Yiping Song, Janette Fletcher and Eddie Longworth.

United Kingdom Closed O60 Ballroom Championship

Reported by Accursio Romeo

1st No. 42 Grahm Diles and Helen Diles – Congratulations, well deserved and well danced. Great movement and shaping.

2nd No. 111 Ian James Ogden and Karen Ogden – Great form, clean topline with dynamic shaping.

3rd No. 23 John Sutton and Annette Sutton – John and Annette, I liked your power and drive in the swing dances.

4th No. 64 Peter Wakefield and Teresa Hardy – Very consistent in your performance. More use of your standing leg will help with power.

5th No. 98 Yiping Song and Hong Song – Pleasurable to watch, enthusiastic performances through all their dances.

6th No. 128 Eddie Longworth and Janette Fletcher – Well done on making this final. Both maintained a great position in hold.

The line-up photograph of the United Kingdom Closed O60 Ballroom Championship can be seen on page 5.

United Kingdom Closed Under 19 Latin Championship

Reported by Michael Hemera

1st No. 167 Chris Buttle and Cee Cee Jackson – Congratulations Chris and Cee Cee, winning the first four dances. Their maturity as a couple stood out.

2nd No. 113 Luciano Stoto and Raisa Sedykh – 3rd in Cha, 2nd in Samba, Rumba and Paso Doble and winning Jive. Got stronger throughout the competition.

3rd No. 65 Fabrizio Scattone and Sofie Taylor – 2nd in Cha. Started extremely strong today. Another excellent couple to round up the top 3. They keep improving each outing.

4th No. 46 Enrique Adolphus and Sienna Tia – 4th in all five dances. Another couple that are developing quickly.

5th No. 187 William Brown and Olivia Rose-Owen – 5th in Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble. Tall, powerful couple, strongly danced.

6th No. 60 Nick Streuli and Ruma Baker – 5th in Cha. A very tidy couple just lacking the power to compete for top three.

This was a very enjoyable event. Very tight throughout, everyone should be proud of themselves. Keep working hard.



United Kingdom Closed Under 19 Latin Championship

R - L: Presenter David Trueman, Cee Cee Jackson, Chris Buttle, Raisa Sedykh, Luciano Stoto, Sofie Taylor, Fabrizio Scattone, Sienna Tia, Enrique Adolphus, Olivia Rose-Owen, William Brown, Ruma Baker and Nick Streuli



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DPA Summer Festival Juvenile Solo 8 Dance Championship

Reported by David Trueman

The DPA must be congratulated on the addition of multi dance events for the Solo competitors and for their continuous forward thinking. The Juvenile Solo 8 Dance was a great spectacle on quality dancing right from the first round.

Tonight saw the title being lifted by Kseniia Vitiuk who won six of the eight dances, 2nd Ekaterina Evdokimova, 3rd Zoe Bowen, 4th Ava Armstrong, 5th Cara Rose Porter, 6th Emily Iddon.



DPA Summer Festival Junior Solo 10 Dance Championship

Reported by David Trueman

This was without doubt a competition of the very highest quality with so many of the best taking part. The attention to detail from all dancer's was superb to see.

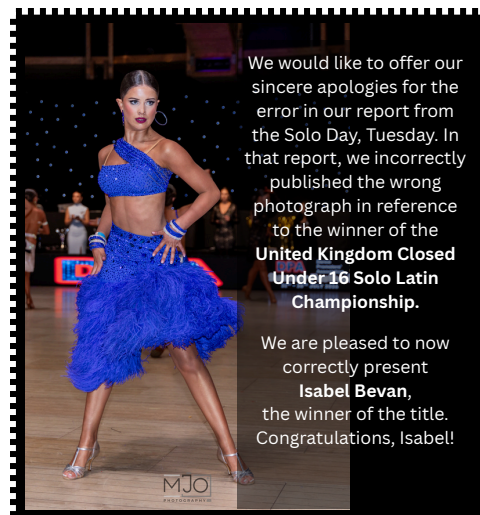
The winner by achieving first in six dances and third in four was Riona Ni Bhriain and the previous day was also crowned United Kingdom U16 Solo Ballroom Champion. 2nd Evie Crofton-Martin, 3rd Tilly Ellele, 4th Lukrecija Zukauskaitė, 5th Scarlett Hargreaves, 6th Leon Norfolk.



DPA Summer Festival Adult Solo 10 Dance Championship

Reported by David Trueman

The winner has clearly stamped her mark on this title by winning all dances. There was such an air of confidence in both styles. All of the finalist's danced to such a high level today making this event so good to watch. 1st Evie Rush, 2nd Abigail Care, 3rd Isabella-Grace Bevan, 4th Madeline Pryor, 5th Jasmine Cambridge, 6th Natalia De-Fazio.





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