



# Dance Flame

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Singapore Nationals 2005



### *Dear Readers,*

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter has been quite eventful in the Singapore DanceSport calendar. On the March 12, we hosted our 3<sup>rd</sup> Singapore Nationals to an overwhelming crowd at the Ngee Ann Convention Center. This is the first time we held Nationals in the premises of a tertiary Institute. The Convention Center was an ideal location as it could accommodate more than 500 spectators.

Our venue proved to be an excellent choice as we were able to attract many of the students for the event. Once again, the Singapore Nationals was a sold out event providing good food and fantastic dance competitions.

The Nationals started promptly with an opening performance by the Ngee Ann DanceSport Formation Team, and top NPDS DanceSport Athletes, Julian Soon & Iris Tan.



There are many firsts in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Singapore Nationals. This is the first time that we organized a Tertiary Closed Event where we have Nanyang Technology University and Ngee Ann Polytechnic in competition. This inter-tertiary event received very good support as we were able to garner 23 couple teams to participate. Many of the competitors were beginners and indeed, this was a good start to the development of DanceSport in the tertiary arena.

This was also the first time that the Singapore Nationals Series held competitions in the Grade A events. The Grade A Standard and the Grade A Latin events were awe-inspiring as they drew an astounding enthusiasm and cheers from the spectators in the finals.

By the end of the evening, new stars and champions were born. The Grade A Standard was won by Vasily Chuply & Priscilla Kwa; and in the Grade A Latin, Melvin Tan & Sharon Tan once again, took the National Champions title.

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their instructors, Melvin Tan and Sharon Tan (the reigning Latin Grade A National Champions).

NPDS had 10 couples competing in the first time ever Tertiary-closed 1-dance event. This was a popular event, attracting couples from Ngee Ann Polytechnic and Nanyang Technological University to compete on the same dance floor in this beginner's event. In this category, 4 out of 6 the finalist couples were from NPDS as they clinched the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> positions.

In the national-ranked category, Li JinJin (President of NP DanceSport) was placed Champion in Latin Grade E (Cha Cha) and presently ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Latin Grade E National chart. Iris Tan, a 1<sup>st</sup> year Banking and Financial Services student, was also placed Champion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up for Latin Grade C and Grade A respectively. She is currently ranked 1<sup>st</sup> on the Latin Grade C National chart.

Upcoming next, is the 9<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Open 2005 DanceSport Championships on 1 May 2005. The NPDS is looking forward to this competition in KL, organised by a member of the Malaysian DanceSport Berhad (IDSF member in Malaysia). The competitors will be competing in both events of Beginners Cha Cha and Beginners Jive. We wish everyone the very best of luck!

**Li Jin Jin, President, NP DanceSport**

Without a doubt, NP DanceSport (NPDS) has done it again with a good showing by its members' participation at the 3<sup>rd</sup> SGDF Singapore Nationals DanceSport Championships, held on 12 March 2005 in Ngee Ann Polytechnic Convention Centre.

As host institution, the NPDS 3<sup>rd</sup> Formation Team gave a heartwarming opening presentation comprising a dance-medley of the Cha-Cha-Cha, Salsa and the Samba, followed by a romantic rumba presented by couple, Julian Soon & Iris Tan (a 1<sup>st</sup> yr student from the School of Business & Accountancy). The formation team performance were choreographed by





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Primary and Lower Primary events thrilled the spectators as the young competitors competed in the Jive and Cha Cha Cha. The handsome couple, Deon Chan & Isabelle Tay emerged champions in the Upper Primary category and little Ashton De Silva & R. Reynita took the champions title in the Lower Primary events.

The evening's programme wrapped up beautifully with the honour dances performance by the respective Grade A Champions. Our spectators' responses were delightfully encouraging as many expressed eagerness to either participate or attend the next Singapore Nationals.

We hope that you enjoyed this issue of *Dance Flame* and we look forward to providing you with more updates of our latest events.

*Your Editor*



### Latest Addition : NTU DanceSport Academy

March 12<sup>th</sup> was the 3<sup>rd</sup> SGDF Nationals held at Ngee Ann Polytechnic. It was also the competitive debut for NTU's 14 couples participating in the Latin Tertiary Closed (Cha Cha Cha) category. A totally new experience for many for the competing couples, as none of them had prior public performance exposure before. Nevertheless, our couples braved the new challenges and put up excellent showing on the competition floor.

The heats and qualifying rounds were down to the luck of the draw, as songs of varying difficulty levels were played at every single dance. Inexperience showed through despite weeks of practice as more difficult songs stumbled several couples.

Finally, dancers from NTU DanceSport Academy proved their true mettle to clinch the Champion spot and the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up spot despite having only 2 couples in the final 6. Our only senior couple did us proud to come in 6<sup>th</sup> in both Grade C and D events, whilst dancing against a field of very strong dancers.



As the president of the NTU DSA, I'm extremely proud to present to you our first success in our first outing in our first year in the SGDF. I feel that it was a job very well done, given the fact that most of the couples only got together in less than 2 months. Not only have this competition improved a wonderful experience for the dancers, it has also done wonders for the club for it has created strong bonds within the club. Our club will strive to improve and reach for the best, for the best is yet to be.

**Chen Tse Yang,**  
President, NTU DanceSport Academy



## Upcoming DanceSport Events

### **SGDF Registered Local Competitions (May to July 2005)\***

|         |   |           |
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| 31 July | 6th SGDF International DanceSport Championships<br>IDSF Asian Pacific Championships | Singapore |
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### **IDSF Competitions (April to July 2005)\***

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|-----------------|--|---------------------------|
| 22/23 April     | IDSF Juvenile Open Standard & Latin      | Austria, Wels             |
| <b>23 April</b> | <b>IDSF World Youth Latin</b>            | <b>Austria, Wels</b>      |
| 22/23 April     | IDSF Juvenile Open Ten Dance             | Austria, Wels             |
| 22/23 April     | IDSF Junior I Open Ten Dance             | Austria, Wels             |
| 22/23 April     | IDSF Junior II Open Ten Dance            | Austria, Wels             |
| 22/23 April     | IDSF Youth Open Ten Dance                | Austria, Wels             |
| <b>23 April</b> | <b>IDSF World Junior II Ten Dance</b>    | <b>Moldavia, Kishinev</b> |
| 23/24 April     | IDSF International Open Standard & Latin | Moldavia, Kishinev        |
| 23/24 April     | IDSF International Open Standard & Latin | Gothenburg, Sweden        |
| 30 April        | IDSF International Open Standard         | Lithuania, Kaunas         |
| 30 April        | IDSF International Open Standard         | Slovakia, Bratislava      |
| 01 May          | IDSF International Open Latin            | Lithuania, Kaunas         |
| 01 May          | IDSF International Open Latin            | Slovakia, Bratislava      |
| 01 May          | IDSF International Open Standard & Latin | Korea, Seoul              |
| 07/08 May       | IDSF International Open Standard & Latin | Slovenia, Izola           |
| 14/15 May       | IDSF International Open Standard & Latin | Georgia, Tbilisi          |
| 14 May          | IDSF International Open Latin            | Sarajevo, Bosnia a. Herz. |
| 23 May          | IDSF International Open Standard & Latin | England, London           |
| 05 June         | IDSF International Open Latin            | Hungary, Szombathely      |
| 08 June         | IDSF International Open Standard         | Ukraine, Odesa            |
| 11/12 June      | IDSF International Open Standard & Latin | Poland, Olsztyn           |
| 11 June         | IDSF International Open Standard & Latin | France, Rouen             |
| 11/12 June      | IDSF Youth Open Standard & Latin         | Germany, Berlin           |
| 11/12 June      | IDSF Junior II Open Standard & Latin     | Germany, Berlin           |
| 18 June         | IDSF International Open Latin            | Ukraine, Sudak            |
| 19 - 22 June    | IDSF International Open Standard & Latin | Italy, Cervia             |
| 25/26 June      | IDSF International Open Standard & Latin | Bulgaria, Albena          |
| 26 June         | IDSF International Open Latin            | Italy, Alassio            |
| 02 - 05 July    | IDSF International Open Standard & Latin | Spain, Lloret de Mar      |
| 08 July         | <b>IDSF Grand Slam Latin</b>             | Spain, Barcelona          |
| 16 July         | <b>IDSF World Games Latin</b>            | Germany, Oberhausen       |
| 17 July         | <b>IDSF World Games Standard</b>         | Germany, Oberhausen       |

SGDF competitors who wish to participate in the above events may inform the Secretary by Fax at least 4 weeks in Advance. Participation in IDSF Championships will be through selections based on the SGDF national Ranking Lists and the Asian Ranking Lists. All other DanceSport competitors in Singapore who are not yet members of SGDF are reminded to join the Association immediately to be eligible for participating in the above events.

\*This list is correct at the time of publication. Members are advised to check and confirm the dates and other details either from the IDSF website or with the SGDF Personnel.

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