



THE **WOW** **FACTOR**



Emily Kwawk takes us through another great Line dance event from Shanghai.

A group of twenty three dancers from the Hong Kong Line Dancing Association was led by Lina Choi, one of the association's main principal, flew to Shanghai at the start of September to attend the WOW Line Dancing Spectacular 2010 event. We were delighted with our accommodation at the Courtyard in the Marriott Shanghai Xujiahui. We were soon heading to the Sports Hotel for the Opening Party.

Upon arrival at the hotel lobby, Line dancers from all over the world and instructors were already meeting up and enjoying seeing each other again. You could already hear the cameras clicking and the mood was definitely upbeat. The evening's dancing was kicked off spectacularly by Jo Thompson who taught 'Hello Dolly'. The playlist was varied and very enjoyable. The most energetic dancers did not leave until midnight after hours of fun.

Workshops and dance reviews were held every day from early in the morning until mid afternoon with open dance available all day. Although the rooms were extremely hot most of the time, dancers were still really thrilled to be able to get taught by some of the most acclaimed instructors in the world. Our association's head instructor Lina Choi was invited to attend the event as a guest instructor and taught two of her latest choreographies 'Starstruck' and

'Never Had A Dream Come True', plus 'In Love' by Francien Sittrop.

Sunday was the chance for all the dancers to experience another evening of non-stop dancing after an early buffet dinner. Though people were tired from all the hard work and feeling rather overheated, no one was reluctant to tackle new dances they had just learnt over the weekend. A small group of energetic and keen dancers mingled with several instructors and danced until midnight.

But don't think that the trip was all work and no play. After being encouraged to do so, we sampled two local restaurants in the Xujiahui district serving authentic Shanghainese dishes, the Nanling Restaurant and Jesse Restaurant. Wonderful food... Some dancers treated themselves to a foot and body massage to relax a bit and shopping (because no one can resist Shanghai shops). To top it all we ended up at the Expo 2010. We ventured out to the site on Monday, with some people luckier than others in gaining admission to the more popular pavilions.

When the group finally returned in Hong Kong, everyone had a head full of new found knowledge, terrific dances and fantastic memories to share. Another successful trip thanks to our wonderful Lina...



