

THE MAGNIFICENT FIFTEEN



It was a unique and ground-breaking event organised by the Hong Kong Line Dancing Association that took place from 23-26 January 2013 ending with the 15th Anniversary Celebration Party at the HK Convention & Exhibition Centre with over 300 attendees.

With an unbending pioneer's spirit, Lina Choi, responsible for initiating the culture, education and joy of international Line dance to Hong Kong, was the key person to establish the Hong Kong Line Dancing Association 15 years ago from a handful of students to over one thousand.

The dedication required is a mark of Lina's personal achievement milestone

and, some students have reached celebrity status in their own right by winning awards locally and abroad while others managed to become independent and accomplished Line dancing teachers, all promoting Line dancing in Hong Kong.

To the delight of Lina's students, two very special internationally renowned award winning instructors,

choreographers and performers were invited as the event guests of honour and, Joey Warren from USA and Jose Miguel Belloque Vane from the Netherlands.

They jointly provided three days workshops for local students' education and enjoyment, leading to the brilliant feature performances as one of the special programmes at the Celebration Party.



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19 new Line dances were taught in the different workshop classes: 50 Ways, Zumba, Farewell, Why Don't You, Wom Bom Bom, Stuck, Don't Rush, Mi Alma, Skiffle Time, Lovin' You Is Fun, Sex Love & Texas, Last Minute, Tonight, Sweet Baby Girl, I Want Your Body, This is A Man's World, Outta Control, Drunk On Love and Clap Your Hands.

The classes were very enjoyable because not only were Joey and Jose both very competent in teaching, they were very friendly and entertaining in the classes.

At the Party, Joey and Jose took to the floor with Leave You Alone, which they managed to jointly choreograph during their short stay in Hong Kong.

Joey's single performance was exciting with his inspiring, nimble, quick and stylish movements and yet, what brought the house down with applause, cheers and whistles, was the flying, dramatic performance of Jose in his Spiderman suit!

Committee members of the Association treated the spectators with

a special medley performance led by Lina, in a splendid display in harmony to the beat of the music of five selected popular dances from among a list of others choreographed by Lina over the last 15 years: Coconut Tree, Mr. Postman, Holdin' A Good Hand, La Isla Bonita and the Last Waltz.

Another great part of the event was that groups were invited to perform 15 poses spelling out the words, 'Special Celebration'. It was exciting to watch their creations but it must have been more fun preparing and participating



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for all the entries. A special prize was awarded to the winning group.



There was the usual Lucky Draw and the top prize was an iPad Mini won by student, Alice Wong. There were also special souvenirs, Chinese silk GongFu Jackets that were presented to Joey and Jose.

All the attendees to the party including two very special guests, Felicia and Vincient Chia from Singapore received special cowboy boot pendants and reusable bags.

The entire evening was friendly, festive, fun and enjoyed by students and guests. Through the evening there was plenty of conversation and laughter until the closing hour of the Magnificent Fifteen.

It was truly an event to remember and this is only a glimpse of a wonderful experience!

