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NEW SOLO FREESTYLE COMPETITION





A NEW AND EXCITING INNOVATION

An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha

In collaboration with

MICHAEL FLATLEY

Present a NEW SOLO FREESTYLE
COMPETITION





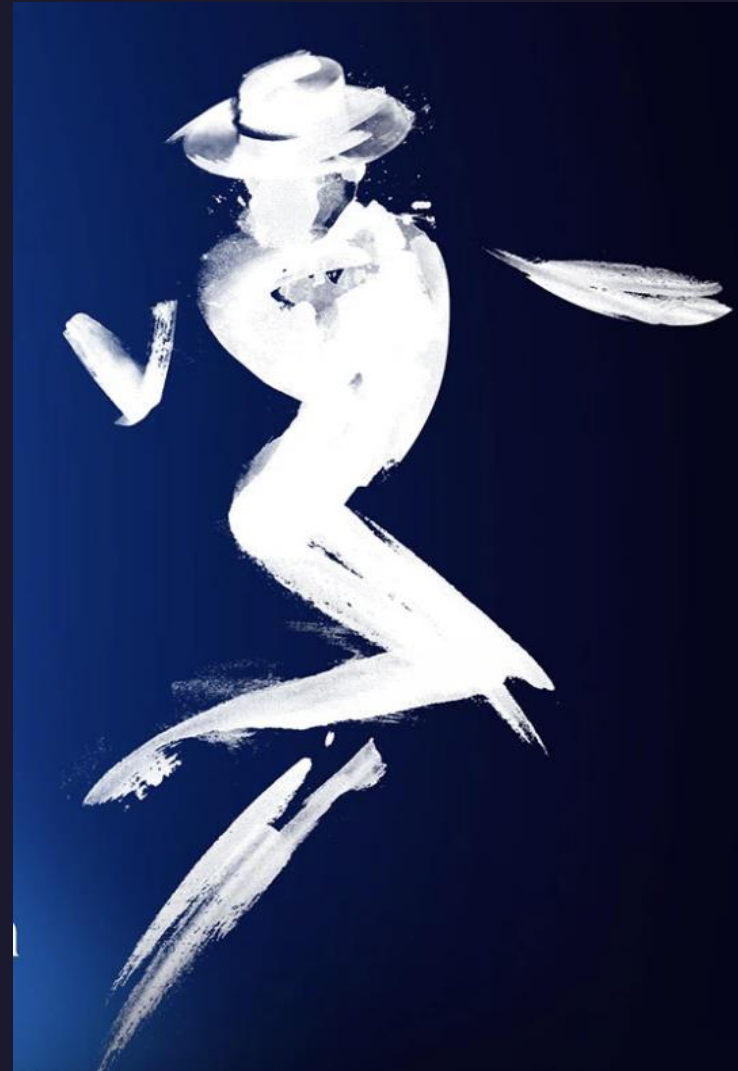
Michael Flatley reveals, that his dance style, is to become a feature of the World Irish Dance Championships, 2023.

A New Freestyle Competition introduced exclusively in the Irish Sunday World, by Eddie Rowley.

This new and exciting freestyle competition will be in keeping with tradition and the beautiful discipline that is Irish dance.

“I’m starting a competition at the world championships next year with what people call ‘the Flatley dance’ or the ‘free dance,’ Michael tells the Sunday World.”

“There is so much more to Irish dancing than winning a trophy”





A New Artistic Solo Freestyle Competition

- Sponsored by Michael Flatley
- An exciting innovation of freestyle dance for male and female dancers, allowing them to showcase their unique choreographic talent, along with traditional elements
- Dancers should embrace and cultivate their talent with innovative choreography and expression, incorporating upper body movement while portraying their acting skill as well as interpreting the music in their own way.
- Open to dancers **born in 2005** or earlier who **participated at their 2022 primary regional qualifier** (in solo or team events)
- An opportunity for dancers to express themselves with freedom of movement
- Choice of soft or hard shoe
- One award will be presented in both the Male and Female category
- Initial entry is via video submission filmed in landscape format. Each entry will be reviewed by an independent panel after which an independent selection process will take place and successful entrants will be informed how to proceed further in the competition.
- The routine performed onstage at the World Championships must match the routine submitted in the video and will be adjudicated by members of the 2023 Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne panel.
- Each performance will be marked against 4 specific categories: Choreography/creativity, musicality, dance performance & style, overall impact.
- The competition will be adjudicated by a panel of 7 judges, marking of each performance out of a total of 100 marks. 25 marks per category.



A 90 Second performance portraying a character/theme through dance.

Category information

- **Choreography/Creativity**

Demonstrate innovative choreography incorporating upper body movements which complement the dance performance.

- **Musicality**

The music chosen should reflect the character/theme of the performance.

- **Dance Performance and Style**

Articulation and execution of footwork. The performance should also portray the character/theme through dance and mime.

- **Overall Impact**

Overall impact of the performance.



Performance Information and Directives

- **Music** – a) Time signatures 2/4, 4/4, 6/8, 9/8, and acapella can be incorporated. Keeping tradition in mind.
B) All music must comply with the ownership, source, & licensing requirements.
- **Dancing** – Irish dance with traditional and progressive styles incorporating upper body movements into the dance performance.
- **Props** – A singular prop can be incorporated to enhance the presentation (For example a Hat, cane etc) Props should be manageable **solely by performer** both on and off the stage. Use of “smoke”, “straw” , “confetti”, “liquid”, etc will not be permitted. ***This rule will be strictly enforced.***
- **Set and lighting** – Set and lighting will be as per set up for the overall competition. There will be no provision for other enhancements.
- **Costume** – Costuming should be appropriate and modest and be as per video submitted, checked and passed.

Above directives may be checked by stage management in advance of performance.



How To Submit Entry

- Upload your video to YouTube
- In the Upload settings, please select **UNLISTED**
- When upload is complete, Email Your Video Link to; freestylecomp@lordofthedance.com
- Please include your Name, Age and Region with your submission
- Closing Date for Video Submission is FEBRUARY 9th, 2023 at 5pm IST
- There is no entry fee to submit your video.
- An entry fee will apply to those who are selected to compete in this new world event



“It is exciting to think what direction it might take with the young minds when we let them be free”

“FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS”

Michael Flatley





Presented By

The Oireachtas Sub Committee

Working Group for the Freestyle Competition

For

Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne, 2023