



*The Rayleigh*

M E D A L L I S T F E S T I V A L

***Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023***

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# ***Welcome To "The Rayleigh"***

We wish to convey our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support of the third Rayleigh Festival, once again gracing the splendid Mill Hall in South Essex. Our mission continues steadfastly: to recreate the enchanting ambiance of a bygone era, where teachers and students alike cherished mutual respect and camaraderie, irrespective of their school affiliations. The tremendous success of our previous event not only reaffirmed our belief in the attainability of our vision but also surpassed our most ambitious expectations.

This festival has garnered such widespread enthusiasm among educators and students that we now maintain a waiting list of schools eagerly anticipating the opportunity to become part of this warm and inclusive community. It's heartening to observe adults rallying behind young learners, while the children cheer on the adults, cultivating an atmosphere that holds a special place in our hearts, reminiscent of our days as both competitors and educators.

Our event has been meticulously organized to commence with the Solo Ballroom competitions, commencing with the Juvenile, Junior, and Adult categories, followed by the Ballroom Couples, and culminating in the Latin events. However, we kindly request your attention to the Compare's announcements, as the event schedule may undergo adjustments throughout the day.

For those who attended "The Rayleigh" last April, you may recall that the event took place just days after the sad loss of our dear friend and colleague, Len Goodman. You might also remember how we transformed an event that began with tears in our eyes due to grief into an occasion where tears ran down our cheeks due to laughter. This is precisely how Len would have wanted it. In remembrance of this giant of the industry, we have introduced The Len Goodman Award, which will be presented by Len's son and a friend of "The Rayleigh," James Goodman. You can expect more details about this during the day!

Lastly, we encourage you to mark your calendars for our forthcoming event, scheduled for Sunday, the 28th of April.

We genuinely hope you have a wonderful day with us, and we remain deeply appreciative of your unwavering support.

Warm regards,

*Phil and Zara*

## SOLO EVENTS (Ballroom)

*Solo events to be partnered by a teacher or an amateur*

Event No	Age	Grade	Dance
1	Under 8 Years	All Grades	Waltz
2	Under 8 Years	First Timers	Waltz
3	8 - 12 Years	Pre-Bronze	Waltz
4	8 - 12 Years	Bronze	Waltz
5	8 - 12 Years	Silver	Quickstep
6	8 - 12 Years	Gold & Above	Foxtrot
7	8 - 12 Years	First Timers	Waltz
8	Junior	Pre-Bronze	Waltz
9	Junior	Bronze	Waltz
10	Junior	Silver	Quickstep
11	Junior	Gold & Above	Foxtrot
12	Junior	First Timers	Waltz
13	Under 35 Years	Pre-Bronze	Waltz
14	Under 35 Years	Bronze	Waltz
15	Under 35 Years	Silver	Quickstep
16	Under 35 Years	Gold & Above	Foxtrot
17	Over 35 Years	Pre-Bronze	Waltz
18	Over 35 Years	Bronze	Waltz
19	Over 35 Years	Silver	Quickstep
20	Over 35 Years	Gold & Above	Foxtrot
21	Over 50 Years	Pre-Bronze	Waltz
22	Over 50 Years	Bronze	Waltz
23	Over 50 Years	Silver	Quickstep
24	Over 50 Years	Gold & Above	Foxtrot
25	Adults	First Timers	Waltz
26	All Ages	Special Assistance	Waltz

## SOLO EVENTS (Latin)

*Solo events to be partnered by a teacher or an amateur*

Event No	Age	Grade	Dance
51	Under 8 Years	All Grades	Cha Cha Cha
52	Under 8 Years	First Timers	Cha Cha Cha
53	8 - 12 Years	Pre-Bronze	Cha Cha Cha
54	8 - 12 Years	Bronze	Cha Cha Cha
55	8 - 12 Years	Silver	Rumba
56	8 - 12 Years	Gold & Above	Jive
57	8 - 12 Years	First Timers	Cha Cha Cha
58	Junior	Pre-Bronze	Cha Cha Cha
59	Junior	Bronze	Cha Cha Cha
60	Junior	Silver	Rumba
61	Junior	Gold & Above	Jive
62	Junior	First Timers	Cha Cha Cha
63	Under 35 Years	Pre-Bronze	Cha Cha Cha
64	Under 35 Years	Bronze	Cha Cha Cha
65	Under 35 Years	Silver	Rumba
66	Under 35 Years	Gold & Above	Jive
67	Over 35 Years	Pre-Bronze	Cha Cha Cha
68	Over 35 Years	Bronze	Cha Cha Cha
69	Over 35 Years	Silver	Rumba
70	Over 35 Years	Gold & Above	Jive
71	Over 50 Years	Pre-Bronze	Cha Cha Cha
72	Over 50 Years	Bronze	Cha Cha Cha
73	Over 50 Years	Silver	Rumba
74	Over 50 Years	Gold & Above	Jive
75	Adults	First Timers	Cha Cha Cha
76	All Ages	Special Assistance	CCC

## COUPLES EVENTS

Event No	Ballroom
101	Under 8 Years Quickstep
102	8 - 12 Years Waltz
103	Junior 12 - 15 Years Foxtrot
104	Adult Under 35 Years Waltz
105	Adult Over 35's Quickstep
106	Adult Over 50 Years Foxtrot
107	Adult & Child Cha Cha Cha
151	Under 8 Years Cha Cha Cha
152	8 - 12 Years Jive
153	Junior 12 - 15 Years Samba
154	Adult Under 35 Years Cha Cha Cha
155	Adult Over 35's Rumba
156	Adult Over 50 Years Samba

## And finally, who is who!



### **Phil Meacham - Compare**

Meet Phil Meacham, your gracious host. Phil's journey in dance began at age 4, his diaper-clad performances delighting family members as he held onto the front of an old-fashioned Radiogram. His innate flair for performance harmoniously complemented his professional dance success. Beyond dancing, Phil's career has flourished, including roles as a BBC radio presenter and appearances on diverse television shows, from children's programs to "A Comic Strip Presents..." on Channel 4. This multifaceted background uniquely equips him to dynamically host dance events, from intimate gatherings to grand National Championships. Expect an enjoyable and entertaining experience with Phil, where delightful unpredictability adds to the charm!



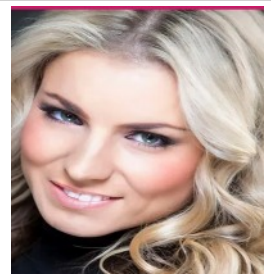
### **Jill Bush - Judge**

Jill's passion for dance ignited during her childhood and has blossomed into a lengthy and fulfilling career. She consistently imparts her knowledge, with a focus on professional teacher training, holding prestigious titles as a Fellow and Lead Examiner in four specialized faculties within the ISTD. Her work frequently leads her abroad, with a strong presence in various Asian regions. Irrespective of her students' age or skill level, whether they are novices or champions, Jill continues to derive immense joy from every facet of her profession.



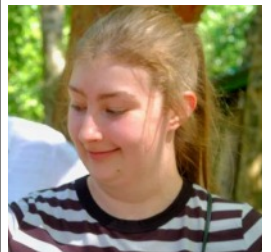
### **Malcolm Hill - Judge**

Malcolm, an esteemed Fellow and Examiner within the ISTD, boasts nearly three decades of experience in preparing candidates for both medallist and professional examinations. His expertise extends to regular adjudication and examination duties both in the UK and on the international stage. Additionally, Malcolm actively participates in organizations like UKEDC and holds the role of EDI officer as a director of the BDC, showcasing his ongoing dedication to the dance community.



### **Crystal Main - Judge**

Crystal Main is the proprietor of Feather Steps Dance Academy, situated in Suffolk. With a prestigious background as the former UK Closed Champion and a consistent presence as a finalist in the Open British and British National competitions across all levels, she has achieved remarkable success in her dancing career. Beyond the competition circuit, Crystal has also shone as a principal dancer on stage and contributed her talents as a Strictly Come Dancing show dancer and Assistant Choreographer. With a wealth of experience, she has been dedicated to professional dance instruction for over two decades, demonstrating her enduring commitment to the art.



### **Libby Brooks - scrutineer**

Libby is renowned as the "swiftest data entry expert in the industry" and stands out as one of the UK's most promising scrutineers. Her dependable laptop accompanies her to numerous prominent events where she consistently demonstrates remarkable flexibility and adaptability. Libby is a familiar face at prestigious gatherings like the Blackpool Grand Finals. With her exceptional skills, she is the ideal candidate to handle all the numerical intricacies at "The Rayleigh."