



STEP TOGETHER

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

STEP TOGETHER aims to help raise awareness of the benefits of dancing for mental health and well-being. At the same time, this competition aimed to promote cultural diversity, customs and traditions from around the world.

The competition invited participants to submit a photograph that captured the happiness when dancing. We received in excess of 2K entries from 32 different countries. Here is a selection of images that reflect community spirit as well as images that portray professional dancers.

A selection of entries from the STEP TOGETHER will be showcased on the DLR network to mark World Mental Health Day 2022.

Thank you to our judges for their time and support.

1. **Clelgen Luiz Bonetti**

Ballroom dancing with good old shoes.



2. **Abdollah Heidari**

Children singing and dancing in a cafe for children affected by autism and Down syndrome.



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6. **Deepa**

The Maasai Mara welcomed me with their famous jumping dance. Accompanied by songs, men take turns to see who can jump the highest.



3. **Angela Macario**

Dancing to a typical song during carnival in Goiânia, Brazil.



5. **Roy Dibakar**

Performing a traditional dance celebrating the joy of Chaath. Kolkata, India.



8. **Jahid Alamapu**

A mother holding her daughter's hands whilst enjoying every drop of rain, dancing and spinning in circles with happiness.



7. **Marcin Maziej**

Dancing is one way of expressing emotions and telling stories. In this photo a Spanish dancer performs the "corrida" - a fight between a man and a bull.



4. **Anna Sandowenko**

A Special Family Christmas.



9. **Emmanuel Fajutag**

Children from Konso, Ethiopia, singing and dancing to tribal tunes.



10. **Evgeny Melekhov**

Young girl enjoying a spin



11. **Gilmar Dolavale Jr.**

Photo taken at the midday dance with participants enjoying a ballroom experience.



12. **James Mileham**

The arcade dance game overlooking Margate, Kent, England.



14. **Jose Fuentes**

Young woman dancing Bomba y Plena, (Puerto Rico's folkloric dance), at a beach party.



15. **Judith Le Roux**

A retired couple going to tango therapy classes at a hospital in Argentina.



16. **Kip Harris**

Salt Lake City at the US National Square Dancing Convention



17. **Marcos Antonio Ramos Esteves**

Dream of dancing. Boy dancing in the backyard of his house dreaming of joining a famous ballet company.



18. **Md Imrul Kayes**

My friend Jhilik loves Indian classical dance. Here she can't resist dancing in the rain on a building roof top!



19. **Morgan Louie**

Outdoor dance event in Washington DC.



13. **Javier Arcenillas**

Grandparents party, In homage to his wife he has dressed up as a woman. The two surprisingly, despite their age of more than 93 years, set an example of life.



20. **Nadezhda Preminina**

Love on the dance floor



21. **Mark Lapis**

Flamenco dance full of heat! Poznań/Poland



22. **Nick Board**

Caminito, La Boca, Buenos Aires, where Tango is a religion.



23. **Oleksandr Tsarytsanskyi**

A Ukrainian woman dances a Ukrainian folk dance with song called "Green leaves, white chestnuts". This dance celebrates femininity with movements evocative of the water surface, sometimes raging, sometimes quiet. Smoothness, sincerity, femininity, grace.



24. **Parag Rama Wavale**

The Holi Festival in India is very big wild, you can see big crowds, colored dye, water guns, music, dancing, and partying peoples all around. During the Holi Festival, people dance in the street and playfully throw colourful dye on each other. A joyful time in India.



25. **Rodrigo Mazzola**

"The Pose"

I am completely passionate about photography and dance. I have a special affection for ballet and its movements. The ballerina and her lines.



26. **Simon King**

Morris Dancers perform during the *May Day/Platinum Jubilee Celebrations* at Wellow.



27. **Zhang Xu**

SALSA Art Festival in Beijing, China, where a couple got together for passionate dance.



28. **Stephan de Rouville**

The young boys are dancing as the weekly train will pull up any time now in this isolated region of Madagascar. The children's father keeps a look out for the train.



29. **Yin Yu**

‘Happiness’



30. **Alexandra Filipeti Calliari**

With his snake print skirt Rober seemed to have entered another dimension and it was a beautiful moment for me to witness.



31. **Nico Nardomarino**

Up until recently, a mysterious illness affected women from Puglia when bitten by spiders. The only way to treat this was a prescription of music and dance, *Pizzica*. This Folk music exhorted the women into a hypnotic dance, to sweat the spiders' poison out of the system.



32. **Md Shamim ul Islam**

The dancing butterfly.





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