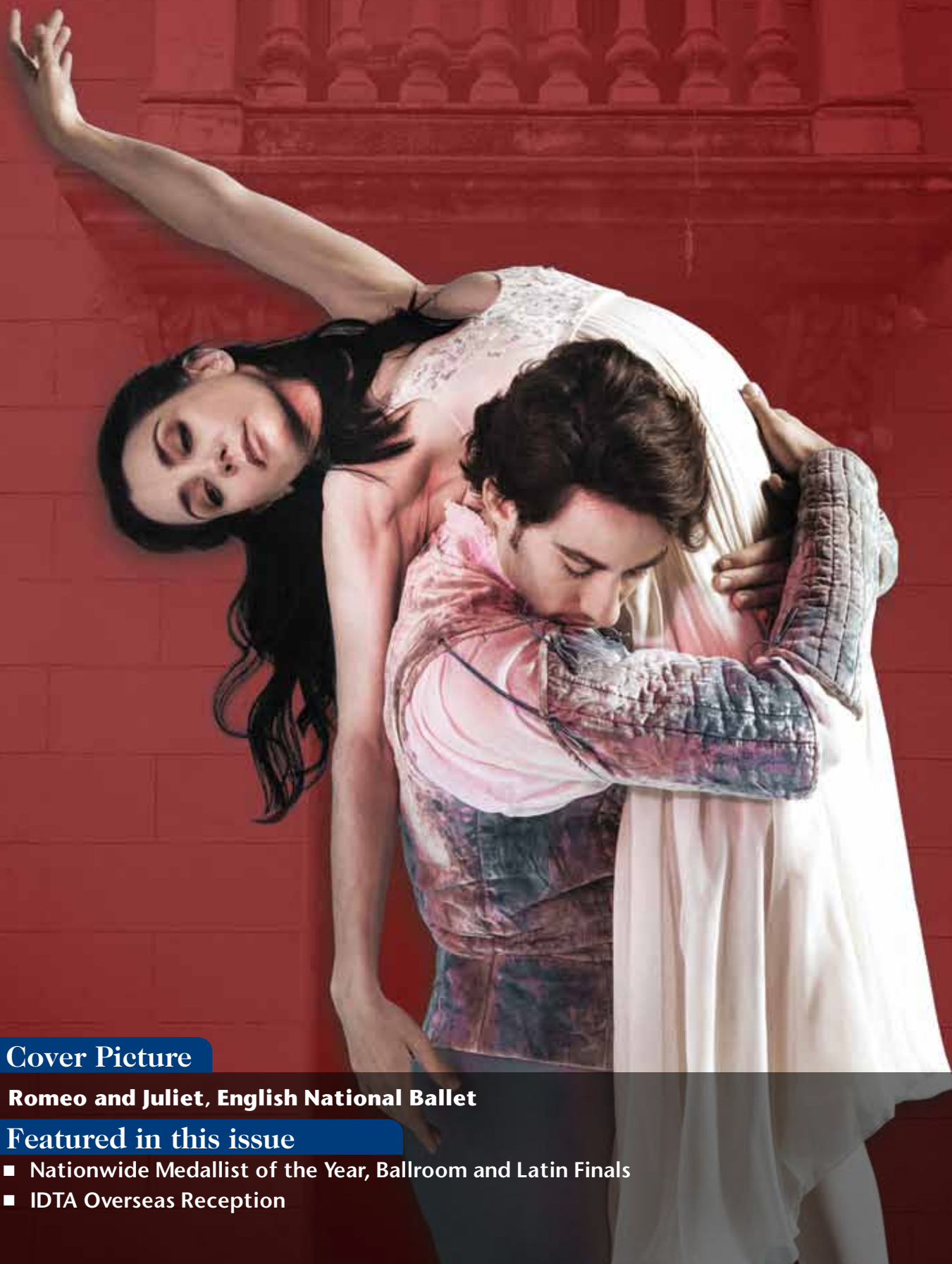


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IDTA 2014 Overseas Members Reception

White Tower Restaurant Blackpool

By Keith Holmes

Every year during the world famous British Ballroom and Latin American Dance Championships held in Blackpool, IDTA hosts a luncheon for its members who are visiting Blackpool for the Championships.

This year the event was supported by IDTA members from seventeen different countries - South Africa, Malaysia, Hong Kong, China, Croatia, Portugal, Macau, Holland, Germany, Korea, America, Singapore, Philippines, Switzerland, France, Greece and Cyprus – who were joined by many UK guests who are prominent as members of IDTA and well respected people within the dance world.

The weather outside was dull but inside, the atmosphere was warm and friendly.

As the guests arrived they were greeted by the IDTA President and IDTA Directors to a pre-luncheon drinks reception. Drinks and canapés were served, the canapés being of a distinct Blackpool flavour, mini fish and chips, mini Yorkshire pudding with roast beef and horseradish, leek and cheese tartlet.

Camera lights were flashing continually as all the guests wanted to be photographed.

At 12.45 prompt the guests were invited to move to the resplendent White Tower Restaurant for lunch; the restaurant looked wonderful with each table adorned by beautiful orchid centrepieces.

The President welcomed all the guests from near and far and said she hoped that everyone would enjoy the day.

A delicious four course lunch was then served.

Following lunch, IDTA Doreen Mathews South Africa thanked the IDTA on behalf of the guests for providing the opportunity for IDTA overseas members to meet in this way.

The President Miss Anna Jones, in her own inimitable manner, suggested that a member from each country sang their own national anthem. This went down a storm culminating in "Rule Britannia", "Land of Hope and Glory" and "God Save the Queen".

Not wanting the event to come to an end Anna gave her own rendition of "Ten Green Bottles". What the overseas delegates must have thought as each bottle fell off the wall!



It was so enjoyable, proving that the IDTA is one big happy family.

The President then brought the proceedings to a close and thanked the guests for attending, with particular thanks to everyone concerned in the organisation of the day's event, especially to Amanda Thompson, Managing Director of Blackpool Pleasure Beach and all her staff for the excellent service received.

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Launch of the New Edition of the Laird Technique of Latin Dancing by Walter Laird

May 2014, Blackpool

The IDTA were delighted to be able to launch the new edition of the Laird Technique of Latin Dancing at the British Championships at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool in May 2014, at a special book signing with Riccardo Cocchi and Yulia Zagoruychenko.

The new edition has been produced by the IDTA Latin Faculty and includes new colour photos of Riccardo and Yulia demonstrating many of the figures.

The Board of Directors wish to congratulate the Latin Faculty, Richard Hopkins, Lynda King, John Knight, Michael Sandham and Chairman Yvonne Saunders for all their work and dedication to the project and thank Riccardo and Yulia for agreeing to work with the Association.



Riccardo and Yulia with Malcolm Hearn of DanceSport International



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Riccardo Cocchi, IDTA President Anna Jones and Yulia Zagoruychenko



Riccardo and Yulia with one of their sponsors, Jordy International