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Line dancers in Hong Kong enjoy workshops with John Robinson

## DANGEROUS LINE DANCE WORKSHOPS

The Hong Kong Line Dancing Association had the pleasure of holding three days of Dangerous Workshops at the walk-in studio. The instructor was none other than the highly acclaimed John Robinson (Kentucky, USA), who had flown in the night before from Perth, Australia.

Six two-hour sessions were held over three days, two at the Beginner-Intermediate level, two at Intermediate level, one Advanced and one Technique Class. All the sessions were full, with over seventy five Line dancing enthusiasts covering every inch of the studio floor. John taught fifteen dances, including Summerlove, Sinful, Peepin', All Jacked Up, Down Deep, Unchain, Last Days of Disco, Hot 'N' Sweaty, Diva, Let Yourself Go-Go, Mr.Teardrop, Shake Yourself Loose, Irish Stew, Bombshel Stomp, and Aquarius. An atmosphere of fun and laughter filled the studio as participants were excited and eager to learn John's own choreographed dances.

The Technique Class was an eye opener. Some had been Line dancing for many years, however they never realized that one can look like a "true Line dancer" by having proper body placement



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ents (above) Instructor Lina Choi with John Rob-



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and using the different parts of one's body correctly. Everyone was grateful for John's feedback and felt that they could use his suggestions to further improve their technique.

The Hong Kong Line Dancing Association also had the opportunity of experiencing an additional workshop on Friday afternoon. The session was conducted by Benjamin Smart, a 16 year old Line dancing prodigy from Australia. Three pieces were

taught during the two hours: Replay DJ, (Your Love Is A Miracle )Dance: Blind Love #2, and Dancing Fool #1. Despite his youth, Ben gained the respect of some students who were three times his age.

The Association held its "Dare 2 Luv" Annual Party at the YMCA in Yaumatei, with John Robinson as guest of honour. Aside from the long list of dances led by our ever-so-energetic instructor Lina Choi. John did not disappoint us by agreeing to teach his new choreography Get It While It's Hot. Many learnt the dance in a very short time, thanks to John's wit and highly experienced instructing skills. Not only did John and Ben Smart help us to pick the winners for the Christmas Party's lucky draw, they also led a few dances and put on an absolutely dazzling performance during dinner. John showed off his brilliant style and technique in Clouds In My Eyes, Ben stole everyone's heart with Dancing Fool, and together they performed a medley of funky dances which were just sensational.

John Robinson's first visit to Hong Kong was certainly not all work and no play. Both he and Ben, as well as Ben's grandparents who accompanied him on the trip, were treated to dim sum

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around the Hong Kong harbour, a trip to Victoria Peak, Repulse Bay, Stanley Market, plus shopping in Causeway Bay and Wanchai, pizzas and steaks, all compliments of The Hong Kong Line Dancing Association.

lunches, a Peking duck dinner, an evening dinner cruise

The Dangerous Workshops and Yet We Dare 2 Luv Annual Party were huge successes and The Hong Kong Line Dancing Association hopes to organize even more spectacular events in the future.

John Robinson and Benjamin

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