

Michael & Joanna

Michael Malitowski

(Born 28th May 1980, Zielona Gora , Poland)

Michael was only 8 when he discovered that his passion is dancing. Although it might be hard to believe, at the same time he also discovered the true meaning of loyalty and commitment. He stayed with his first partner (Iwona Golczak, currently also high ranked Pro Latin dancer) for the next 14 years! During this period they won Polish Championships 4 times and in 1999 British Open Under 21 Latin in Blackpool. Dedication and thinking in long-term perspective have been essential for Michael's career since the very beginning. He always knew what he was aiming for. And he still does. Having been crowned twice the World Professional Latin Champion he does not see it as the end of his unprecedented journey to the top!

Life is a dance

Dancing is Michael's way of life. It has always been. His family early noticed that whenever music was on Michael felt the rhythm and was more than eager to loose himself in it. This natural ability simply had to be channeled into something bigger. The rough talent was quickly refined and Michael has never forgotten that it was his parents that opened the door to the dance world for him. Strong support of his family and hard work that he was always willing to undertake, contributed to the quick development of Michael's gift. What is interesting, he was always interested in not only physical aspect of dancing but he treated dance as a holistic experience. In his view the body and mind have always completed each other in the act of dancing. Consequently, along with working on his then rapidly progressing Pro Latin career, Michael started studies at the University of Zielona Gora. He graduated with Master's Degree in 2004 (just a few weeks after he became third at World Professional Latin Championships in Miami!).

Master of his own style

Michael's unique approach to Latin Dance allowed him to improve himself mentally and physically as a result of pursuing his dancing career. He claims that he has become mentally stronger, developed ability to communicate better with others and build richer relationships as he is more open to new ideas and knows how to express himself fully. At the same time, he has achieved something that only a few true dance masters were able to accomplish. He created a new, unique style recognised on the dance floors around the world. Always a natural leader, Michael's goal was not only to gain mastery in Latin Dance but to push boundaries and discover new territories. He has done so, staying true to the "perfect duality" that has been defining his career since the very beginning. Michael joined together the natural and trained elements into perfect combination. The modern, revolutionary attitude with respect for tradition and old masters. His whole body and mind work in absolute harmony and the effects can be observed on the delighted faces of audience members in the ballrooms all over the world.

Free your mind and your dance will follow

While performing, teaching or giving lectures he always tries to convey the message that dancing should give the audience something more than only visual pleasure. It should be also a unique experience that evokes feelings in a way that true art does. That is why Michael's presence on the dance floor always brings enormous energy and refreshing honesty. That is also why he encourages people he teaches to bring their personal style to dancing and express their true selves. In every aspect of Michael's dance life professionalism meets freedom. Perfection meets creativity.