

# It always seems impossible until it's done

*Pippa Roberts*

Steve Fenech has been involved in wheelchair dancing for 16 years. Whilst the last two years have seen Steve looking for a permanent dance partner, he has been active in promoting the advantages of wheelchair dance to both children and adults in schools and clubs around Malta.



The biennial Maltese Open to the World Championships is one of the biggest wheelchair dance competitions in the world and Steve is an integral part of the organization. Despite his disability he manages to meet and greet many of the International competitors, adjudicators and officials; organize transport as well as attending many of the meetings needed to organize the event. Pippa, Steve and Graziella, who recently joined the association as a committee member, make a formidable team.

For the 2016 Dance Spectacular Steve was partnered by Amanda Amira, who was determined that he would compete in the event, although she could not be his partner permanently. Their hard work was rewarded as they were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Latin American Combi Class 2 Championships.

For anyone who has not been to the Malta Dance Spectacular, you have missed something which is becoming “a not to be missed event”. In the past there have been motorbikes and judges dancing in leather, zombies, coffins, cowboys and many other special dances by the officials. Many of the dancers return to Malta every two years to participate in this special event and already ten countries have confirmed they will be participating in the 2018 Spectacular and see what the fantastic opening theme will be.



Patience is a virtue they say, and Steve now has a new partner, Liza who is also from Mellieħa. Together with their trainer Pippa Roberts they are working to once again place Malta on the dance map. Their first competition was at the German Open, one of the largest competitions in the world where wheelchair dance is featured as an invitation competition. As Steve & Liza both reside in Mellieħa, they are looking for a hall in Mellieħa so they may practice more easily.

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Just remember Steve says “ANYONE CAN DANCE”