



TONY CURLEY

Tony Curley pictured here with his mother Madge has had another successful year. Within 10 hours he won two Life Time Achievement Awards. The first in Birmingham from the Association of Dance and Freestyle Professionals (ADFP) and the second in Southport at the Le Classique Dance Awards which is the equivalent of the Oscars in the Dance World. Tony is part of the Dancedreams Theatre School team who's pupil Emily Crow made the live TV final of 'Got to Dance' hosted by Davina McCall. Followed by another pupil Danielle Gilmour winning the B.A.T.D. Senior Freestyle Scholarship. His dedication to Freestyle Dance has without doubt paid off as many of his pupils have gained success in the British European and World Championships. What is next for Tony? He is very honoured for the third consecutive year to have been asked to be Chairman of Adjudicators at the forthcoming Freestyle World Championships in June at The Tower Ballroom, Blackpool. Although Tony specializes in Freestyle Dance his background was Latin-American and Ballroom with his initial training coming from his father and mother Jim & Madge Curley. He progressed into a successful competitive career where he was trained by the former British Champions Sammy & Shirley Stopford. Tony has always felt being 2nd generation in a dancing family has made him even more passionate about dance, after all it must be in your blood. Madge still teaches sequence dancing and has in the past enjoyed Tony's partnering skills to help her out. Incidentally together they won the S.D.T.A. Inventive Dance competition in 1995. Since Tony has been with Dancedreams he has been involved with many stage productions and has found a new talent in the form of Showdance. It is so typical of the world of dance, always willing to try something new, stretching your imagination and pushing your pupils to their limits. This is certainly true of Tony.

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