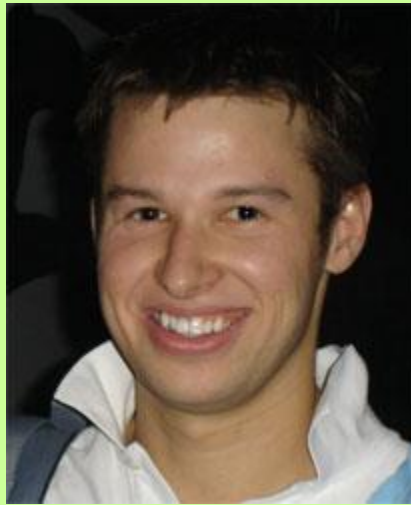


Chris Hannon



Some fact's at first...

- When and where were you born?

4 March 1982 Newcastle Upon Tyne, England.

- Your height?

6.0 Feet

- What is your favourite food?

Spagetti Bolognese

- Your favourite music?

All sorts

- Your favourite movie?

„Bad Boys“

- Your favourite city / place in the world, you have visited so far?

There are four places that were my favourite, can't choose between them. They are Dubai, Cape Town, Singapore and the whole Israel Tour in 1999.

About your family...

- Please tell us something about your parents - what do they do for their living? Do they dance as well?

My father has his own business and my mother teaches Irish Dancing.

- Do you have any brothers or sisters? How old are they? Do they dance, too? What do they do for their living?

Have one brother and sister, only my sister dances.

- Is it hard for you, to be apart from your family for such a long time while touring? How often are you able to travel back home again?

We get enough time at home. I have got used to being away.

- What do your family think of your job as a Show Dancer? Are they proud of you? How often do they visit you on tour and watch you dancing the Show?

They love that I'm in the show, especially my mother because she teaches Irish Dancing. They have seen me many times and are very proud.

- There are a few relationships within the troupe – do you have a girlfriend?

No.

About your beginnings...

- Why did you start Irish Dancing and when? Who taught you during all the time?

I started because my mother and grandmother taught it. I started at the age of 8 and stayed at the Hannon Murphy School until I joined the Show - age 16.



- How old have you been at your first competition?

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- Did you attend many championships as a competition dancer? Have you won?

I attended lots and did okay.

- What was it like to do competitions?

It was great, especially meeting lots of others from around the world.

- What do you like more – Show Dancing or doing competitions? Why?

Show is better. You travel to far more places.



- What is – in your opinion – the most important difference between Show dancing and competitions?

You get paid for show Dancing.

- Did you have any major injuries because of Irish Dancing?

Yes, I broke my foot while doing the show.

- Did you learn other kinds of dance?

No.

Becoming a Show Dancer...

- Have you been with another Irish Dance Show, before you joined LotD?

No

- Why did you choose LotD?

Cause it was the Best!



- Have you seen the Show before you applied for auditions for LotD?

Yes, in my home town.

- Do you remember what you have thought or felt during your auditions?

Extremely nervous.

- When did you do your auditions and do you have to wait a long time until they called you to join the Show?

I auditioned at Wembley Arena at the end of Feb 98. I waited few weeks to hear.

- When did you join LotD? How old have you been?

I joined Lord of the Dance in April 98 for rehearsals for Troupe 3 Las Vegas. After rehearsals finished, I went back to school for exams then joined T1.

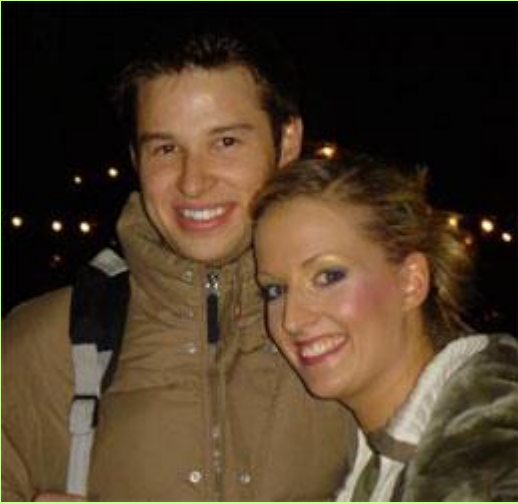


- Have you been called directly to T1 or did you have some training before?

I trained with Troupe 3 for 6 weeks.

- Did you know some of the other troupe members before you joined?

Yes.



- Please describe the feeling, to join an already existing troupe. Were you nervous or afraid not to meet the requirements?

Extremely nervous because back then, Troupe 1 was majority originals the best of the best.

- Please describe your first day with your new troupe?

Scary - I was quite young compared to most of them and they had been together a while.

- What was the hardest part to learn?

Dangerous Games.

- How much time did you get to learn your routines, until you first danced on stage with LotD? What was the first part you were allowed to dance? When was it?

I had six weeks of rehearsals. My first numbers were Warlords and Encore in Feet of Flames Hyde Park.

Getting the Leading Part...



- Did you have to do auditions for your leading part, or did it just happen?

No, I auditioned in Zürich in 2001.

- Was it your idea of doing the lead or have you been suggested by somebody?

I liked it, some decided to try and practiced it hard until auditions.

- When did you start practising the leading part and who taught you to dance the Dark Lord? How long did it take, to learn the leading part?

I started practising at the start of 2001 (Jan). I was taught of Daire Nolan, Steve Brunning and Tom Cunningham.



- What was the hardest part to learn as a lead dancer?

Learning to use your hands and arms.

- When and where did you first stepped on stage as Dark Lord?

May 12, 2001 - Marsaile, France.

- Do you remember your feelings while doing the lead the very first time? Have you been nervous?

Before Warriors - the most nervewraking thing I'd ever done. Then after I was completely on cloud 9.

- Who were your partners for this special show?

I danced with Damien O'Kane and Bernadette Flynn.



- Have you ever thought of doing the Good Guy in the Show?

No.

- Who are you favourite dance partners when you are doing the lead?

Des Bailey and Damien O'Kane



Through the years with LotD / FoF...

- Please describe your course of day while touring!

Wake up - on Bus - hotel - shower - wack around town - get on bus to gig - rehearse - eat - do show

- Do you like travelling to all those places around the world or is it hard work?

Some places are great, but others can be hard work.

- How much do you have to practice while touring?

Enough.

- What is your memorable moment with LotD / FoF?

Dancing in my home town with the Show. Doing Lead in front of friends and family.

- What is your favourite dance in LotD and in FoF (in Hard-/Softshoes) as a Lead Dancer and as a chorus dancer?

Couples



- How do you prepare for a show?

Warm up

- Are you nervous before going on stage?

Yes

- Have you ever been with another Troupe? If so – when was it?

Yes, I went to Troupe 4 for a year.



Costumes & other equipment...

- Is it hard to handle the different sizes of stage in different cities?

Yes, but we're very professional so we cope with the help of Bernadette.

- How long does it take to get ready before the show?

One hour

- What are your favourite shoes to dance with?

Antonio Paccelli

- Your shoe size?

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- How often do you need new shoes (heavies and lights)? Do you have a special trick to break in new Heavies?

Every 6 months

nowadays & in the future...

- What do the dancers do, when they get a long tour-break? Staying at home or doing another job - maybe dancing in one of the other shows or joining another LotD-Troupe in the meanwhile?

Chill a home with my friends and family.

- How long do you plan to stay with LotD? Hopefully a long time!

Not sure...

- Is there something you want to tell your fans, who are visiting www.lordofthedance.at and <http://biography.lordofthedance.at> ?

Hi!

