

Ciara Scott



Some facts at first...

- When and where were you born?

25th August 1981 in Dublin Ireland.

- Your height?

5'5 - 5'7 in heels

- What is your favourite food?

Indian or Italian.

- Your favourite music?

All types, mostly chill out music.

- Your favourite movie?

„My Best Friends Wedding“

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

Taiwan / Japan / Blackpool

- Do you have any hidden talents, we don't know about?

I'm a good singer, and I'm a bit psychic, and I'm really good at celebrity gossip.

- What's the most treasured moment in your life, so far?

Buying a house with my boyfriend Brendan.



About your family...

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

My Mum is a special needs teacher and works with disabled people. My Dad is general manager of Air France.

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

My brother is 17, Kevin, he's in school. My sister Megan is 14. My younger brother Darragh is 8. None of them dance.

- 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?

It was at first, but you get use to it. But we're never away for too long at a time.

- What do your family thinks 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're very proud of me and come to see the show when they can.

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



I have been in a relationship with Brendan McCarron for 3 ½ years - and fancy him like mad.

About your beginnings...

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

I was 3 years old. I first danced with a teacher called Katherine Kearney. Then changed to Granne McCormack.

- How old have you been at your first competition?

5 years old

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

Yes, I did a lot of competitions and won sometimes.

- What was it like to do competitions?

It was good fun. You meet a lot of friends there.

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

Definitely Show dancing, as you can move your arms, wear nice dresses, and perform not complete.

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

You can move more freely.

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

No, I've been very lucky.

- Did you learn other kinds of dance?

When I was young I learned tap dancing, and a little modern dancing.

Becoming a Show Dancer...

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

Not a dance show but I use to dance on a ship in Sweden for 4 months before I joined Lord of the Dance.

- Why did you choose LotD?

I seen Lord of the Dance on TV and thought it was amazing, and really wanted to be in it.

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

Only on TV.

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

I was very nervous but also excited of the thought I could be in the show.

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

I did my auditions in 1999 and didn't have to wait long. You usually find out quickly.

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

In 1999. I was 17.

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

I did some training before I joined T1.

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



Yes, most people would know each other before the show.

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

I was very excited, and a little nervous.

- Please describe your first day with your new troupe?

It was really great; everyone was very friendly, except for Mark Mullholand.

- What was the hardest part to learn?



Encore, as it's quite long. And there's a lot of steps to learn

- 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?

We rehearse the show before we perform, I was in a couple of numbers like Run on, Strip Jig, Lord of the Dance, Finale and Encore at the beginning.

Getting the Leading Part...



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

I had to audition.

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

Our choreographer said I should audition.

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

I started practicing a couple of years ago.

- What was the hardest part to learn as a leading lady?



To make sure to act the part as well as dance it.

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

A couple of years ago in France.

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



I was very nervous, but very excited too. I thought I would forget the steps but once you're on stage it all comes back to you.

- Have you ever thought of doing the Bad Girl in the Show?

Yes, I would love to try it. It would be a nice change to do a different lead.

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



Everyone is great. I don't have a favourite.

Through the years with LotD / FoF...

- Please describe your course of day while touring!

Drive on the bus to next place, check into hotel, get showered, have food, go to the venue, rehearse on stage, have dinner, get make-up and hair done, then warm up for the show, go back to the hotel and chill out.

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

I love to see new places, it's great to be travelling around, but it is hard work too.

- How much do you have to practice while touring?

We practice a couple of hours a day.

- What is your memorable moment with LotD / FoF?

Doing lead with Michael Flatley.

- Which Show do you personally like more – LotD or FoF? Why?

Lord of the Dance, because it was the first one I seen.

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

As a lead dance – Stolen Kiss

Chorus dancer – Run on

- How do you prepare for a show?

Put make up on, do hair, warm up and stretch out, drink lots of water.

- Are you nervous before going on stage?

A little, but more excited.

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

Yes, I was in a troupe in Orlando and in Feet of Flames.

- Is there a special diet, you have to follow?

No, just to eat healthily and drink lots and lots of water.

- How do you get so much energy for a show?

From dancing every day, it gives you more energy.

Costumes & other equipment...

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

Yes, sometimes. We have to line up the numbers on every stage, as there all different.

- How long does it take to get ready before the show (doing the make-up, hair, getting dressed and to warm up)?

About an hour and ½.

- What is your favourite costume (in LotD / FoF - past and present)?

Encore costumes in Feet of Flames.

Run on in Lord of the Dance.

- What are your favourite shoes to dance with?

Softshoes.

- Your shoe size?

3 in Soft-shoes,

4 in Hard.

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

Soften the heel of the shoe with Vaseline or in hot water.

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?

Maybe get a part time job, go on holiday, do a course.

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

For the foreseeable future.

- What are your (dancing and non-dancing) plans for your future?

To do a make-up course.

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

Just to say thank you for all your support. And all the lovely photographs you have taken at the shows.

