

Graham Killoughery



Some facts at first...

- When and where were you born?

London 22/07/84

Your height?

5 ft 9 in

- What is your favourite food?

Steak and Chips.

- Your favourite music?

Rock and Modern Country.

- Your favourite movie?

„Shawshank Redemption“ and „Spy Game“

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

There is so many! Singapore is the nicest place, but my best memories are in South Africa in Port Elisabeth.

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

Apart from dancing, my other talent would be football.

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

Being offered a pro contract for football.

About your family...

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

My parents still live in London. They never did dance.

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

One little brother Iain – he never danced. Two older sisters, Shona and Michelle. Shona was in T2 from the start and was a lead dancer before she left the Show.

- 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?

I left home at 16, so I am well used to it now, I have a web cam and can see all my family while I am away, so its okay!

- 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 are very proud of course, they came to the Show 3 or 4 times on the UK tour!



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

Not anymore!

About your beginnings...

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

I was made to start at 11 years of age. My teacher was Aaron Crosbie.

- How old have you been at your first competition?

11 years.

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

Loads! I won a few comps, never any big ones!

- What was it like to do competitions?

It was good because you got to meet up with friends you wouldn't normally see.

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

Show dancing – it's more fun and there isn't as much pressure.



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

There is more pressure at comps, because you're totally on your own to perform.

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

No, I've been very lucky! Hopefully it will stay that way.

- Did you learn other kinds of dance?

No Irish was enough!

Becoming a Show Dancer...

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

No!

- Why did you choose LotD?

Because of my sister being in Troupe 2 before and because the option was there for me.

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

Yes, lots of times.

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

Rehearsals were tough, but it was fun at the same time.

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

My audition was straight to rehearsals, so there was no waiting time at all.

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

At the start of Troupe 4. I was 19.



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

I was with Troupe 4 before Troupe 1! I just had a summer break but I always go to the gym to keep fit.

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

Yeah, I used to meet most people here at comps!



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

I think I was more excited to join Troupe 1, because I heard everyone was nice and good fun as well.

- Please describe the first day with your new troupe?

I arrived at the Show just at the start as the 2nd half, so I was able to chill out, Catch up with the people I already knew. We gabbled some mexican food after the show, and that was it! Just a quiet night really.

- What was the hardest part to learn?

Siamsa! Had to learn a completely new spot so it took a bit of thinking.



- 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 3 weeks rehearsals with Troupe 4. Dangerous Games took the longest to learn because the steps are the hardest.

The first show in Italy I done every number apart from 4 lads and couples.



Through the years with LotD / FoF...

- Please describe your course of day while touring!

Getting on the bus in the morning, sleeping until the next hotel. Check in and walk around town, see the sights.

Get ready to go the venue, line the show up, have something to eat, speak to family and friends or check emails and then its show time!

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

Sometimes its hard, but I would prefer to travel then stay at home all the time.

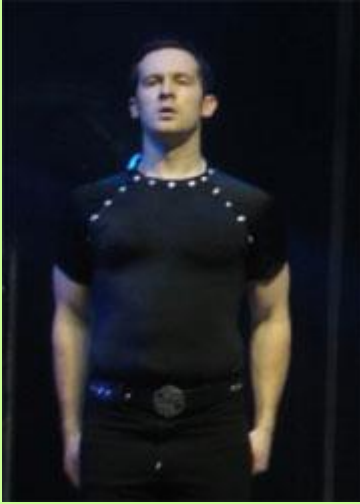
- How much do you have to practice while touring?

Maybe 3 or 4 times a week, or if we need to more!

- What is your memorable moment with LotD / FoF?

On stage it was dancing Warlords for the first time.

Off stage it was the bungee jump, we done in South Africa.



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

They both good.

- What is your favourite dance in LotD and in FoF (in Hard-/Softshoes)?

Warlords – it always gets the best cheers.



- How do you prepare for a show?

Sometimes play some football it helps loosening up my legs, other times just relax and listen to music.

- Are you nervous before going on stage?

No, not anymore.

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

Troupe 4 – T4 aren't working at the moment!

- Have you ever thought of doing one of the leading parts?

Yes – I learnt the bad guy role but haven't auditioned yet.

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

Not really, we work hard so any good will do.

Costumes & other equipment...

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

At first it was, but its okay now.

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

Not long, only 30 mins.

- What are your favourite shoes to dance with?

Tap shoes.

- Your shoe size?

8

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

Every 6 months. Wear them in the bath.

nowadays & in the future...

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

I don't know, well just see what happens, I am still having fun at the moment.

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

I'm not really sure, I am just having fun at the moment I enjoy having the freedom of travelling so until that changes, I don't plan to do any different.