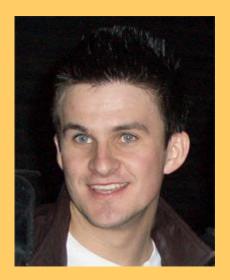
Owen McAuley



Some fact's at first...

• When and where were you born?

7st of April in Glasgow, Scotland.

• Your height?

<u>5 ft 10</u>

• What is your favourite food?

Chinese.

• Your favourite music?

U2 and Oasis

• Your favourite movie?

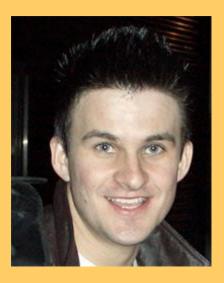
"Oceans 11"

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

Las Vegas, China and Cape Town (South Africa)

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

$\mathcal{N}o.$



About your family...

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

My mother is a school teacher and my father is a dancing teacher.

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

I have a brother, Denis, who is also in Troupe 1.

• 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 home every few months, so its not to bad.

• 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?

Yeah, they are proud. They have seen me a few times in the show.



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

Yes, Bernie Flynn, but don't tell Damien O'Kane (Joke!!!)

About your beginnings...

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

 <u>I started dancing when I was about 4. I started because my family dance.</u>
 - How old have you been at your first competition?

<u> About 6 or 7.</u>

• Did you attend many championships as a competition dancer?

Yeah, I travelled the world dancing in competitions.

What was it like to do competitions?

It was good. You got to meet loads of people.

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

Show Dancing.



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

You get to travel the world with show dancing.

• Did you learn other kinds of dance?

 $\mathcal{N}o.$

Becoming a Show Dancer...



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

I was in a Show "To Dance On the Moon" for about 6 months.

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

Yeah, I seen it, cause my brother was in it before I joined.

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

Excited and 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 did them in Dublin. I had to wait about a month.

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

I joined in November 2002.

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

No, I came to Troupe 1 right away.

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

Yeah, I knew a few threw my brother.



• Please describe the first day with your new troupe?

It was in Munich in November 2002.

Through the years with LotD / FoF...

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

I really like the travelling part of it.

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

Lord of the Dance

• What is you favourite dance in LotD?

Hells Kitchen.





Are you nervous before going on stage?

Yeah, I am sometimes.

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

I was in Troupe 1, then I went to Troupe 3 in Vegas for a year and a half.

Costumes & other equipment...

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

It takes about 30 minutes to get ready and stretch.

• What are your favourite shoes to dance with?

I prefer the taps to dance in.





Your shoe size?

<u>8</u>

How often do you need new shoes?

Every 5 months.

nowadays & in the future...

• Who do you most admire in the world of Irish Dancing and why?

Geoff Hayes. He is a great dancer.

• What do you do, when you get a long tour-break?

I usally stay at home and rest.

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

As long as my legs will last!

