

We recently had the enormous privilege of hosting Niels Poulsen in South Africa and contracting him for three consecutive "Coast to Coast" social events, (two "weekend" and one "day" event) in three different provinces lining our shores. It took off with a bang over the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> July in Cape Town, continued on to Port Elizabeth for a "day" event on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> and ended on an absolute high in Durban over the weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August. Both "weekend" events kicked off on the Friday evening with loads of social dancing and fun club performances, mixed level workshops for the most part of the Saturday and concluded with a "black 'n bling" social on the Saturday evening. The "day" event in Port Elizabeth started at 09h00 the morning and continued till 16h30 and consisted of a mixture of social dancing and teaching from Niels throughout the course of the day. Niels taught an array of fabulous dances and even choreographed a great new one which he so kindly dedicated to the South African dancers and will be releasing pretty soon! In the Intermediate/Advanced workshop Niels taught "Love Trouble" and "Heavy on my Heart", both, in my opinion, brilliantly choreographed smooth dances, with the latter being a brilliant N/C 2 Step. Following this quite intense class, was the Improver/Low Intermediate workshop during which he taught "Wade in the Water", a lovely and very easy WCS, "Sea of Heartbreak", a flowing and catchy two-step and another cool dance of his called "Promise". Some dancers also learnt "Next to Me", which is a rather new (WCS) release and a great 2011 release he choreographed with Simon Ward called, "Love 2 Dance" Other fabulous dances of Niels we've been doing here in South Africa for the past year or so are, "Lady Luck", "My Hero", "Lonesome", "Love you in a barrel and Mini barrel", "Melon Heart", "Summer Paradise", "Something in the Water" and "1-2-3-4". South African dancers always look forward to attending these kind of social events with instructors/choreographers from abroad who provide loads of fun, entertainment and of course an abundance of knowledge none of us can ever do without and once again, as with all the great personalities we've had the pleasure of hosting in the past, we have not been disappointed. Niels has a very special way of choreographing which makes his dances so appealing and interesting and combined with that he has a very approachable and fabulous personality and unique way of teaching and this all in one package appealed to dancers here. We might be a long way down south but please know that we welcome many more dancers, choreographers and instructors from across the world to visit us and join in on our dancing festivities here in South Africa!