

PIDC "DANCING TO BE A STAR" COMPETITION

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In order to accommodate and welcome more competitors for "Dancing to be a Star", the **Philippine Independence Day Council ("PIDC")** have modified the rules and regulations. There will be two categories now competing; the **Advance** and **Intermediate** dancers.

Five finalists from each category will be selected and each of them will choose from the given criteria of Latin (Rumba, Cha-cha, Jive and Samba) and Standard (Waltz, Fox Trot, Quick Steps and Tango). 60% of competitor's total points will be accounted for by the judges. The remaining 40% will be taken from the viewing audience who will be asked to participate and vote for their favorite. Judges for the event include Abby Mina, a Filipino international and social instructor, Steve Hazard, a Canadian veteran social instructor and Steve Nelson, a foreign professional social and international ballroom instructor.

Here are the dates to remember:

July 28 - Pre-Final Competition (Formal Affair)

At Macedonian Banquet Hall, 76 Overlea Blvd. in Toronto - Tickets \$35

August 18 - Mabuhay Philippines Toronto Summer Festival at Metro Toronto Convention Centre and the Dancing to be Star competitors to be presented at the "Bailehan". Tickets for \$15 all day shows.

September 22 - Dance to be a Star Grand Finals (Formal Affair) and Awarding of Trophies and Prizes at Macedonian Banquet Hall in Toronto. Ticket \$35

All competitors are set to elegantly and gracefully execute their specialties next month at 6PM (July 28) at a dinner dance show at Macedonian Banquet Hall. Everyone involved at PIDC as well as all the 10 competitors are very much wrapped up with the preparations and the upcoming exhilaration and excitement of the competition. You are all cordially invited to witness your would-be favorite.

For information on the event please call event chair, Leonie Manzanares at 905-567-4829 or email at jlmanzan@yahoo.ca You can also contact Pete Mauricio at 647 686-5179 for tickets.