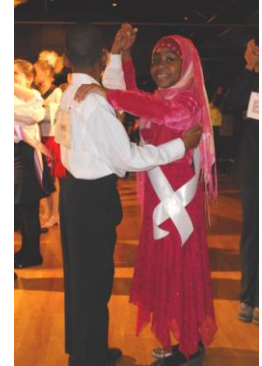


# Join The Dance

CANADA



**5th Year Anniversary & Gala Fundraiser**  
**Thursday, December 1, 2011**  
**The Grand Luxe Ballroom**  
**3125 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, ON M2K 1G2**  
**416 250 LUXE; [www.grandluxe.ca](http://www.grandluxe.ca)**  
**Time: 6:30PM to 12:00 Midnight**



**Doors Open at 6:00 PM**  
**Dinner Served: 7:30PM**

**3-course Gourmet Dinner served with complimentary glass of wine**  
**(Please call in advance regarding any special dietary needs)**

**Showcase: Dancing Classrooms™ 2010-11 Grand Trophy Champions**  
**& special performance by The Imbayakunas, celebrated Canadian/Latin Group**

**Dance Music for every taste by top Toronto DJ Nigel**  
**Door Prizes, Raffles & Lots of Fun, Fun, Fun!**  
**Cash Bar; Free Parking; Parking also available on side streets**

**Dancing Classrooms™ (of Mad Hot Ballroom & Take the Lead fame) is a proactive, anti-violence tool that builds self-esteem and interactive social skills as it improves children's confidence and ability to relate to others.**

**Over 14,000 students & 138 schools in Ontario served since March 2007 to end of 2010-11 school year.**  
**Your \$\$\$ and support help Join the Dance to continue making a real difference!**



**Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, November 15, 2011:**

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**\$85 /person**  
**\$800 Reserved Table x 10**



October 22, 2011

Dear Ilsa:

How time flies ... already a Fifth Year Anniversary Celebration. It seems just like only yesterday I was in Toronto for the week to work with you and the very first 'batch' of teachers. Congratulations to you, to Join the Dance and to your wonderful team of Teaching Artists.

Thank you for the hard work you put in right from the beginning to make sure *Dancing Classrooms* was implemented in the Toronto schools in the best way possible and many congratulations on being the first country outside of the U. S. A. to have *Dancing Classrooms*.

I very much regret I will not be able to be with you on this wonderful evening of dining and dancing as I will still be in Beirut, Lebanon working on getting *Dancing Classrooms* started over there.

I wish everyone a splendid evening. I know for a fact that your guests are going to love watching the 'young ladies and gentlemen' perform. May I also thank those members of your corporate and philanthropic community, including the Palais Royale and the Grand Luxe Ballroom, whose generosity will be helping to make this special celebration and fundraiser a success, and all your guests for their support on this particular evening. I hope they continue supporting this wonderful program so that you will be able to take it to many more children in the future.

Thank you. I send you all my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Pierre Dulaine

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It is with pleasure that we write this special letter of commendation on behalf of Join the Dance (Canada) and the Dancing Classrooms program in Ontario. Join the Dance is celebrating the fifth year anniversary of its founding, and the implementation of Pierre Dulaine's internationally acclaimed Dancing Classrooms program in the elementary and junior middle school system in Ontario.

In 2009, we were so very pleased to learn that Ilsa Abraham & her team at Join the Dance had succeeded in bringing this remarkable Art in Education program to Canada to the benefit of many thousands of children and youth in our school system, and who otherwise might never have such an opportunity.

Pierre Dulaine is someone whose exceptional artistry helped to inspire us as young dancers. He is a man of extraordinary vision and compassion who stepped out on a special journey of giving back in 1994 in New York City that helped to transform the violence and despair of inner city schools into hope - with the power of ballroom dancing. Dancing Classrooms was born, and in 2005 came to the attention of the rest of the world through the brilliant documentary Mad Hot Ballroom. Today the program exists in 26 sites across North America, the U.K., Switzerland, and Israel; and continues to spread.

As Canadians committed to community, and especially to helping those most in need every opportunity to achieve their dreams, we thank Ilsa and Join the Dance for taking a courageous leap that is opening doors to unexplored potential and opportunity to thousands of deserving children in our needier school communities in Ontario. Charitable work is not for profit, and takes dedication, commitment and a true passion to make a difference.

We truly regret that we cannot be at the event due to professional work obligations. We would have loved to be there to celebrate a well earned milestone with them. However, it is our sincere hope that the evening will be a great success, and with the special support of our corporate and philanthropic community in Ontario.

To Join the Dance and Pierre Dulaine, BRAVO!!!!!!

October 20, 2011