



## Dance is the hidden language of the soul

**Pippa Roberts**

Already a year since the feast of Mellieħa 2023 and quite a year with new challenges for Steve together with his dance partner Andrea, from Germany.

After their success at the German Open Championships last year, they decided to enter the Freestyle category of Wheelchair dance. As this was new to both of them, their choreographer and coach decided to do something out of their comfort zone. With the rehearsals dependent on one or the other having to travel abroad it was another hurdle to overcome. BUT overcome they did when they performed at the Holland Dance Spektakel they were placed an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup>. Repeating the performance in the Polish Open Championships they came 1<sup>st</sup>. They also took part in the first French Open Championship in Lyon, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Standard championship. They have continued to compete in Ballroom Championships in Netherlands and Poland as well as once again in the German Open Championships.

Later this year they will take part in the Malta Open Dance Spectacular 2024 which Steve also helps organise. This event is attracting dancers from around the world including dancers from U.S.A. and Brazil as well as many countries from Europe. This year people with learning difficulties from Poland as well as Slovakia and U.K. will also take part, giving them the opportunity to participate with all dancers. Don't miss this great dance spectacular November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Steve is now looking for a Maltese Ballroom and Latin American dancer to continue competing with, so please do not hesitate if you are interested in trying out this interesting sport. Wheelchair users are also encouraged to see and maybe come and try it out.

Steve is known for his musical talents so make sure you come and support him at Ta' Qali Basket Ball Pavilion in November. See you all then.

***Don't miss this great event. For more information email: [maltawda@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maltawda@yahoo.co.uk)***

