

## **PÉTER SZÁNTÓ**

My first contact had been with dance about 30 years ago. I was working that time in a community centre, and the leader of a modern dance company asked me for rehearsal possibility. From there it is history, in one month we had 3 different style dance companies rehearsing under our roof.

These three groups were so popular, that a professional cultural board appointed the director of the community centre to organise competition for similar dance companies. That time no such thing existed in Hungary, our was the first.

It was such a success, that some years after the first competition I founded the Hungarian Fashion- and Sport Dance Association, which become a member of the International Dance organisation, the IDO.

The Hungarian Fashion- and Sport Dance Association has it's championship series every year since then. Since 1991 The Association organised 18 IDO European and World Championships in Hungary as well.

I am the elected president of the Hungarian Fashion and Sport Dance Association since 1993, I was Vice President of the IDO between 1998 and 2010, and since then Professional Director of the IDO.

I received the award „Word of the Dance - Dance of the Word” in 2004, and from the IDO the Carrier Award in 2010.

During my professional carrier I always paid special attention to the children and the youth and of course to the dance we love all.