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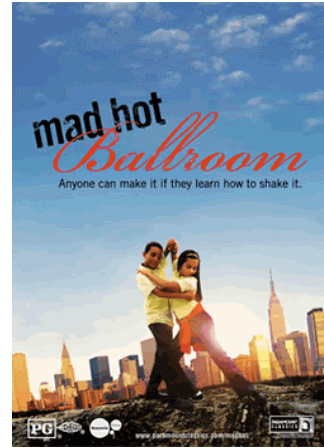
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Mad hot ballroom – the movie

By: *Miranda*

“Mad Hot Ballroom tells the story of eleven-year-old New York City public school kids and their journey into the world of ballroom dancing. Told from the candid, sometimes hilarious perspectives of the children, the film illuminates how the kids are transformed -- from reluctant participants to determined competitors, from typical urban kids to "ladies and gentlemen" -- on their way to compete in the final citywide competition. Providing unique insight into the incredible cultural diversity that is New York City, 'Ballroom' profiles several kids from three schools. As they struggle with becoming "cool" teenagers while holding onto a shred of their childhood innocence, the kids learn how to express themselves through the merengue, rumba, tango, the foxtrot and swing.”



In 1994, the American Ballroom Theater introduced a ballroom dance program to 5th-graders in two New York City schools.

Nowadays about 6000 5th-graders in more than 60 New York City schools take the 10-week ballroom dancing course each year, culminating in a city-wide competition. Students consider it an honour when they are selected to join the competition.

My opinion

Unfortunately, this movie was not what I expected and I didn't notice hilarious perspectives. For me it looks the same as a normal dance lesson and the children in New York run into the same problems as children who take dance lessons in The Netherlands. For example, one of the problems was the fact that the man has to lead, but if he doesn't know what to do, the girl take over the lead.

I did not find it a successful documentary and I would not recommend to anybody to hire this movie unless you want to hold a talk about underprivileged children in New York. In that case this movie is suitable.

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Dancing with your computer

By: Fred

It have been awhile since I have written about my free dance software DcWin, but I have added a lot of handy functions. You can download the latest version here <http://www.xs4all.nl/~fghb/07e.htm>

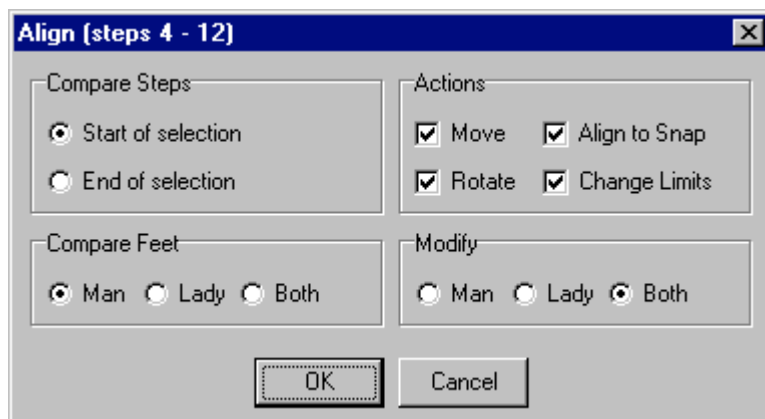
Align

With the new Align command you can align a part of the combination to another part of the combination. The selected part will be moved and/or rotated if necessary. The Align command can be very handy when a copied or inserted part does not connect well. Here is an example.

- Goto the first step of the added part.
- Choose Align from the Modify menu.



- Press the From button if you want to align all steps from the current step to the last step.



- Change the settings if necessary and press the OK button.

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This is basically what you have to do to align two parts to each other. The settings depend on the situation.

At Compare Steps choose Start of selection if you want to compare the first step of the selection with the previous part, for example when you have added steps at the end.

At Compare Feet you choose which feet have to be compared. Perhaps you think that it is best to compare Both feet, but this is not always the right solution. If you choose Man or Lady, the distances and angles between the feet of the selected part will not change. Only the position and rotation of the whole part will change if necessary. When you choose to compare both feet, the Align command will do everything to align the two parts, with sometimes unexpected results, like stand on each others toes. Choose Both if you know what you are doing. It could be better to change a few steps of the other part.

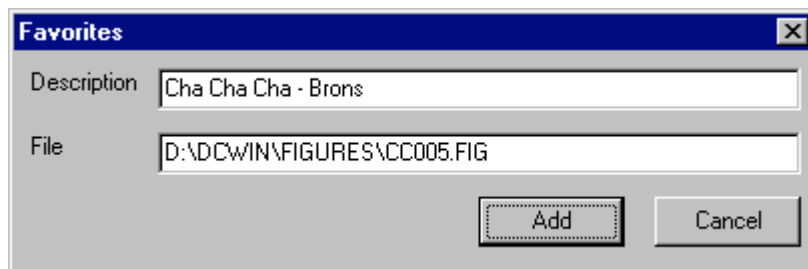
At Actions check the Actions that may be executed. Check “Align to Snap” to round the positions and angles to the current Snap settings. This makes it easier to modify the steps later. Check “Change Limits” if you want to change the size of the dance floor automatically when the floor is not big enough for you combination.

At Modify choose the feet that may be moved and/or rotated. For most situations it is best to choose Both.

Favorites

After this difficult part for people that add new combinations it is time for something simple for the “normal” user. There are so many dance combinations in DcWin that it is sometimes hard to find the combination that you are looking for. From now on, you can add your favorite combinations to the Favorites menu. This works almost the same as your internet browser.

- Choose Open from the File menu and open the combination that you want to add to the Favorites menu.
- Choose “Add to Favorites” from the Favorites menu.



- Press the Add button.

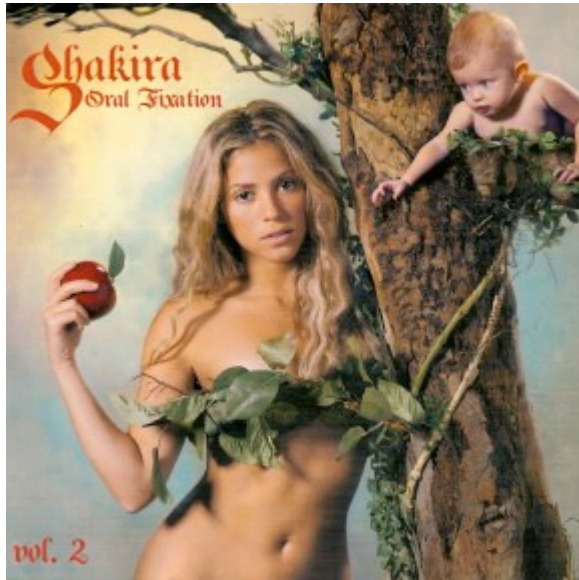
The next time that you want to see this combination, you can choose this from the Favorites menu. After that press the Open button. Press the Remove button if you want to delete the combination from the Favorites menu.

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Shakira

By: Fred

I think that many of you have danced a Samba to Whenever wherever, but Shakira has made more danceable music. Here is her newest cd.



Shakira

Oral Fixation vol.2

Dances: Samba, Jive, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba

1.... How do you do	-	-
2.... Illegal (ft. Carlos Santana).....	-	-
3.... Hips don't lie (ft. Wyclef Jean)	Samba	50 ☺
4.... Animal city	-	-
5.... Don't bother.....	Cha Cha Cha.....	33
6.... The day and the time (ft. Gustavo Cerati)	Cha Cha Cha.....	31
7.... Dreams for plans.....	Rumba.....	24
8.... Hey you	Jive.....	32 ☺
9.... Your embrace	-	-
10.... Costume makes the clown	-	-
11.... Something.....	-	-
12.... Timor	Cha Cha Cha.....	29
13.... Don't bother (Jrsnchz radio mix)	Cha Cha Cha.....	33

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Ascii dancers

By: Fred

In the dance magazines 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71 and 73 you could have seen that you can draw nice dancers with the characters that are on your keyboard. I have made some more drawings. Draw your own dancers and send them to fghb@xs4all.nl

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Nice links

By: Fred

A lot of Boogie Woogie pictures en videos

<http://poy.no/files/events/>

Dansers voor dansers

<http://www.dansersvoordansers.nl/>

Evolution of Dance

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMH0bHeiRNg>

Watch this funny video

Mad Hot Ballroom Clip

http://www.apple.com/trailers/paramount_classics/mad_hot_ballroom/first_6_minutes/

Ballroom Dancing at Koekiemonster.com

<http://www.koekiemonster.com/>

A lot of dance photographs

Australian Dance Links

<http://www-staff.it.uts.edu.au/~don/dance/ozdance.html>

Dancing with the Stars links

<http://www.dancingwiththestars.nl>

<http://dancingwiththestars.startpagina.nl/>

<http://www.danceimpact.nl/>

<http://www.nancysdancefashion.nl/>

Photos

<http://www.kidsplanet.nl/planet/show/id=849574/contentid=710197>

<http://www.fotoleovogelzang.nl/>