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300 Australasian dancers to compete in premier NZ event

You've seen Dancing with Stars. Now you can cheer on as more than 300 of the best dancers from New Zealand, Australia and Hong Kong take to the floor at Mystery Creek.

With national titles up for grabs, this is the premier ballroom, Latin American and New Vogue event on the dance calendar.

It's the third year the NZ Open Dance Championships has been held in the heart of the Waikato, at Mystery Creek Events Centre. This year it will be on the weekend of October 28-29.

"We have an exciting line-up of dancers across all ages and levels who've been working hard this year to be ready to impress our judges," said NZFDT president, Auckland's Erica Gunn.

It's graceful to watch, but this style of dancing is demanding on the body. So competitive dancers will have committed to hours of lessons and practice sessions, and worked hard to reach peak physical fitness for this event.

Judging their prowess on the floor will be 25 adjudicators from New Zealand, Australia and Hong Kong.

But while it's a competition for the dancers, it's a glitzy and entertaining event for people to watch.

In the world of dancesport there's a great focus on style, glamour and presentation. The ladies in particular sparkle and shine as they glide across the floor with their partners, which is entertainment in its own right.

There are daytime and evening sessions, with spectators able to come and go throughout the day from 9am.

General admission seating is from \$25-35. Visit www.nzopendancechampionship.co.nz for more information.

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