

Mei Fujioka

(フジオカ メイ)

Meiは3歳の頃体操とピアノを初め、体の柔軟性やリズム感を身につけた。7歳の時にアメリカに行き、13歳の頃ジャズを始め、15歳では高校のチアリーダーディングチームに入り4年間大会などに出た。

大学はロンドンへ行き、そこでもチアを続けながら違うスタイルにも興味を持ち、ベリー、タヒチアン、コンテ、ジャズファンク、バレエなどを学んだ。2011年イギリスプレミアリーグサッカーチーム、Crystal Palaceの専属プロチアリーダーになり、3年間勤めた。毎週のパフォーマンス以外にもテレビ出演、イベント、モデル、写真集、ラジオ、MVなどの活動をした。もっとダンスを学ぶためロンドンのTrinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Danceというダンス専門学校でコンテを学び2013年卒業。2014年日本に帰国しEO Dance Companyに所属、ラテンダンスを初まる(サルサ、バチャータ、キゾンバ。

Erick & Meiとしては2015年2月にペアーを組み、2015年5月の名古屋ラテンフェスティバルでデビューをする。2016年香港のSalsa World Championshipで初大会に出場しアジア世界大会で4位入賞。その後2016年Japan Salsa Festivalでサルサ部門優勝。2017年、2019年と日本サルサチャンピオンに輝き、最近ではのアジア大会で日本代表として出場し3位入賞。サルサ以外にバチャータ部門でアジア大会で準優賞。

最近ではメキシコの大会でキゾンバ部門3位に入賞した。現在都内、海外でレッスン、パフォーマンス、イベントなどをし活動中。

ペアー以外にソロ、レディースチーム、セიმジェンダーや生徒と踊るプロアマでも活動。サルサレディースチーム、セიმジェンダーの日本チャンピオン、サルサソロではアジア

ダンス実績

2020

Oxaca Salsa & Bachata Festival (メキシコ)

- キゾンバペアー 3位

2019

Asia Pacific International Dance Championships (タイ)

- バチャータプロ部門 準優勝

- サルサソロプロ部門 準優勝

Japan Latin Dance Competition (日本)

- レディースチーム優勝

- サルサソロプロ部門 準優勝

Asian Dancesport Games (日本) - サルサプロ部門優勝
- アジア大会サルサプロ部門3位

2018

Asia Pacific International Dance Championship (タイ)
- アジア大会サルサプロ部門3位

Japan Bachata Cup (日本) - バチャータフロアマ部門準優勝

2017

World Latin Dance Cup (アメリカ) - Salsa on1 ファイナリスト

Japan Cup (日本) - サルサプロ部門優勝
- サルサプロセイムジェンダー部門優勝

Japan Latin Dance Competition (日本) - サルサプロ部門3位
- サルサプロセイムジェンダー部門2位

Japan Salsa Festival (日本) - バチャータフロアマ部門優勝

2016

Japan Salsa Festival (日本) - サルサ部門優勝

Hong Kong Salsa World Championship(香港)
- サルサ部門4位

Japan Bachata Cup (日本) - バチャータアマ部門優勝

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Mei started her artistic endeavors at the tender age of 3, developing a natural sense of rhythm and flexibility while beginning her first forays into gymnastics and piano. At age 7, she moved to the United States with her family, and started Jazz dance at 13. Mei first started cheerleading at her high school when she was 15, spurred on by the high-energy and intense environment, she continued to cheer and compete for another 4 years.

When Mei moved to London, she continued her passion for cheerleading, not only cheering for her university, but also training and attending cheer competitions. She also started to venture out and explore other styles of dancing, and started training in a variety of styles from belly dance, Tahitian dance, jazz funk, dancehall, contemporary and ballet while in the UK.

With the strong foundation and history of cheering behind her, Mei became a professional cheerleader at a premier league soccer team, The Crystal Palace Football Club in 2011. She danced 3 seasons as a pro-cheerleader, The Crystals, performing every week at opening and halftime in front of 26,000 people. In addition to performances, the job included regular TV shows (Soccer AM), charity events, modeling, radio talk, and music videos. Mei is no stranger to the spotlight.

Fiercely passionate about dance and movement, Mei also studied contemporary dance at one of the well-known arts school in London, Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance and graduated with a degree in Dance Studies in 2013.

She moved back to Japan in 2014. Drawn to all genres of dancing, she joined the Fly Jam City Dance Team and experienced a whole new style of dance - wacking, and soon started performing at local events. She also started experimenting with latin dance and soon became a part of a professional Latin dance company, EO Dance Company, where she met Erick and trained in the latin styles of dance (Salsa, Bachata, Kizomba) and eventually becoming a professional teacher and dancer with the company.

Erick and Mei first formed their partnership in 2015 in Nagoya, and started competing in 2016. At the Japan Salsa Festival of the same year, they received their first title together and became Japan Salsa Champions.

At the 2017 Japan Latin Dance Competition they came 3rd in the pro salsa division, and became Champions in the Pro Salsa Division of the 2017 Japan Cup. They even made the finals at the World Latin Dance Cup also in the salsa division.

In 2018 Asia Pacific International Dance Championship held in Bangkok, they came 3rd in the Salsa on1 Pro Division.

In 2019 they became Japan Salsa Champions once more during the Asian Dance Sports Games in Kyoto, while also reaching 3rd in the Asia Area Division. Recently, they competed in the Oaxaca Salsa & Bachata Festival and came 3rd in the Kizomba Fusion Pair Division.

Mei also competes with her students and helps them develop their dancing skills. She supported her student and together they were the champions of the Japan Bachata Cup 2016 in the Amateur division, and Japan Salsa Festival 2017 Pro-Am Bachata Division. She was first runner up in the Japan Bachata Cup Pro-Am Division in 2018.

In 2016, she also formed a female same gender partnership with Hiromi. They were 1st runner up in the same gender female salsa pro division at the 2017 Japan Latin Dance competition. At the 2017 Japan Cup, they became champions in the Same Gender Pro Division.

Mei competed for the first time as a soloist in Japan Latin Dance Competition 2019 in the Salsa Ladies Solo Division and came 2nd place. She also was a runner-up in the Bangkok Salsa Festival 2019 Professional Salsa Solo Division.

Her Pro-Am Team "Mei Salsa Ladies Team" also competed for the first time in the Japan Latin Dance Competition 2019 and became Champions in the Ladies Salsa Shine Team Division.

With a passion for dance that runs deep within her, she will never stop dancing and continues to share her love for dancing with students as well as competing with Erick in the styles of salsa, bachata and kizomba.

Experience /Awards

2020

Oxaca Salsa & Bachata Festival (Mexico)

- Kizomba Fusion Pair 3rd place

2019

Asia Pacific International Dance Championships (Thailand)

- Bachata Pro 2nd place

- Salsa Solo Pro 2nd place

Japan Latin Dance Competition

- Salsa Ladies Team Champion

- Salsa Ladies Solo 2nd Place

Asian Dancesport Games (Japan)

- Salsa Pair Pro Champion

- Salsa Pair Pro Asia 3rd Place

2018

Asia Pacific International Dance Championship (Thailand)

- Salsa Pro 3rd Place

Japan Bachata Cup (Japan)

- Bachata Pair Pro-Am 2nd Place

2017

World Latin Dance Cup (USA)

- Salsa on1 Finalist

Japan Cup (Japan)

- Salsa Pair Pro Champion

- Salsa Same Gender Champion

Japan Latin Dance Competition (Japan)

- Salsa Pair Pro 3rd place

- Salsa Same Gender 2nd place

Japan Salsa Festival (Japan)

- Bachata Pro-Am Champion

2016

Japan Salsa Festival (Japan)

- Salsa Champions

Salsa World Championship (Hong Kong)

- 4th Place

Japan Bachata Cup

- Amateur Division Champion