

## CV Pétur Gunnarsson



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My name is Pétur Fannar Gunnarsson.

I'm born and raised in Iceland Reykjavík, on the February 4th 1998.

I am a ballroom dancer and my field of specialty is Latin American Dancing.

I have been dedicating my whole life mastering the Art of Dance.

I have become The Icelandic National Champion 20 times and Won the World Latin American Championships 3 times (2016,2017,2018).

I have reached the highest level in all of the biggest and most respected major events in the world.

I started to dance when I was 3 years old.

By the age of 5 I was already competing in Iceland, having private lessons and training in London. I watched my very first Competition abroad 2004, it was the International Open Championships held at The Royal Albert Hall.

I still remember that day when I told my mother that my goal was to become the best dancer in the World and that I was going to Win the International Championship one day.

5 years later I became the Juvenile International Champion 2009.

When I was 8 years old, I participated in my first International Competition. It was held in Tralee, Ireland 2006. It was a major experience for such a young dancer to go abroad from Iceland to compete at The Legendary Celtic Classic.

During that period, I was home in Iceland training 6 times days a week as well as attending school with a lot of studies and exams on top of it all. I started at a very young age already helping other Dance Instructors with their Competitive and Social Group Classes.

2014 I was already teaching on my own both Private and Group Classes. Sharing knowledge from my experience.

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When I was 16 years old I moved alone to England. I represented The Great Britain and joined their National Team. For one and half year I lived mainly there, I achieved great results for England such as: 2x bronze medallist at The British & UK Closed U21 Championships and Vice Champion at The U19 Latin World Championships held in Paris.

2016 I moved back to Iceland to represent my home country and joined The National Team of Iceland. Me and my Partner/Wife are based mostly in Iceland and Ukraine, both for training and teaching. Together we have been travelling around the world gathering source of Information from the Masters of Latin American Dancing. Here are some of the cities we have been training in: Los Angeles, Miami, New York, London, Birmingham, Venice, Napoli, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Berlin, Kiev, Seoul, Taipei.

I have a very good Reputation in my country and those countries I have visited and lived in. I have performed many dance shows around the world. I performed at the Reykjavik International Games where the President of Iceland was a Guest of honour. I also performed in Ukraine for the Mayor of Kharkov and became the EDSF European Champion's 2016.

After 20 years of experience living, traveling, teaching and studying all over the world, I can say that I have gained a lot of knowledge & deep understanding for ballroom dancing. Since the age of 5, I have been practicing Dancing 6 days a week, 3-6 hours a day. I have competed in all the largest events and tournaments all over the world more than 200 times.

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## **Main Achievements:**

Since 2016 I have been in the top of my league, winning mostly all Major Championships around the World.

- We are currently holding the record of being the only couple winning The World U21 Latin Championships 3 times in a row (2016, 2017 and 2018).
- The Vice-Campions at the British Open and Making the Final 7 times (Blackpool).
- Winning the International Championships 2 times and performing at the Royal Albert Hall London.
- The Dutch Open Champion 2 times.
- Vice-Champion at the US Open Championships.
- The Icelandic Champion 20 times Latin, Standard and 10 Dance.
- Sports Man of the year 2018 Gardabae, Iceland.

## **My Dance Coaches through the years:**

I have been very lucky to have the opportunity to work with few of the Greatest Dance Masters and Legends in both Latin and Standard.

Since the age of 8 I had the privilege to work with following teachers:

- Klaus Kongsdal
- Maurizio Vecovo
- Karina Smirnoff
- Donnie Burns MBE
- Gaynor Fairwether MBE
- Barbara McColl
- Alan & Hazel Fletcher's
- Neil Jones
- Marcus Hilton MBE
- Richard Gleave OBE
- Anne Gleave
- Andrew Sinkinson
- John Wood

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## Teaching Experience:

Since 2014 I have been training mostly all students in Iceland, helping them to grow and improve in their dancing. I'm one of the main dance teacher of the Icelandic Champion both in Juvenile and Junior, I also have been teaching in Ukraine since 2016 and have many students there, been teaching & training the Ukraine Champion in Juvenile.

I have developed my way through the years, teach all categories and levels of students.

Here are some of my Specialties that I have Mastered:

- Technique
- Musicality
- Choreography
- Psychology
- Showmanship
- Partnering
- The ability on how to move the body

I am also one of the main dance teacher in four of the largest dance studios in Iceland and in Ukraine, as well as being a guest teacher at other Dance Studios.

Here are some of the main studios I have worked in:

- Dansfélagið Hvönn in Kopavogur, Iceland (2014-2020)
- Dansskóli Köru in Reykjavík, Iceland (2016-2020)
- Body Feet Dance Studio in Kiev, Ukraine (2016-2020)
- Zhizn Balnika in Kiev, Ukraine (2016-2020)

## Hobbies:

I Love to travel and explore the World as well as learning something new to develop myself. When travelling, I try to see as much as I can of different types of Art, listening to good music and cook good food.

As a young Junior I trained both Ballet and Golf for few years as well.

Everything I do I always do my best with full effort; humbleness and I show Respect to Everyone.

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