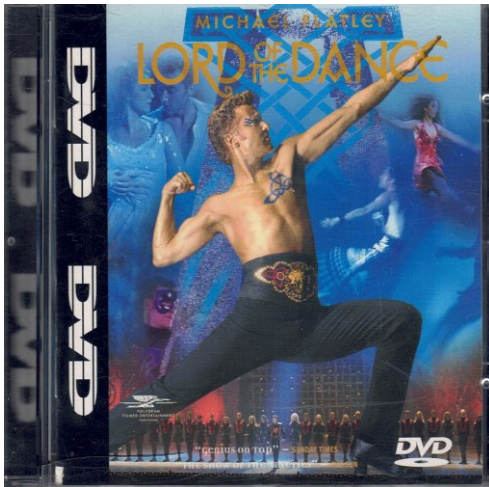


# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **Lord of the Dance**



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## Information

Release Title: Lord of the Dance - Premiere 26 July 1996:  
Point Theatre, Dublin 1997 (United Kingdom)

From:

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Origin: Ireland

Genre: Documentary, Music

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Certification: A

Duration: 1h 30m

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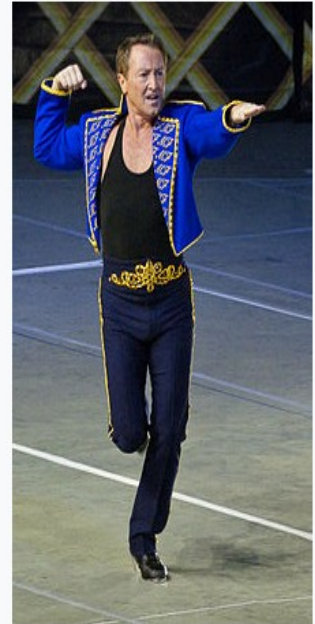
Filming Locations: The Point Theatre, Dublin, County Dublin, Ireland

Sound mix: Stereo

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 4:3

Michael Flatley



Flatley on stage, 2010

Born	Michael Ryan Flatley July 16, 1958 (age 64)
Occupation	<a href="#">Irish dancer</a>
Years active	1969–2016 (dancing) 1971–present (music)
Known for	<a href="#">Riverdance</a> (1994–2016) <a href="#">Lord of the Dance</a> (1996–2022) <a href="#">Feet of Flames</a> (1998–2001) <a href="#">Celtic Tiger Live</a> (2004–2007)
Spouses	<div>Beata Dziaba</div> <div>(<span>m.</span> 1986<span>;</span> <span>div.</span> 1997)</div> <div>Niamh O'Brien (<span>m.</span> 2006)</div>
Children	1
Website	<a href="http://www.michaelflatley.com">www.michaelflatley.com</a>

## Storyline

The show begins with the number "Cry of the Celts". A female troupe sleeps in a semicircle with a girl dressed in gold, known as "Little Spirit" while winds accompany the scene. Seconds later, masked figures cloaked in black and bearing torches arrive and stand as statues while ambient new age music plays. Later, the Little Spirit rises from her sleep and plays the show's theme song on a tin whistle. She then awakens the troupe with magical dust. The Little Spirit leaves with the cloaked figures as the female troupe makes their first dance. Drum beats fill in and the show's main eponymous character, known as "Lord of the Dance" appears and dances before an elated crowd before being accompanied by the entire dance troupe.

After a song by "Erin the Goddess" ("Suil A Ruin"), the Little Spirit activates a mechanical musical doll which then dances with the female troupe led by the lead female protagonist Saoirse ("Celtic Dream"). A terrifying performance of "Warriors" with suspenseful music follows, with dark lord Don Dorcha doing an introductory dance before being followed by his troupe. At the end of Warriors, the Little Spirit plays a trick on one of them. Morrighan the Temptress makes her introduction soon after ("Gypsy").

"Strings of Fire" kicks in with two female fiddlers. Later Saoirse leads the female troupe in fighting Morrighan and later changes to black inner clothing after a fight with the temptress ("Breakout"). They are then greeted by the Lord of the Dance himself and his troupe, who then dances into an a'capella number ("Warlords"). Another song by Erin the Goddess follows ("Gaelic Song")

The eponymous number of the show ("Lord of the Dance") begins with two pairs of males accompanying a pair of females in an introductory dance before the eponymous character dances to the shows' upbeat theme. The number ends with the title character being joined by his troupe.

## Cast

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Morrighan the Temptress: Gillian Norris

Don Dorcha, the Dark Lord: Daire Nolan

The Little Spirit: Helen Egan

Fiddlers: Máiréad Nesbitt and Cora Smyth

Erin the Goddess: Ann Buckley

Understudies

John Carey - Lord of the Dance

Areleen Ni Bhaoill - Saoirse

Fiona Harold - Morrighan

Cian Nolan (Daire Nolan's younger brother) - Don Dorcha

Original Band (1996 show)

Dave Keary, Guitar

Eamon Byrne, Bass

Gary Sullivan, Drums

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2010 Return of Michael Flatley tour  
These cast members were on Flatley's return tour throughout Europe and are on the 3D film which was later released on DVD and Blu-ray.

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Morrighan the Temptress: Ciara Sexton  
Don Dorcha: Tom Cunningham  
The Little Spirit: Katie Pomfret  
Fiddlers: Giada Costenaro and Valerie Gleeson  
Vocalist: Deirdre Shannon  
Bernadette Flynn toured with the show until 2011. Gillian Norris left the show in early 2000. Daire Nolan left the show shortly after its first run in Epcot in 1999. Mairead Nesbitt moved to Celtic band Celtic Woman. Cora Smyth toured with Flatley in Celtic Tiger until he cancelled the tour due to a viral infection. Anne Buckley performed with the show until 2001 and has since recorded a solo album.

## **Musical numbers**

The Little Spirit

## **Dancers**

The Little Spirit and the Lord of the Dance

Act 1:

Cry Of The Celts - Lord Of The Dance & The Clan  
Suil A Ruin - Erin The Goddess  
Celtic Dream - Saoirse & The Girls  
The Warriors - Don Dorcha & The Warriors  
Gypsy - Morrighan  
Strings Of Fire - The Violins  
Breakout - Saoirse & The Girls  
Warlords - Lord Of The Dance & The Warlords  
Gaelic Song - Erin The Goddess  
The Lord Of The Dance - Lord Of The Dance & The Clan  
Act 2

Spirit In The New World - The Spirit  
Dangerous Game - The Spirit, Don Dorchá & The Warriors  
Hell's Kitchen - Lord Of The Dance, Don Dorchá, The Warlords & The Warriors  
Fiery Nights - Morrighan, Don Dorchá, The Warriors & Their Women  
The Lament - The Violins  
Siamsa - The Clan  
She Moved Through The Fair - Erin The Goddess  
Stolen Kiss - Saoirse, Lord Of The Dance & Morrighan  
Nightmare - Don Dorchá & The Warriors  
The Duel - Lord Of The Dance & Don Dorchá  
Victory - Lord Of The Dance & The Clan  
Planet Ireland - Lord Of The Dance & The Clan

### **Parents Guide**

Australia:G United States:Not Rated

Sex & Nudity

None

Violence & Gore

None

Profanity

None

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

None

Frightening & Intense Scenes

None

