

Lekker Dansen/Dancing

A dance party for everyone

Dancing (Netherlands Public Broadcasting – NPB) shows people of all ages who are dancing. This programme does without language, there is no dance instructor, and there are no specific dance movements shown. A DJ just plays two songs for a professional dancer in a studio. From this dancer, we see cuts in fast succession to other dancers: little children, old men and women, people in wheelchairs, leather-clad rocker types, teenagers, a naked married couple, good dancers, bad dancers, mediocre dancers – everyone, who felt the need to move, danced!

This 4-minute-programme was a finalist in the “Up-to-6 non-fiction” category of the PRIX JEUNESSE INTERNATIONAL 2006.



Screenshots taken from *Lekker Dansen/Dancing* (The Netherlands 2005)

Praise

“The message was just: ‘Let’s dance, let’s have fun!’ No specific dance to learn, just do it yourself.”

“I’ve watched the show with children and they get up and start dancing once they see it.”

“It’s very international; you can show this format in every country – maybe without the naked people!”

“Using all kinds of people, from different ages, from different occupations and so on is really good.”

“I actually enjoyed the music. It was kind of refreshing. And this guy, he was funny, he was a good dance host.”

Critique

“Is this really children’s programming? I got the feeling it was more for everybody.”

“The first song wasn’t appropriate for 2- to 5-year-olds. I would have chosen another track. If someone had presented this track to me as the base score for a dancing show I would have said no, it doesn’t fit, it’s too weak in a way.”