

# Portable Floors

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International Dance Teachers Association

# Portable Floors 2009 Review

Every year is different from the last, with new challenges from customers and venues. Some orders are processed in a matter of days, whilst the planning and preparation of others may take over a year! This review covers some of the events and challenges encountered in 2009.

2010 promises to be another interesting year!

## January

Organised by Dance News Special Projects Ltd, the UK Open Championships used 407 sq. metres of the Nice 'n' Easy system at the Bournemouth International Centre.

[www.BIC.co.uk](http://www.BIC.co.uk)

[www.dance-news.co.uk](http://www.dance-news.co.uk)



## May

Salsa dancers also like the Nice 'n' Easy floor. Choosing it for surface quality, the Congresses in May and October at the Radisson Edwardian Hotel, Heathrow, were organised by MamboCity.

[www.MamboCity.co.uk](http://www.MamboCity.co.uk)



Also in May, the Wimbledon Dance Academy used the Nice 'n' Easy system for the Crystal Palace Cup International Competition at the Ibis Hotel in London.

[www.danceacademy.org.uk](http://www.danceacademy.org.uk)  
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## June

Outside in the grounds of the newly refurbished 18thC White Lodge in Windsor Park, London, the Royal Ballet School used their Jigsaw floor on grass for the school's annual Open Day, which saw students aged 10 – 16 perform a number of folk dances as well as classical repertoire.

[www.royalballschool.co.uk](http://www.royalballschool.co.uk)



## July

An excellent time to enjoy Venice, where Schiavo Augusto unveiled his Nice 'n' Easy floor in the Molino Stucky Hilton Hotel at a social dance for members of his dance school in Verona.

[www.amdance.it](http://www.amdance.it)



Also, in July the International Dance Teachers Association used a Nice 'n' Easy system for their Congress in Southport.

[www.idta.co.uk](http://www.idta.co.uk)



The Campus floor went to the Big Session Festival at De Montfort Hall, Leicester...

[www.summersundae.com](http://www.summersundae.com)

...and at the end of July to the Sidmouth Folk Week...

[www.sidmouthfolkweek.co.uk](http://www.sidmouthfolkweek.co.uk)

...then the National Trust at Montacute House in Somerset used it in a marquee during a local foods event...

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)



## August

..then the Towersey Village Festival used nearly 300 sq. metres.

[www.towerseyfestival.com](http://www.towerseyfestival.com)



## October

The highspot of the year must have been the International Ballroom Championships at the Albert Hall, organised by Dance News Special Projects Ltd. There the Nice 'n' Easy system was laid with a stepped perimeter to fit the oval floor space.

[www.royalalberthall.com](http://www.royalalberthall.com)

[www.dance-news.co.uk](http://www.dance-news.co.uk)



Also in October the Benson Stage Academy in Whitby started to use some Nice 'n' Easy system to protect a sports hall floor from tap dance shoes.



## November

A 50th birthday party in East Grinstead used the Nice 'n' Easy system in a carpeted sports hall.



Plus, in Manchester's magnificent Town Hall, Salsa dancers used 375 sq. metres of the Nice 'n' Easy and Superfloor systems on carpet and a raised stage.

[www.thegreatbritishsalsaexperience.com](http://www.thegreatbritishsalsaexperience.com)



## December

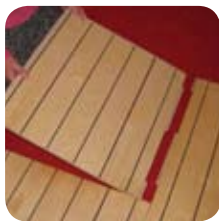
A Nice & Easy system was specially coloured to match existing carpet, for a London Synagogue.

Also, as a young girl's Christmas present, a roll-up dance mat crossed the sea to Northern Ireland.

## The Portable Floor Systems

### The 'Nice 'n' Easy' System

This system is designed for inside use, laid onto flat carpet or hard surfaces. It is easy for one person to lay. 1200 x 600 solid birch plywood panels. Approx. 450 sq. metres for hire.



### The 'Superfloor' System

Although not currently in production, this system is suitable for inside use on carpet or hard floors. 1500 x 500 plywood panels. Approx. 300 sq. metres for hire.

### The 'Campus' System

Good for large floors on grass or tarmac, inside marquees or outside (with tarpaulin protection). Multiples of 1220 in the length and width. For sale or 300 sq. metres for hire.



### The 'Jigsaw' System

Good for medium-sized floors, particularly on grass, concrete or carpet. The panels are 1200 x 800, laid "playing-card" pattern. For sale or 36 sq. metres to hire.

### Roll-up Dance Mats

These performance mats are made in the traditional way, of 32 x 9 slats, on a canvas back - like the lid of a roll-top desk. They give a good sound for percussive dance with tap/hard shoes, and are easy to roll-up and carry.

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