

## **September Interviews**

Interviewee: BinqCapacity: Club Member

#### Hello Binq, how are you today?

It's been a long day but I'm okay! How are you?

Oh I'm doing good. Thank you for making time for this interview. I am here to interview you as a club member for Dance club. To start off, could you please introduce yourself?

Sure thing! My name is Binq, or at least that's what I go by online. I'm 17 and I'm from Finland! I'm not really sure what else to add. [laughs]

### Haha that's okay, How long have you been in this club?

I'm actually a really new member, I joined in the beginning of September. Still, I feel like I've gotten a good impression of what the club is all about.

### Oh, I believe you are new to the server as well, yes? How is it going?

Yes! I joined this server in the beginning of July. I really love this server and the way it's set up for you to learn Korean. It's been such a huge help in my language learning journey and I've met so many cool people through here!

That's great. I hope you continue to have a good time and get to learn many things. What's your favorite thing about the club?



The fact that no matter what your level in dance is (and I notice this a lot especially since I'm a complete beginner) you will be encouraged by the wonderful leaders and club members. I was instantly warmly welcomed into the club, and the vibe during meetings is amazing! It makes me feel a lot less insecure about my skills.

#### What is a fun memory you have in this club?

Well, unfortunately, I haven't had the time to attend many meetings yet seeing as I only recently joined the club, but I've already shared a lot of laughs with the other members. (I really wish I had more to say).

# Oh noo, it's okay. As long as you are having a good time, maybe you will get more chances to make lovely memories. When did you start dancing?

This month actually, but I've been thinking about getting into dance for quite a while. I've been enjoying it a lot! Going from starting to learn a choreo step by step and then being able to make a whole dance out of it is really rewarding.

### Oh? So before this you weren't into dancing?

I wouldn't say I wasn't into dance, I just wasn't practicing myself. I've been watching dancing videos for a long time, but I never really felt confident enough to actually start dancing myself. Even in my own in my room [laughs]

### Oh, did you join the club then with intentions to start dancing?

Oh yes, absolutely! I'd actually been interested in joining since July, but I felt too insecure since I've never danced before. I heard that the choreo for this



month would be a song I really really like so I decided to join, although still feeling insecure.

#### Now that you have started dancing, how do you feel about dancing?

I just wish I'd started sooner. It's really difficult at times, but learning difficult parts is also really rewarding. I really really enjoy dancing.

#### Do you have a favorite dance you've learnt thus far?

This month in the club we're learning the pre-chorus and chorus choreos of Domino by Stray Kids, and it's a really difficult dance, but I'm having a really good time with it. Even though it's not a beginner friendly dance, I think I will keep learning the rest of the song after this month is over.

Your motivation is nice to hear. I'm sure it'll go great. You mentioned still being insecure regarding your dancing. Have you turned on the camera turning any of the meetings?

I actually haven't, but I'm definitely considering it. I know for sure I wouldn't have when I first started learning this dance, but now that I'm starting to get the hang of the moves I probably would! Maybe not alone though, it would feel comforting if other members did so with me.

#### Oh, do other members ever turn on their camera?

It's difficult for me to answer since I've only attended a few meetings, but so far no one has.

What are the interesting things you've learnt in the club and name something you've gained?



I think I've learned to take myself less seriously. Of course, dancing is a pretty serious hobby for me now, but before I joined the club I would be very hard on myself if I got something wrong or forgot a move. Now I just make a little joke to myself and run it from the top. I don't need to be perfect, I'm just doing it for fun anyway!

# Honestly, I believe that to be a great thing you've learnt from this. In regards to dancing, do you feel like Dance club has helped you towards improving it?

Yes, absolutely! I think the leaders are really good at explaining the moves. When watching video tutorials I often feel the instructor moves very fast, because they're maybe not considering that absolute beginners might want to learn from their tutorials. The Dance Club leaders move at a good pace and are very patient, which is really important!

# Ah, that's good to hear. Since we are now on the topic of club leaders, How is the club leadership team?

They definitely exceeded my expectations. As I mentioned I was really insecure about dance when I first joined the club and I was worried about joining this difficult choreography as a beginner. The leaders were wonderful, though, so I don't have any worries anymore. They are very kind, patient and positive! Even expressing my concerns and insecurities they do a very good job in reassuring me.

### How do you like the assignments?

I'm gonna be completely honest, I'm a little nervous recording myself dancing since I've never done it before. But I trust the leaders and I know they won't judge me even if I don't do well. We'll be recording ourselves



dancing the choreo of the month and then we'll send it to one of the leaders. So, yeah I'm a little nervous but I'm sure it will turn out fine. I really like the format of the assignments!

#### Are alternatives offered if you are uncomfortable recording yourself?

You can DM the leaders and tell them why you're unable to record yourself. I'm sure that applies to people who are uncomfortable. However, I'm not sure about what alternatives there are. But as I said, I'm sure there are alternatives! This club is for everyone, after all!

#### Do you receive feedback for the assignments?

Wow, I don't actually know. I'm sure you can ask for it though, but I understand that some people might not want feedback.

#### Would you like to receive feedback?

That depends on the feedback. I think constructive criticism could be a little disheartening to hear since I'm very well aware my dancing abilities aren't amazing, but it would be nice to hear someone comment on my effort!

# Is there something you wished the club would do? Or would want them to do differently?

Nothing comes to mind. It would be nice to learn a more beginner friendly choreo next month, and we already talked about that briefly in the club.

Nonetheless, I think learning difficult choreos is fun too!

What were your expectations going into this club? Does the club meet it?



I didn't really have many expectations going in. I just knew we would be learning a fun dance. [laughs] I guess I expected the lessons to be more formal, and I'm glad they're not. Joking around a bit during meetings makes me more relaxed while dancing, too.

# Thank you, well we are on our final question now. Would you recommend members to join the club? If so, why?

Definitely! It's really fun, and you don't need to be fantastic at dancing. It's a really fun way to exercise while also making friends and having fun. It's not like you'll be kicked if you don't learn a choreo "well enough". It's just really fun and I hope more people join us!

#### Thank you for attending the interview Binq~

Of course! It was fun, thank you!