

## Gumboots Dance at the Windmill

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### Here's a brief history about the Gumboots dance:

Gumboot dance developed from traditional African roots, to become a part of urban South African working-class culture. The practice began with rural labourers who came to work at the golden mineral mines of Johannesburg. They brought with them strong traditions of rhythm, song and dance.

Inside the mines, the workers used the gumboots to communicate with each other, by slapping their boots, stamping their feet, and rattling their ankle chains. As the form also developed into a popular social activity, songs dealing with working-class life, drinking, love, family, low wages and mean bosses were sung to accompany the movements.



Well, here at the Windmill Casino & Entertainment Centre, you're sure to catch the RT Concerts Brand Ambassadors doing what they do best and that's entertaining the guests at all costs.

With the bright coloured tutus and colourful gumboots, the cast of High Flyers Around The World Cabaret Show kept the guest entertained and these girls got rhythm. Though it was challenging for them to understand the slapping, stomping and complicated rhythms at first, they never gave up and showed the guests what they're made of.

It was very interesting at first when **RT Concerts** came up with the idea of bright coloured tutus and colourful gumboots and make our lovely cast slap, clap, stomp and all that to the music of **Mango Groove** just to give it the edge and excitement. This sort of gumboot dance fusion has wowed many guests of all ages and they all commented on how different it is from anything that they have seen in the past. Often during the Casino Activations, guests take one glance and carry on but they all “stopped and starred” at this exciting piece of choreography and the brave ones joined in on the fun. Our guests are always fun and we love it. You are sure to be entertained with our latest instalment of the Cabaret and Tribute Shows. Catch our new show “Celebrations” from the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2013.