

FEBRUARY 2026

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Saturday, Feb. 7th 7:30PM-11:30PM

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 4:45pm Int/Adv West Coast Swing
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Saturday, February 14th
&
Saturday, February 28th

7PM-11PM. \$20pp. Coffee, tea & raffles.
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Questions? Call Sherry: 631-242-0686 or (cell) 631-495-1435

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For info call Louise at 631-277-7774 or 631-513-1055 (cell)
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In Step With The Editor

Loren Finkelstein



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Happy New Year of dancing!! Loren

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Every Wednesday
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BREAKING NEWS

The Dance Calendar is Seeking Contributing Writers

Your short or long form article can cover a wide range of topics – from personal journeys in dance to tips and techniques. You could focus on your love for a specific dance style like Salsa or Swing. It may be a series or a single piece. Whether you're an instructor or someone who just loves to dance and you have a great story to share, please reach out to **Loren** at info@TheDanceCalendar.com.



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Table will be held for up to 20 minutes after dance opens.
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American Spin Turn

By Richard Fiore

(Licentiate, (LAB, LAR, T) Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing)

Email Richard at: rf1111@yahoo.com



The American Spin turn is an attractive hallmark figure that is danced in East Coast Swing, Jive, Lindy Hop and other swing dance styles. The actual turn is typically danced by the follower as a free spin turn to the right. An American Spin turn is technically known as an open tuck-in free spin.

This figure is most commonly initiated from a handshake hold, i.e., man's right hand to lady's right hand, in open facing dance position. It utilizes a preparation lead followed by a free spin. A free spin describes a turn in which the leader releases the hold,

having lead the lady to spin on her own. In an American Spin, the lady turns sharply to her right covering up to $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 complete rotation. The actual spin begins at the end of the 3RD step of the 1ST chasse step, (1&2), on count 2. The leader creates a twisting action on the preceding triple, causing the follower to tuck-in to her left in preparation for the turn. Her upper body winds to the left in response to this action. At the end of the next triple the man leads with a quick push from his right hand to initiate the lady's spin to her right. She dances a pivoting action on the ball of her right foot to free spin approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ turn at the end of count 2 of the 1ST triple. She then dances an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ chasse turn to face her partner over counts 3&4.

An American spin appears simple, but it can be quite tricky. Both partners have to understand the basic elements of this figure. In a tuck-in open spin turn, the leader has to create a proper set-up for the follower before her actual spin. This is done on counts 3&4 of the preceding triple. Over this triple, the man winds the lady slightly to her left and then draws her in over counts 1&2. In this figure, the man's leading right hand is positioned at or slightly below his hip as he marks time in place. Both partners need to maintain adequate tone in their right arm. The lady needs to brace firmly into the man's right support arm, especially during the preparation into the spin turn. This toned connection serves as the only link that enables both partners to coordinate the turn. The man initiates the lady's spin by providing a short duration impulse push from his right hand at the end of count 2, the last step of the 1ST triple. The lady responds to this by turning sharply to her right with a pivoting action on the ball of her right foot. In East Coast Swing, the spin is typically $\frac{1}{2}$ turn to the right followed by an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ chasse turn. In faster



tempo international Jive, the spin can be $\frac{3}{4}$ rotation followed by an additional $\frac{1}{8}$ rotation. The amounts of turn are approximate and are dependent on lead and tempo. The man generally marks time in place during the lady's spin turn; however, in some instances, he may turn a small amount. This will influence the lady's amount of turn since she is expected to end up facing her partner.

Here are some common errors worthy of mention:

- Improper set-up on the preceding triple
- Little or no tuck action
- Delayed or mistimed tuck lead
- Leader's hand above his waist during the tuck lead
- Loss of tone through the arms
- Lady's elbow positioned behind her back
- Lady's loss of balance during the spin

Any of these conditions will make this figure more difficult or impossible to achieve. The tuck-in action is especially important in that it serves to signal the lady prior to her spin. It also creates rotational momentum to her left followed by a smooth transition into the spin to her right. If the man fails to lead the tuck-in action properly, the lady can easily miss the turn altogether. She needs advanced and accurate set up in order for her to know that a spin turn is being initiated. This helps her to prepare for the spin beforehand. If the lady does not respond appropriately to the tuck lead, she will likely miss the actual spin altogether. This can happen if her right elbow drifts behind her back. Maintaining a toned single hand connection is a critical factor.

The American spin turn is an attractive standalone figure with sharp accented movements that can precede or follow many other figures. Elegance is revealed through accurate timing, good directional transitions and balanced spin action. Danced correctly, it exhibits artistic flare.

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Enrollment with a partner is recommended; however, singles are welcome. Participants should wear comfortable clothes and leather bottom shoes or dance shoes. Sneakers or rubber bottom shoes are not recommended.

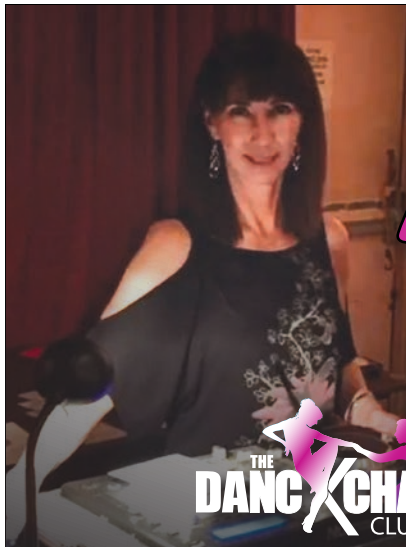
Candidate Dances: Foxtrot, Rumba, Waltz, Cha Cha, Swing, Salsa/Mambo, Bolero, Tango & Meringue

Dates: Fridays - 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17 and 4/24

Instructor: Richard Fiore — Dual Licentiate, Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing

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February 2026 Dance Schedule

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New Beginner Hustle class Starting Thursday March 5th 8:15pm-9:15pm



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631 Pulaski Rd., Greenlawn, NY 11740

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The DancXchange Dance Studio Schedule

290 Broad Hollow Rd., Suite LL150E, Atrium Level Melville, NY 11747
(Located in the blue Bank of America building at the northwest intersection of the Long Island Expressway exit 49N & Route 110)

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| <p>MONDAYS: 2, 9, 16, 23</p> <p>7pm-8:00pm: Adv Intermediate Hustle Level 3</p> <p>8:15pm-9:15pm: Advanced/ Beg West Coast Swing</p> | <p>WEDNESDAY, FEB 18TH</p> <p>6:30pm-7:30pm: Intermediate/Advance Country Two Step Lesson \$20. Followed by Student Practice Party 7:30pm-9:30pm \$10pp</p> |
| <p>TUESDAYS: 3, 10, 17, 24</p> <p>8:15pm-9:15pm: Intermediate West Coast Swing</p> | <p>THURSDAYS: 5, 12, 19, 26</p> <p>7:15pm-8:15pm: Intermediate Hustle Level 2 8:15pm-9:15pm: Slow Inter Hustle Level 1</p> |

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Mardi Gras Theme Dance



FEBRUARY 3

Pizza Night

EC Swing Lesson, DJ & Social Dancing

FEBRUARY 10

Valentine's Theme Dance

EC Swing Lesson, DJ, and Social Dancing

FEBRUARY 24

EC Swing Lesson w/Carol Fraser

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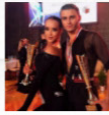
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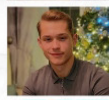
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Latin Advance Every Monday: 1pm-2pm



Tagir Mansurov - Latin Instructor
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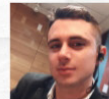
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Every Thursday: 12pm-1pm



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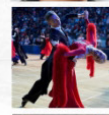
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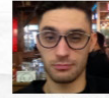
James Zeng 10 Dance Instructor
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Group Classes: Mondays: 2-3pm
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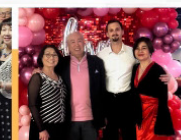
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The Dance Conversation

Fire Horse Year

By Sherry Jean Olander

One month in to the year, it can sometimes feel bewildering. Where did January go? The holidays ended, and...bam! Now it's February. Well, for those of you who haven't yet fully implemented those new year's resolutions, I'll share one of my procrastinator life-hacks with you: Lunar New Year is a second chance! And this year, the lunar year begins with the new moon on February 17th.

Lunar New Year is most well-known as a part of Chinese culture, and in the Chinese Zodiac we are moving from a Wood Snake year to a Fire Horse year. But what does that mean for us dancers?

The website sinocultural.com tells us that a Fire Horse year will be one "...of heightened activity, rapid progress, and potentially transformative changes." To me, this sounds like a perfect fit for dancing. If you've been feeling an urge to learn a new style, or start going to socials more, this is the year to do it. If you've been wondering if you should sign up for classes or make more time for practice, this is the year to do it. If you've been feeling antsy, bored, or restless in your life, it may be the energy of

the Fire Horse calling you to free your spirit and get out on the dancefloor. This is the year to do it.

The horse is a powerful symbol of physical energy, beauty, and freedom. All of which can be also be said of the dancer. How can you bring this awareness to your dance this year? Maybe this means being bold where you have previously been timid. Maybe this means tapping into a more playful side of yourself and letting go. Maybe this means getting a new outfit to reflect on the outside how dancing makes you feel on the inside. The choice is up to you.

One word of caution that does seem to go along with the potent energy of the Fire Horse year is to remember to listen to your body and not run yourself to exhaustion. A horse is powerful, but it must also rest and graze in pastures at times. And a fire that burns too hot will burn itself out instead of enduring with a slow, steady burn. Take care of yourself in this way too.

The year we're closing now, that of the Wood Snake brought a more introspective energy – that of shedding the old. Think to the past year and note how you've changed. These final weeks right before the new moon are a good opportunity to make peace with those changes and spend some final time of reflection before this exciting shift is upon us. What exciting things will your tapping feet lead you to in 2026? The Fire Horse is coming – get ready to dance!

The Argentine Viewpoint

The Pace of Learning

By Michael Ditkoff

Email Michael at: tangomaniac@optimum.net



Michael Ditkoff has taken ten years of private ballroom, latin, swing and hustle lessons; eight years of private Argentine Tango, Waltz and Milonga lessons; three years of Embodied Yoga to improve his frame, and six months of Alexander Technique to improve his posture. He was also a dance host on three cruise ships. Michael resumed playing the piano in July 2023, further sharpening his musicality.

"It take a woman two years to learn how to follow. It takes a man a life time to learn how to lead."- Argentine Tango Expression

I have ten years of private ballroom, latin, swing and hustle lessons. However, because dance studios were closed for about two years and there wasn't dancing during the height of COVID, I forgot a lot. Despite twelve pages of notes from the lessons, I couldn't understand some of the notes. (I actually returned to Baltimore, where my former teacher lives, to recover the "lost" figures.) Every figure has an entrance, the middle, and exit. It seems my notes concentrated on the "middle" which was usually the difficult part. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough time to fully understand the "lost" figures and recover all the figures I wanted.

Last October, I contacted two studios for assistance. One studio never responded. The other studio's response was just as bad. "We work with students, not for students." It seems their concentration is competitive, not social dancing. Even though I was willing to commit to a 10 lessons package, there wasn't any interest.

Fortunately, I found an old school teacher who was willing to help. The first assignment was to repair the natural and spin turns in Quickstep. I overestimated how quickly I could relearn the turns. It took 4 sessions, much longer than I expected. The focus is now on Waterfalls in Waltz. After two sessions, I still haven't mastered it but I'm very close. I already understand it's going to take longer than I expect (and want) to recover "lost" Samba figures. Then there's some "lost" American Tango figures. I'm retired and hope I don't have to go back to work to pay for the lessons.

Argentine Tango is exponentially more difficult than ballroom and latin. (June-July 2022 issues.) The most difficult figure for me is Back Sacada. There is only one woman I can do this figure because our alignment is perfect. But it took months to lead this figure, poorly. The same thing for back displacements. I rushed the figure and my partner and I fell to the floor, all my fault, after many months of lessons.

The bottom line is you can't rush the pace of learning.

This issue represents eight years of writing for the magazine. I never thought I'd still be writing.

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FRIDAY FEB 20

DANCES

Deer Park

Club Brumidi. 2075 Deer Park Ave. 7pm Doors Open. Dance 7PM-11:00PM. Lourdes will be teaching a complimentary Merengue Mini lesson 7:30-8PM. Social Dance Mix with Music by DJ Gene & Joanne. \$25pp includes Complimentary Buffet, Coffee, Tea, Dessert & Cash Bar. www.sonsofitalyLI.com. 516-991-3208. Ad pg 3

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Patchogue

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SATURDAY FEB 21

DANCES

Elmhurst, Queens

Italian Charities of America invites you to our Saturday Night Dance! 83-20 Queens Blvd. Doors open at 7pm. Dance 8pm to 12am. Special Sweetheart Dance with Hot buffet and Desserts. DJ will be spinning classics, oldies, Top 40, Disco, Italian and Latin music! Cash Bar for beverages, liquor, wine and beer. \$30 at the door. Since 1951, our dances are a longstanding tradition to fundraise for our non-profit organization and non-profit building. Please inquire on how to become a member. Door prizes and 50/50 raffle. 718-478-3100. Ad pg 9

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SUNDAY FEB 22

DANCES

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Westbury

Argentine Tango Milonga! Mirelle's 170 Post Ave. Performances by Adriana Salgado and Orlando Reyes. Invited Taxi Dancers: Norman Hinostriza, Omar Hechtenkopf, Eran Polat, Martin Almirón. Tango shoes for sale!! Hosted by Sherry, Carmen and Alberto! Please call ahead to secure your spot! Admission: \$35 PP. Questions? Call Sherry: 631-242-0686 or (cell) 631-495-1435. www.ArgentineTangoLovers.org Ad pg 4

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MONDAY FEB 23

DANCES

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Spotlight Ballroom at 245-24 Horace Harding Expy. 7-8:30pm Country Line Dance. 917-740-2755. Ad pg 8

CLASSES

Deer Park

Dance with Daniel Cruz at Brumidi Lodge. 2075 Deer Park Ave. 4:45pm West Coast Swing Intermediate with Daniel, 5:45pm West Coast Swing Advanced with Daniel (With instructor approval only), 6:45pm Ballroom, 7:45pm Latin. 845-702-1481. Ad pg 4

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DANCES

Greenlawn

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Coram

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WEDNESDAY FEB 25

DANCES

Amityville

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DANCES

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DANCES

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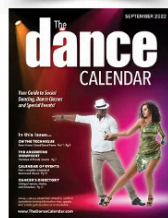
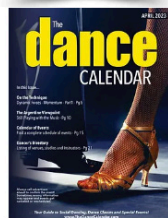
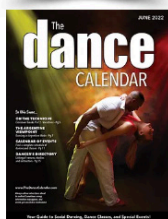
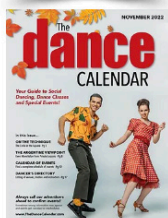
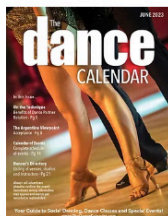
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