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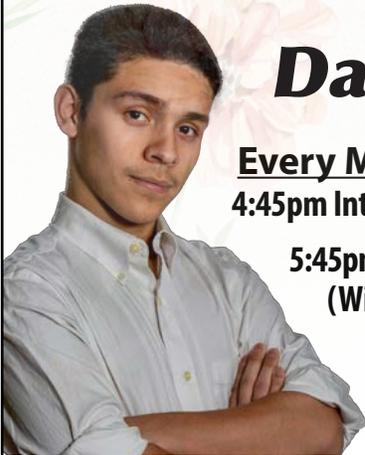
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Every Monday Class in April
4:45pm Intermediate West Coast Swing

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(With instructor approval only)

6:45pm Ballroom Mix

7:45pm Latin Mix



Long Island Country Music Association

Saturday, April 18th 7:30PM-11:30PM

DJ Neil Wrangler - DJ Only Night



Music by DJ Neil Wrangler & Dance Instruction by Sandy!

Doors open 6:30PM. Music starts at 7PM. Coffee at 10pm. (Bring munchies) LIMCA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of Country Music & Dance on LI.



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In Step With The Editor

Loren Finkelstein



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Table will be held for up to 20 minutes after dance opens.
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Getting the Most from Your Dance Experience

By Richard Fiore

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

Email Richard at: rf1111@yahoo.com



Ballroom dancing is a rewarding activity that combines physical movement, artistic expression, and social interaction. To gain the greatest benefit from this experience, dancers should approach it with intention, consistency, and a willingness to learn. Whether dancing for enjoyment, fitness, or personal growth, dance lessons can greatly enhance both progress and enjoyment. A positive ballroom dance experience begins with understanding one's motivation. Some dancers are inspired by fitness while others by social connection or artistic expression. Identifying personal goals helps provide direction and encourages steady

improvement. Setting achievable goals, such as learning new dance figures or improving techniques builds confidence. Longer-term goals require consistent and dedicated commitment over time.

Active participation during dance lessons is key to improvement. Being prepared, paying close attention and practicing corrections as they are given, help dancers learn more effectively. Asking questions when clarification is needed will increase understanding and prevent the reinforcement of poor habits. Being open to feedback is essential. Ballroom dancing involves ongoing refinement. Progress depends on the ability to accept guidance and apply it thoughtfully. Consistent practice reinforces skills learned during dance lessons. Rather than repeating dance movements without effort to correct mistakes, it is more important to refine these movements over time. Effective practice emphasizes professional syllabus-based techniques. Short, focused practice sessions are often more productive than longer, unfocused ones. Regular practice builds confidence and allows dancers to feel more comfortable and relaxed on the dance floor.

Posture, balance, frame, and musicality form the foundation of every dance style. While it can be tempting to rush ahead to flashy figures, investing time in basics will make everything else feel easier and look better. Music also plays a central role in ballroom dancing. Developing a sense of rhythm and timing allows movement to feel natural and expressive. Listening to ballroom music outside of practice helps dancers become more familiar with tempo and phrasing. Understanding the character of each dance also enhances expression and makes performances more engaging and enjoyable.

Physical and mental well-being are important for sustained participation. Adequate rest, proper hydration, and attention to physical comfort, support endurance and coordination. Warm-ups and stretching help reduce the risk of injury and



improve movement quality. Maintaining a balanced mindset and managing stress contribute to confidence and focus during practice and performance. Participating in social dances and other dance events allows dancers to apply their skills in a relaxed setting and gain experience with different partners. These opportunities promote adaptability and confidence while reinforcing the social nature of ballroom dancing. Respect for etiquette and consideration for others help create a positive and welcoming dance environment.

Ballroom dancing relies on cooperation and nonverbal communication between partners. Successful partnerships are built on trust, patience and mutual respect. Learning to respond to a partner's movements and maintaining clear lead-and-follow techniques improve proficiency and enjoyment. Open communication with a positive attitude helps to create a supportive and productive dance experience for both partners. Ballroom dancing is a shared experience. It is important to attend social dances, as well as a willingness to dance with a variety of partners without being afraid to make mistakes. These are enjoyable experiences that lead dancers to develop their skills.

Ballroom dancing is far more than learning steps. It's an experience that combines movement, music, connection, and personal growth. Whether you're stepping onto the dance floor for the first time or returning with experience, a thoughtful approach can help you get much more out of every lesson, practice, and social dance event. Getting the most from your ballroom dance experience involves setting goals, practicing consistently, engaging fully in the experience while maintaining a positive attitude.

By combining technical development with musical awareness and thoughtful partnership, dancers can enjoy meaningful progress and lasting satisfaction. Ballroom dancing, when approached with dedication and openness, offers both personal enrichment and shared enjoyment at every level. It is rewarding, energizing, and deeply satisfying. By staying open, patient, and engaged, you'll not only improve your dancing, but you will truly achieve the highest levels of satisfaction from your dance experience.

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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)

MONDAYS: 7, 14, 21, 28

7pm-8:00pm: Intermediate/Advanced Hustle Level 3
8:15pm-9:15pm: Intermediate Level 1 West Coast Swing

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH

6:30pm-7:30pm: Intermediate Level 2 Country Two Step Lesson \$20.
Followed by Student Practice Party
7:30pm-9:30pm \$10pp

TUESDAYS: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

8:15pm-9:15pm: Intermediate Level 2 West Coast Swing

THURSDAYS: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

7:15pm-8:15pm: Intermediate Hustle
8:15pm-9:15pm: Beginner Level 2 Hustle

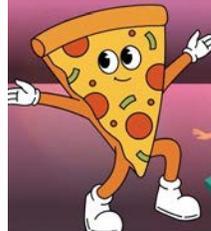
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The Steering Wheel

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.

I have severe arthritis. (I'm not bragging.) I'm vulnerable to extreme pain if a follower stretches out her right arm. This stretches my left arm, further tearing my rotator cuff and causing extreme pain. It feels like it's going to be pulled out from the shoulder. These followers have absolutely no body awareness. (July 2024 issue.)

Holding your partner the wrong way will guarantee bad dancing. For an unknown reason, a lot of partners dance Argentine Tango in the American Tango frame. They are slightly off center, worsened with the leader's right armpit lined up with the follower's left armpit. This frame makes pivoting, an important element, more difficult.



Pivots are required for boleos, molinetes and ochos. The sequence for a pivot is 1) shoulder rotation, 2) hip rotation and 3) foot rotation. If the hips don't rotate, the foot is locked and can't pivot. If the shoulders don't rotate, the hips are locked as well as the foot. This is based on biomechanics. (April-July 2020 issues.) The amount of pivot is proportional to the amount of rotation. Very little rotation means a small pivot. A lot of rotation leads to a large pivot.

When poor followers hold me the wrong way by wedging themselves into my armpit, their boleos are small. When they want larger boleos, some push on my left arm as if it's a wall for leverage, for a bigger boleo. These followers also push on my left arm for a larger pivot for the back step of the molinete. I feel every jolt of pain with every push. That's why I avoid these followers and don't dance Hustle. There are too many followers who take a big back step, lean back on their heels and yank on my arms. (I call these followers New York Yankers.)

Where is the steering wheel in your car? It is in front of you. To hold the wheel, your arms are positioned in front of you, not to the side. Therefore, your partner should be in front of you, not to the side. Do you hold your partner's hand in a death grip? Do you hold the steering wheel in a death grip? You can't hurt the steering wheel. You can hurt your partner by squeezing the hand and pushing on it.

Good followers complain that bad leaders squeeze their hand, bend their wrist, and push them around the floor, and it hurts them. And they don't have arthritis.

Cars have power steering so it's not hard to turn the steering wheel. It's not hard to rotate a follower, unless the partners have a bad embrace.

Daring to Dance

By Sherry Jean Olander

I've had a personal rule for a long time: never make fun of the way someone laughs, or the way someone dances.

These two things are such innate responses to joy and a love of life. And not only that; more than responses, they are natural and beautiful expressions of that joy. To express oneself is a vulnerable thing, but allowing ourselves to be vulnerable is the only path to true connection we have in this world. I see the implications of shutting down this desire in someone as so far-reaching in a negative way that it's one of my greatest pet peeves.

Everyone should dance, in whatever way their body enables them. It's one of the important ways we can use our bodies to tap into the essence of what it is to be alive. Yet too many people have a harsh memory of being made fun of for the way they danced one time, often many years ago, when they were young. And for many, that single moment shadows their experience of dance for the rest of their lives. It closes off a part of them that can take a lot to open back up again.

Sometimes watching someone dance will evoke humor, but there is a difference between expressing that humor in a way that is loving and encourages connection (or quietly to yourself!) and a way that dims and represses. Choose the former, whenever you can. And certainly as adults, we come with so much baggage that we often misunderstand each other so one person's authentic reaching to encourage and connect can be perceived as teasing or dismissing. So sometimes, it's better to just smile and/or join in instead of commenting in any way.

These days, the term "cringe" has created a dangerous aversion to vulnerability that thankfully has already created a lot of pushback in the other direction. We are, by nature, empathic beings. Because of this, joy begets joy - at least most of the time. But if a person has trained themselves to repress those impulses - to follow their joy where it leads, to move in a way that

feels good to them, but might earn an arbitrary label of "silly" - they miss out on that opportunity. And if they can't express it, then others cannot share it. It breaks the chain of connection that can spread the joy.

And I will push this truth a little deeper to say that it's not just important that we share our joy. Connection allows us to increase our capacity to hold the harder emotions as well. If we damage a person's ability to express themselves and connect, we're hindering ourselves in the process.

In the US especially, but most western culture in general, there is this false sense of praise of the individual. Years ago I took a course with a Cherokee Dream Healer who pointed out the irony - in a culture that supposedly values the individual - why is there so much backlash against those who dare to be differently themselves? While in cultures that place the community higher than the self (such as his Cherokee culture), within the circle of community, much leeway was afforded those who walked a different path. Being different didn't cause them to be ostracized.

A related point is that often what causes someone to poke fun at another's dancing is simply envy at that person's ability to freely express themselves. It's a travesty of humanity on so many levels.

So how do we work together to prevent it? Or how can we welcome back those that have already been harmed? If you are a dancer, let yourself express what feels true to you. In little ways at first, and around those you trust. Because vulnerability is important, but we also must protect our hearts and be respectful of the hearts of others. But be joyful, be brave, and be you; it will inspire and invite others to do the same.



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SATURDAY APR 18

DANCES

Deer Park

Brumidi Lodge. 2075 Deer Park Ave. LONG ISLAND COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION. Music by DJ Neil Wrangler and Dance Instruction provided by Sandy! Doors open 6:30PM. Music starts 7PM. Coffee available at 10pm. (Bring your own munchies) LIMCA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of Country Music & Dance on Long Island. Ad pg 3

Little Neck Queens

Spotlight Ballroom 245-24 Horace Harding Expy. Dance the Night Away with Louis Del Prete!! 7:00-10:30PM. Latin, West Coast Swing, Dance Mix, Hustle & more! FREE dance lesson at 7:30PM. Social dance with live DJ. Pro-Am Show! Dinner, Coffee & Cake. Info Thomas: 929-213-3283 or Jessica: 917-450-9834 Ad pg 8

CLASSES

Little Neck Queens

Spotlight Ballroom at 245-24 Horace Harding Expy. 12-1PM Standard w/Kai, 1-2PM Latin class by Dennis. 917-740-2755. Ad pg 8

SPECIAL EVENT

New York City

Youth America Grand Prix 2026 International Dance School Festival Held at the David H. Koch Theater at Lincoln Center 20 Lincoln Center Plaza. Begins at 2PM. 10 leading dance academies, 1 spectacular evening! Info: <https://yagp.org/yagp-2026-new-york-galas-at-lincoln-center/> Ad pg 5

SUNDAY APR 19

DANCES

Little Neck Queens

Spotlight Ballroom at 245-24 Horace Harding Expy. 2-6pm Social Dance 917-740-2755. Ad pg 8

CLASSES

Little Neck

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MONDAY APR 20

DANCES

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Melville

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TUESDAY APR 21

DANCES

Greenlawn

Join your friends for our Band Night with Mess Around Band at Swing Dance Long Island at the Huntington Moose Lodge, 631 Pulaski Rd. East Coast Swing Lesson at 7:30pm, Band performs at 8pm. \$20/person. Discounts for members. Info: 631-476-3707 or www.SDLI.org. Ad pg 7

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WEDNESDAY APR 22

DANCES

Amityville

Dinner and dancing with Louis Del Prete at Sophia Italian Bistro, 71 Merrick Rd. 6 PM to 9 PM. Singing the best of Sinatra, Dean Martin, Michael Bubl , Engelbert, Elvis, Bennett, Tom Jones and more! For information call Louis at 631-598-1150. Ad pg 7

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Merrick

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FRIDAY APR 24

DANCES

Greenlawn

Donna DeSimone's DancXchange Club at Greenlawn Moose Lodge. 631 Pulaski Rd. Hustle, WCS, Country Two step, Latin & Smooth. Doors open for student practice at 6:45pm. Free Hustle lesson 7:15pm-8pm. Open dancing 8pm-11pm. You can not bring drinks into hall, bar but you can bring your own food & snacks. Masks optional, not required. Contact Donna for table reservations for 6 to 10 people \$20pp cash at the door. www.donnadesimone.us. 516.375.8498. Ad pg 7

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Massapequa

Dance to the Sounds of DJ Ray! Massapequa Elks Lodge 2162 Veterans Blvd. 8pm-12am. Enjoy a great mix of 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's & today's popular music! Swing, Motown, Hustle, Doo-Wop, Freestyle, Lindy... and a little bit of 2-Step Line Dancing, WCS and a touch of Latin too! Open Bar, Bagels & Desserts, 50/50, Door Prizes, Coffee & Tea. Singles & couples welcome. Info: DJ Ray at 516.385.1720. Ad pg 5

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SATURDAY APR 25

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. \$25 at the door, \$22 for members. 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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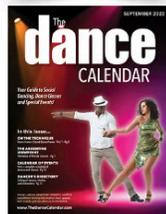
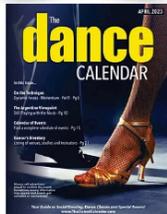
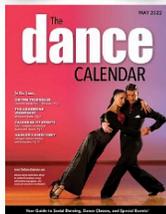
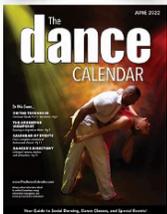
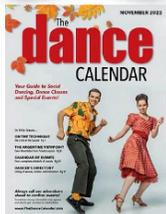
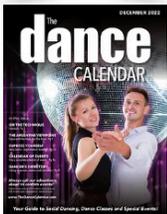
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