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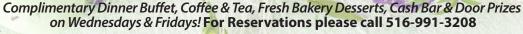
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10am Salsa

Tuesdays

10am Bachata 11am Argentine Tango 11am West Coast Swing

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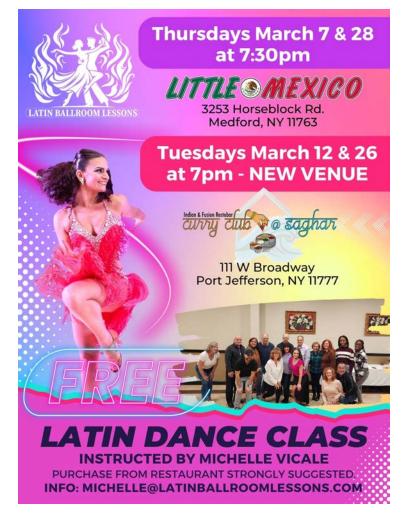


Saturday March 23rd 7PM-11PM

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In Step With The Editor

Loren Finkelstein



Spring has almost sprung, and it's the perfect time to shake off the winter chill and embrace the rhythm of renewal! Whether you're a seasoned dancer or taking your first steps onto the dance floor, now is the moment to dive into new experiences and level up your dance game. Explore new styles, refine your techniques or

unleash your creativity with a range of dance lessons! From swing to salsa, the March issue is filled with something for everyone to enjoy. See page 15 for a monthly listing of dance classes and events. Let's shimmy, shake, and twirl our way into the start of the season together!





On The Technique

Guapacha Timing

By Richard Fiore

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Guapacha timing pronounced 'wah-pah-cha' describes a timing variation of the normal cha cha rhythm. This timing pattern is most leadable with basic cha cha figures in closed dance position. It provides an extra syncopation in each measure of music, giving cha cha a noticeably different appearance. The manner in which the steps fit into a measure of music is one of the fundamental features that give the dance its distinct character. As such, Guapacha timing adds an interesting, accented styling to cha cha.

The tables below give a breakdown of the various actions that are associated with each beat within one measure

of music for both standard cha cha and Guapacha timing patterns for clarification and comparison. The step number, foot action, rhythm, beat value and time within the measure are all given for both timing patterns. The normal cha cha rhythm is referenced to standard 4/4 timing and is stated as 1,2,3,4&. Accordingly, there are five steps over four beats of music. This defines the rhythm of one half of a cha cha basic as depicted in the cha cha timing table. A total of ten steps over two measures are needed for a full basic. This has a rhythmic count of 1,2,3,4&, 1,2,3,4&. Each half of the basic has syncopation on count 4& in which two steps are taken over one beat. In contrast, single steps are taken over one beat for counts 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

Standard Cha Cha Timing

Step Number	1	2	3	4	5
Rhythm	1	2	3	4	&
Foot Action	Step	Step	Step	Syncopated	Syncopated
Beat Value	1	1	1	1/2	1/2
Time within the Measure	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/8	1/8

As previously mentioned, Guapacha timing is a rhythmic variation to standard cha cha rhythm. While the number of steps is the same, there is a difference in the way the steps are taken. Guapacha timing has an additional syncopated rhythm embedded in each measure. Here is how it works. The step that is normally taken on count 2 is delayed for ½ beat and then taken at the end of count 2 as a syncopated 'catch-up' step. Musically stated, this step occurs on the after beat of count 2. The total count for the measure from a dancer's perspective is 1,28,3,4&. The Guapacha timing table illustrates the timing characteristic over one measure.



Standard Cha Cha Timing



Guapacha Timing

Step Number	1	2	3	4	5
Rhythm	1	2&	3	4	&
Foot Action	Step	Syncopated*	Step	Syncopated	Syncopated
Beat Value	1	1/2+1/2	1	1/2	1/2
Time within the Measure	1/4	1/8+1/8	1/4	1/8	1/8

^{*}Step normally taken on count 2 is held for ½ beat

As noted in the table, Guapacha timing has two sets of syncopated actions in each measure, i.e., 2& and 4&. The 2& is unique to this timing pattern as it represents one beat in which the step that is normally taken on count 2 is delayed and then taken on the later portion of that beat. The 4& syncopation however is the same for both normal cha cha and Guapacha timing patterns. The beat value describes a portion of time for each step or action normalized to a musical ¼ note in this example. Therefore, a step taken on one beat has a beat value of 1. Two actions over one beat will have a beat value of ½ for each action. Standard cha cha timing has two steps over one beat on count 4&. In Guapacha timing there is a hold for ½ beat and a step for ½ a beat respectively over counts 2&. Both actions together are syncopated and yield a beat value of ½ ½. This signifies that two actions are fit into a ¼ note time duration or one musical beat in this example. The 4& syncopation represents the two normal syncopated steps taken over one beat. The 2& syncopated action in Guapacha timing represents the same amount of time as the normal syncopated 4& steps; however, with only one step taken. While the 2& and 4& are both syncopated, the foot actions are quite different.

Guapacha timing creates an aesthetically pleasing appearance when danced properly. It is normally danced with basic cha cha, figures; however, it can also be applied to a variety of other figures. It can be danced over several measures or intermittently throughout the dance. There are no strict rules regarding when to use this timing pattern; however, it is typically danced for short durations over several measures. Guapacha timing is a fun variation to incorporate into your cha cha routines.

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Dates: 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12 and 4/19

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

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

Location: Adephi University, One South Ave., Garden City, NY 11530 - Woodruff Hall Dance Studio

<u>To Register</u>: \$125/person for general admission. Call Noreen DeNicola at (516) 877-4260 or email ndenicola@adelphi.edu



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The DancXchange Dance Studio Class 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 MAR 4, 11, 18, 25

7pm-8pm: WCS Adv. Interm 8:15-9:15pm:

TUESDAYS MAR 5, 12, 19, 26

8:15-9:15pm: Slow Intermediate Hustle Intermediate Tango WEDNESDAYS MAR 6, 13, 20, 27

7pm-8pm: Hustle Adv. 7:15pm-8:15pm: Inter Hustle 8:15pm-9:15pm: Advanced **Beginner West Coast Swing**

MAR 7, 14, 21, 28 7:15-8:15pm: Adv/Beginner Hustle

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March 15th



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No Friday Group or Party March 29th

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The Argentine Viewpoint

Molinetes

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.

Last month, I wrote about the Ocho Cortado in detail. I've mentioned molinetes in previous articles, but never a complete

explanation. This month is the complete explanation.

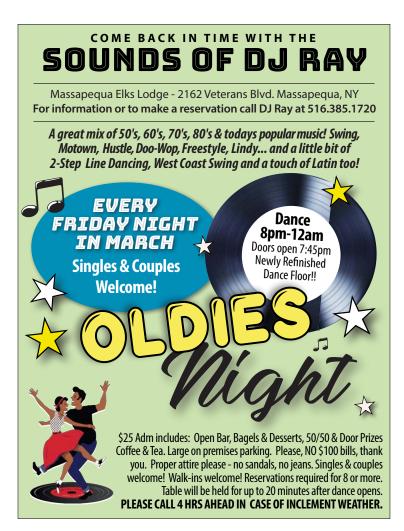
A molinete is a circular figure with the leader in the center of the circle. To stay in the center, the leader has to pivot in a circle. (I didn't appreciate the value of a one-foot pivot taught by Joe, my teacher. It took six months to learn. I appreciate it now.) By making a pivot on one foot, the center of the circle stays in one place, and the follower moves in a circle. But very few leaders can make the revolution because they dance flat footed, and their heel stops their movement. To continue the turn, they step with the other foot and create a NEW circle. The follower is usually thrown off her balance to follow the path of

the new circle. This poor leading causes the couple to move off the line of dance. Like driving a car that shifts lanes, the couple weaves back and forth changing lanes, without signaling, being a menace to traffic. There might not be a problem when they shift to the left but there can be a problem when they shift right and cause a collision. Of course, leaders rarely look where they are going. The tango police should give them a moving violation ticket for changing lanes without signaling.

Though dancers are taught the molinete is back-side-forward, the molinete can also begin on the side or forward steps. (August 2021 issue.) A clear lead has to come before the leader steps. I see a lot of leaders who turn away from the partner before leading the molinete. The problem is they leave their partner behind and then whip their follower into the molinete, usually throwing the partner off balance.

Most leaders only execute this figure to their left. It can be executed to their right. But it's slightly more complicated because that's the closed side of the embrace. The leader has to have flexibility in the frame to accommodate the smaller space than on the other side. Followers can't pivot if they give resistance to the lead. Dancers don't realize how they ruin their dancing and their partner's dancing.









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In the Spotlight

Maria Urbat

Swing Dance Long Island Welcomes New President



Maria Urbat was welcomed as the new President of Swing Dance Long Island in Greenlawn, NY. Her compassion for dancing began almost 25 years ago when she and her husband, Ed Urbat, took dance classes with two amazing instructors: Victor Goldman and Caroline Schwartz. They later continued with Patti Panebianco who encouraged them to master and share their passion for dancing. Maria and Ed have taught Ballroom and Swing in both private and group lessons, participated in numerous fundraisers, and performed at special events both locally as well as internationally while on tours with "City Rhythm Orchestra"

in both Italy and France. They've also been featured in Newsday (see below) and most recently Maria was interviewed for a special article on the benefits of Swing Dancing.

Maria's background in teaching children with special needs on an elementary level, as well as mentoring future teachers and students on a college level has enabled her to build confidence in her students on the dance floor as they learn how to partner and master new skills. The understanding of individual needs and different levels of achievement has been instrumental in fostering basic skill development and demonstrating ways to modify technique. Maria and Ed teach to diversify and do not seek competition but prefer to encourage others to discover their own passion for dancing and shine with their abilities on various levels. Nothing brings her more happiness than seeing the dance floor crowded with smiling and laughing dancers.

Swing Dance Long Island is a non-profit organization that has been in existence for nearly 35 years. Maria and Ed are proud members of this wonderful organization that promotes live bands and social dancing with a DJ in a safe and comfortable environment. With the help of the 9 Board members, SDLI organizes a variety of weekly events to keep the genre alive. This shows their gratitude and respect for the "pioneers" who created Swing Dance Long Island. You can find Maria on the dance floor every Tuesday at The Huntington Moose Lodge where she is proud to call it a home to the dance community.

Music and dancing soothe your soul, and Maria reminds us that dancing has benefits mentally, physically, socially and spiritually - it has a little magic in it. You may come in feeling burdened from your day, but you may surely leave in a lighter mood. Her motto is "fake it till you make it" and suggest mastering the beginning and basic steps first, learn the rhythm of the dance and then take it from there. Have fun and add your own style and flair. That's what makes SDLI unique. Maria says, "Come dance with me!"

The following is excerpt from Newsday published on January 10, 2024:

If the winter blues have settled in, a few holiday pounds just won't go away, or you've got a New Year's resolution to keep, swing dance events around Long Island may just be the answer. From ages 8 to 80, Long Islanders are hopping - Lindy Hopping, that is. "It's such a happy night out," said Maria Urbat of Smithtown, president of Swing Dance Long Island. She and her DJ husband, Ed, both 71, can be found doing the Jitterbug, freestyle and more every Tuesday at SDLI's weekly dances at the Huntington Moose Lodge in Greenlawn."It's good physically. It's good mentally, and it's got social benefits," she said, adding, "Our motto is basically to have fun and fake it till you make it."

Pretty much anybody can swing dance. Once you have the basic beat, you can add whatever flair you like." The evening starts at 7:30PM with a free, 30-minute dance lesson. After that, show off what you've learned on the dance floor from 8 to 10PM. There are more than 100 members in the all-volunteer non-profit organization, and even on quiet nights there are at least a few dozen, from college age to seniors, in attendance. "No partners are necessary, and the lesson is basic, just to get you on the dance floor," said Urbat. "The first Tuesday of the month we have pizza and a DJ," she explained. On the third and fifth Tuesdays of the month, a live band performs. Every dance includes light refreshments, free lessons and a chance to greet old friends and new, but, more than anything else, swing's the thing. Brian Boker, 70, of Islip has been an SDLI member for nine years. He's also the guitarist with and a founding member of the four-part Long Island swing band, Playing Favorites. "Where else can you have a night out and have fun for \$10?" he asked.









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The Dance Journey

The Beat Deaf Dancer

Anonymous Contributor

Webster's dictionary defines Tone-Deaf as Relatively insensitive to differences in musical pitch. So, therefore, an individual who is tone-deaf cannot recognize different notes. Nor can they sing tunes accurately. Can a tone-deaf person sing? Yes, and they will never be accused of lip-syncing. Oh, I am tone-deaf. A Beat Deaf person (such as myself) cannot distinguish musical rhythm, nor do we move in time with the music. My singing frightens small animals, so the ASPCA has banned me from karaoke bars.

As far as dancing, there was a challenge. You know, back in the 30s, or was that back when I was 30? My girlfriend and I went down to the beach on Thursday nights during the summer, where they had square dancing. I taught her a few embellishments I learned in my teenage years. Three other couples asked to learn these mores, and by the end of the summer, we discussed finding a place to continue this through the colder months. We found an Elk's Lodge with a sign in the window that read "Country Dancing." We showed up on Sunday only to find out this was not square dancing but ballroom dancing done to country music. We are talking about Two-Step, Waltz, Polka, Cha-Cha, Novelty, and Stop-and-Go dances.

My girlfriend at that time told me that she had always wanted to learn ballroom dancing, and she also added how I love country music, so it is the best of both worlds. She convinced me to keep attending. Plus, it was three hours of lessons for \$5.00 per person. We broke up three or four months later, and she moved away. For some unknown reason, I continued to attend the dance classes. I also was determined to become a good leader. There was one small hole in my plan. I am beat deaf. I have the rhythm of a stick.

During one class, a friend named Dan (this amazing Irish Step Dancer) looked at me and said, "You need to learn how to count music"! I immediately thought Damn, now there is math just hope it is not algebra. After class, Dan offered to teach me how to count music. I went over to his house, where he brewed a pot of coffee and played several different music genres. He also had me tune out everything EXCEPT the drum, explaining this is what you will be dancing to. First, he would count, then he would have me count. Dan needed to be fully convinced that I comprehended what he set out to teach me. I practiced in the car, at home, and anywhere I heard music, I counted drum beats.

I continued going to dance classes, and everyone commented on my improvement. I didn't stop there. I continued counting; I took the steps I learned that week and practiced any and everywhere I could for two to three hours a night. I also watched Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly movies and studied their footwork. I am beat deaf; I am a mechanical dancer. Although learning steps mechanically enhanced the dance step's accuracy, I didn't want my movements to reflect my handicap. I am not now, nor will I ever be as good as a "natural." A Natural is a person who hears the beat and feels the rhythm and the nuances in the music.

Dancing beat-deaf is a challenge, and I gladly accepted it because I love to dance. Early in my journey, I discovered the trick to improving my dance and becoming a good leader is a strong dance frame. This is something that needs to be taught in dance classes today. Recently I have taken several dance classes, and based upon the lessons, My findings revealed five essential things that are omitted and are crucial not only for those of us who are beat-deaf but for all beginner dancers. These are the five key components to strong dance foundation:

- 1. Counting Music
- 2. Frame
- 3. Lead
- 4. Follow
- 5. Dance floor Etiquette

Most seasoned dancers will agree that a strong foundation is Dance 101. Having an excellent foundation to advance in your dance journey would be best. The five essentials listed above take hard work to achieve. Gordon B. Hinckley once said, "Without hard work, nothing grows but weeds." To all of you that are beat deaf or simply a novice dancer, before you take a dance class, or even if you just started one, go out and dance. The dance floor is your sandbox, your playground. Go, socialize, and play with the other kids. Don't be afraid to make mistakes, but learn from them. The truth is, if you wait until you get better before you go out dancing, you will never get better, and you will never go out dancing. Don't look back in regret. I didn't let beat deafness stop me, and it shouldn't stop you. I encourage you to overcome your fear. You will be happy you did.

In closing, let me paraphrase an old quote about fear. "Fearless is not the absence of fear; No fearless is doing the thing that scares you the most, The thing that probably scares you to death." Was this a quote from Aristotle, Socrates, Karl Marx, and Samuel L. Clemens (aka Mark Twain)? No, it was Taylor Swift. And the mere thought that I just quoted Taylor Swift scares me to death.

March 2024 Dance Calendar

FRIDAY MAR 1

DANCES

Deer Park

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TUESDAY MAR 5

DANCES

Greenlawn

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THURSDAY MAR 7

CLASSES

Medford

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FRIDAY MAR 8

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Deer Park

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SATURDAY MAR 9

DANCES

Hollis Hills, Queens

Dance With Me at Hollis Hills Jewish Center 210-10 Union Turnpike. Music by DJ DJ Gene & Joann. 8pm-12am. 7:30-8pm line dance lesson with David. Complimentary Hot and Cold Buffet. Dessert and coffee. Raffle & Door Prizes. \$25.00 Per person. Call Nancy for reservations 516-587-4330. Ad pg 10

Lake Ronkonkoma

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Huntington

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Carle Place

Rumba Lesson with Sara at 375 Dance Studio 375 Westbury Ave. \$30PP. Please call Sara ahead to register at 516-322-9124 or email: saraballroom-queen@gmail.com. Also available for private lessons teaching Smooth and Latin dances. Ad pg 5

SUNDAY MAR 24

CLASSES

Melville

Dance with Lourdes Cruz at The DancXchange Dance Studio, 290 Broad Hollow Rd. 3pm Argentine Tango, 4pm West Coast Swing, 5pm Bolero (Must RSVP). 845-977-3482. Ad pg 4

Old Bethpage

Donna DeSimone teaching at Attitudes in Motion 756 Old Bethpage Rd. 2:15pm-3:15pm Intermediate Country Two Step. www.donnadesimone.us. 516.375.8498. Ad pg 7

MONDAY MAR 25

CLASSES

Deer Park

Dance with Lourdes Cruz at Brumidi Lodge. 2075 Deer Park Ave.6:45pm Latin Mix Basics & Intermediate 7:45pm, West Coast Swing Basics & Intermediate. 845-977-3482. Ad pg 4

Farmingdale

Barney & Debbie's Dance Obsession. 18 Hempstead Tpke. 6PM Intermediate Level working on School Figures (Steps 1-4) w/technique in all dances, 6:45PM Advanced Level working on School Figures (Steps 5-8) w/technique in all dances, 7:30PM Couples Group: TANGO. www.DanceObsession.com. (516) 753-2121. Ad pg 7

Little Neck, Queens

Dance with Lourdes Cruz at Spotlight Studio 245-24 Horace Harding Exwy. 10am Salsa, 11am Argentine Tango. 845-977-3482. Ad pg 4

Melville

Donna DeSimone's DancXchange Dance Studio. 290 Broad Hollow Rd. 7:00pm-8:00pm: West Coast Swing: Adv. Intermediate, 8:15pm-9:15pm: Slow Intermediate Hustle. www.donnadesimone.us. 516.375.8498. Ad pg 7

TUESDAY MAR 26

DANCES

Greenlawn

Join your friends for DJ and Dancing at Swing Dance Long Island at the Huntington Moose Lodge, 631 Pulaski Rd. Drop-in lesson with at Carol Fraser 7:30pm, Members \$10/person, non-members \$15/person, Info: 631-476-3707 or www.SDLI.org. Ad pg 2

Huntington

Swing Dance Night at Industry Lounge & Gallery, 344 New York Ave. 7-8pm Lesson and 8:30-11:30pm open dance with LIVE MUSIC by Huntington Blues All Stars! For more information email info@industrymakers.art Ad pg 4

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Hauppauge

Lori Ann Roche and KL Dance at Simplay 180 Commerce Drive. Hustle Performance Team at 7PM and Diva Performance Team at 8PM. Info: 631-332-8883. Ad pg 12

Little Neck, Queens

Dance with Lourdes Cruz at Spotlight Studio 245-24 Horace Harding Exwy. 10am Bachata, 11am West Coast Swing, 845-977-3482, Ad pg 4

Donna DeSimone's DancXchange Dance Studio. 290 Broad Hollow Rd. 7:00pm-8:00pm: Hustle Advanced, 8:15pm-9:15pm: Intermediate Tango. www.donnadesimone.us. 516.375.8498. Ad pg 7

Port Jefferson

Free Latin Dance Classes with Michelle Vicale at The Curry Club at SaGhar 111 W. Broadway. Starts at 7:00PM. Purchase from restaurant or bar suggested. For more information: michelle@latinballroomlessons.com. Ad pg 5

WEDNESDAY MAR 27

DANCES

Deer Park

Club Brumidi. 2075 Deer Park Ave. 6-10PM Social Dance Mix. Enjoy Tango, West Coast Swing, Hustle & More! Music by DJ Gene & Joanne. www. sonsofitalyLl.com. 516-991-3208. Ad pg 3

Flushing

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Little Neck

Dance With DJ Pedro at Spotlight Ballroom, 245-24 Horace Harding Expy. Socia Ballroom Dance Mix. 7pm-11pm. Dance is held every other Wednesday. \$20 PP. Coffee, tea & snacks served. DJ Pedro for info: 718-640-8216. Ad pg 5 **CLASSES**

Hauppauge

Group classes with Biwill Calixte and Michelle Buquicchio at Simplay 180 Commerce Drive. 7-7:45PM Technique and 7:45-8:30PM Performance Group Routine. Info: 321-512-3444 or 631-332-4400. Ad pa 9

Melville

Donna DeSimone's DancXchange Dance Studio. 290 Broad Hollow Rd. 7:15pm-8:15pm Hustle - Intermediate, 8:15pm-9:15pm Advanced Beginner West Coast Swing. www.donnadesimone.us. 516.375.8498. Ad pg 7

THURSDAY MAR 28

CLASSES

Medford

Free Latin Dance Classes with Michelle Vicale at Little Mexico 3253 Horseblock Road. Starts at 7:30PM. Purchase from restaurant or bar suggested. For more information: michelle@latinballroomlessons.com. Ad pg 5

Melville

Donna DeSimone's DancXchange Dance Studio. 290 Broad Hollow Rd. 7:15pm-8:15pm: Adv/Beginner Hustle, www.donnadesimone.us. 516.375.8498. Ad pg 7

FRIDAY MAR 29

DANCES

Greenlawn

Donna DeSimone's DancXchange Club Night at Greenlawn Moose Lodge 631 Pulaski Rd. Easter Holiday Dance! 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 cannot 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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SATURDAY MAR 30

DANCES

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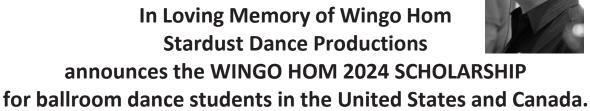
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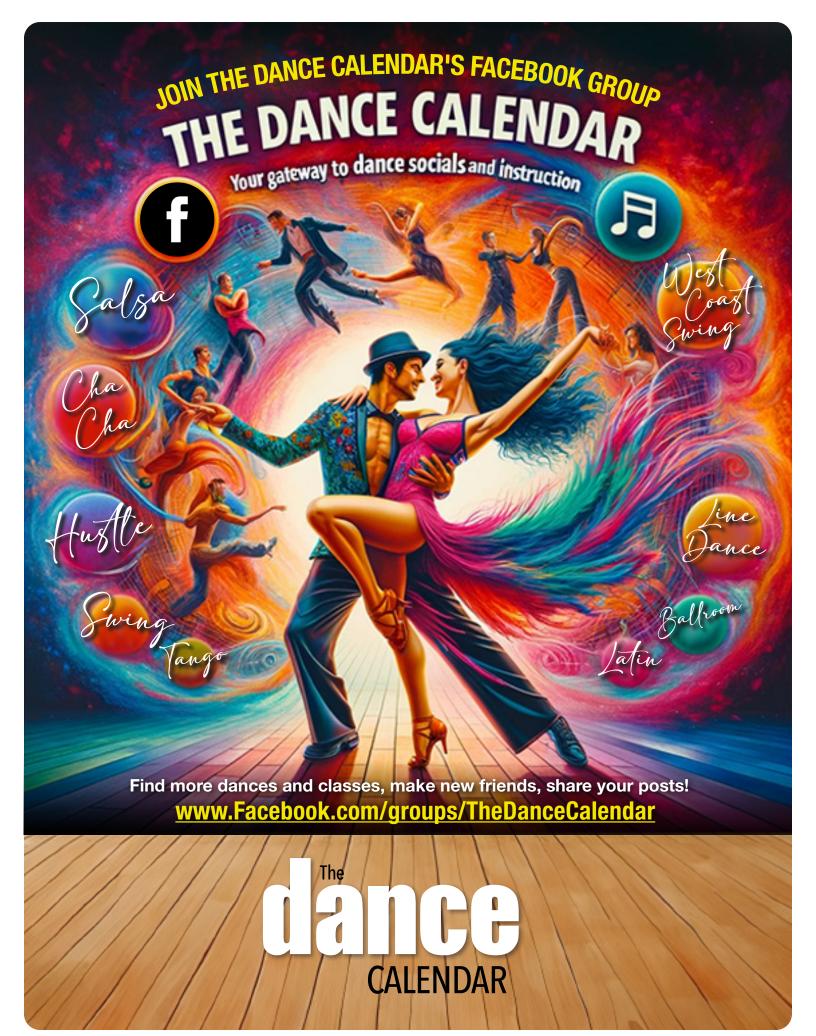
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