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In Step With The Editor

Loren Finkelstein



Whether you enjoy Salsa, Hustle, Cha Cha or Swing, you'll find plenty of Ballroom & Latin dance socials and group classes at all levels listed in the November issue. As always, please call advertisers ahead to confirm dates, times and locations. Posted information may be subject to cancellation and/or rescheduling. If you'd like to become a contributing writer for The Dance Calendar, please contact me at info@TheDanceCalendar.com.

Be sure to join the Dance Calendar's growing Facebook Group community to discover more events around Long Island, Queens and NYC: www.facebook.com/groups/thedancecalendar

Happy Dancing and have a Happy Thanksgiving!
Loren

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Fridays, Nov 7th & 21st
6PM Complimentary beginner dance lesson with Shah... 7PM-11PM Social and Ballroom Dance Mix with DJ Scott - \$15PP
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SOCIALS & WORKSHOPS
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7pm Doors Open. 7:30-8pm West Coast Swing Lesson and Dance 8PM-10:30PM with Lourdes! Social Dance Mix with Music by DJ Gene & Joanne. Hosted by Daniel for the evening! \$25pp includes Complimentary Buffet, Coffee, Tea, Dessert & Cash Bar.
Sundays Nov 16, 23, & 30
WCS Practice Social w/Daniel at The DancXchange
290 Broadhollow Rd. Melville, NY 11747
3pm WCS Level 2/3 (Advanced Novice Plus) MUST have command of basics variations.
4pm WCS Level 0/1 (New Dancers & others working on refinement)
All Levels welcome. 5PM Swing Practice Social. \$20 a la carte / \$50 full day
Tuesday, November 11
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Mondays with Daniel (No Class Nov 3)
4:45pm West Coast Level 2/3, 5:45pm West Coast Level 3,
6:45pm Salsa & Latin Lev 1/2, 7:45pm West Coast Level 1/2
For Dance Event Information text/call Lourdes: 845-702-1481 Email: lourdes@divaballroomdancing.com
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Partnering Skills Part 2 - Social Interactive Aspects

By Richard Fiore

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

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In the previous article, dance partnering was described as an array of skills that serve to enable both leader and follower to achieve and maintain coordinated movement together on the dance floor. The mechanics of partnering such as dance hold, physical connection between partners and dance frame were presented. This article will highlight various social interactive aspects of partnering such as personal space, physical contact and trust.

Good dance partnering is largely about achieving the silent language of lead and follow. Each partner has the responsibility of maintaining their specific role in the

dance. Many people believe that ballroom dancing only involves learning various step patterns and associated techniques. While this is basically true, there is yet another important aspect of partnering in ballroom dancing that centers on social interactive factors. Volumes can be written on this topic due to the many diverse facets of social interactions. Partnering has a great deal to do with how individuals interact with each other socially while in close space on the dance floor. I have always found this to be one of the most fascinating aspects of ballroom dancing.

Every culture in the world has socially defined spatial boundaries. This is also referred to as one's 'personal space bubble'. It defines an area surrounding an individual that represents their psychological comfort zone. The personal space bubble in our culture begins at approximately eighteen inches and extends out to about four feet. It is generally reserved for family and close friends. An even closer culturally defined spatial zone known as 'intimate space' ranges from touching to less than eighteen inches. This spatial zone is typically reserved for people in close relationships. A red flag is automatically set when an individual inappropriately encroaches upon someone's personal or intimate spatial boundaries. Most individuals value their personal space and feel uncomfortable when it is violated. Our culture has taught us to maintain an average of four feet of separation while socially interacting with complete strangers. Touching someone you do not know violates this socially defined norm in a profound way. Spatial boundaries are an integral part of a given culture that is learned and reinforced at an early age. It is so ingrained in our culture that we automatically react to social space in an unconscious manner.



Now consider partner dancing and the sudden implications to one's personal space. Individuals frequently find themselves at a social dance venue or a group dance class where they are asked to rotate partners. They are suddenly face to face with a stranger. This has the potential to create uneasiness. Partner dancing takes people directly into one another's intimate spatial zone. It can trigger a myriad of reactions such as anxiety for one or both partners. Although contact from a closed dance hold is usually taken as the norm in ballroom dancing, it can be intimidating for some individuals. Uneasy reactions in partner dancing are usually revealed by one's body language. For example, in smooth dances such as foxtrot and waltz, the one who steps forward with their right foot has to step between their partner's feet in order to maintain connection at the hips. Properly danced in this manner, the inner thighs of both partners are in close contact throughout the step. This type of contact can intimidate some and result in uneasiness. Insecurities leading to anxiety can also be triggered in some dancers, over whether or not they are dancing to the expectations of their partner. Sharing close space can magnify this and other concerns.

Everyone who enters the dance floor needs to be keenly aware that each individual is uniquely different in their ability to relax while partner dancing. Building trust in the context of ballroom dancing can seem like an insurmountable task. It involves giving up control and allowing your partner into your personal space. It is much better to replace the feeling of vulnerability with the feeling of joy. Learning to trust can foster an enhanced dance experience. When walls are put up, the quality of the dance suffers. Dancers need to be aware of the proper dance hold and basic techniques. If you feel that your partner is taking advantage in any way, you will need to gently confront the situation either verbally or non-verbally. Both dancers have to be careful not to provoke uneasiness in their partner.

Sharing personal space remains a delicate situation. Everyone can enjoy partner dancing more fully by being sensitive and courteous while on the dance floor. In this way both partners can aim to make dancing a more enjoyable experience.

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With Donna DeSimone

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November 2025 Dance Schedule

The DancXchange Dance Studio Fall Dance Schedule Registration is NOW open for new & existing classes. Group classes are 1 hour \$20pp paid monthly with \$10 discount or \$25 pay as you go.



Greenlawn Moose Lodge
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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)



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 "CLUB NIGHT" POST THANKSGIVING DANCE

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WEDNESDAY 19: Student practice party 7:30pm-9:30pm \$10pp

TUESDAYS: 4, 11, 18, 25

7pm-8pm: Advanced Hustle Level 4

NEW 8:15pm-9:15pm:
Intermediate West Coast Swing

THURSDAYS: 6 & 20

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The Dance Conversation

Keeping the Thread Alive

By Sherry Jean Olander

Around a bonfire I dance. It's nearly the new moon and the fall equinox. Equal day, equal night. And now it is night. Our drum circle is small this festival, but their sound is true and it has called me before the fire to move my body with the rhythms they play. At times this night I have been drummer or dancer, even both at once for short while. Usually when I dance around the fire, there are others with me. We create a circle, always enough space between each of us to dance our own style, move in our own way. There are older and younger that come and go. The young ones watch, and play, and learn. But this time, I am dancing alone.

I feel the wave of self-consciousness, knowing my silhouette will be seen by any who are gazing toward the warm blaze at the center of our gathering. I feel it and turn my attention away to focus on the sensations in my body. I smell the smoke, I see the fire, I feel heat of the flames and the cold almost-mud on my bare feet. With each step I hear the drumbeat and feel the vibration of the earth answering the call of my stomp.

I feel lonely for a moment, and unsure of myself. I wonder if I should return to drumming. The questions start to form: Why am I here? Where are the others? Am I a fool for dancing alone...?

And then the spirits of the elements and the ancestors offer a reply: You are not alone. Your community surrounds you, and you know this when you listen – the drumming, the laughter, the conversations. These sounds are carried by the wind, reminding you. You are not alone, for the earth below your feet supports you and holds a memory of every step, reminding you. You have danced this very circle before, and you know you will dance it again. Friends and lovers have also stepped here, and here, and here. It is just this brief moment that looks like alone but the invisible thread of connection remains. The circle is open, but must remain unbroken.

And I settle back into the warmth of the fire, the beat of the drums. I understand my place is here now. Someone must always dance around the fire so others can find their way. There are moments when the energy is alight, full, passionate, rich, and mind-altering. But those moments are brief and fleeting in their intense form of beauty. Equally important are the quiet, often-forgettable moments that link it all together. It is in these moments that past meets future, old meets young, and where shedding of what no longer supports - meets new beginnings and the chance for growth.

I won't always have to dance alone, but in this moment I choose to continue. I dance with my doubts, I dance with my desires, I dance with the echoes of the thoughts and feelings of those around me, before me, and who are to come. I am part of this story, so I dance my part on the cold muddy ground. It's a story I love and I don't yet want it to end.

The Argentine Viewpoint

Dance Expression

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 found this expression on Instagram. It was modified from the original by somebody to relate to dance.

"When you're dead, you don't know you're dead. All of the pain is felt by others. The same happens when you're dancing off beat."

I've found that followers have more musicality than leaders because they feel the music. I don't dance with leaders, but my observations are a lot of them aren't paying attention because the dancing doesn't seem to match the music. I mean the couple's movements aren't in sync with the music and what the music is expressing. (What are they hearing and what were they taught?) Cha Cha patterns will always fit the music because the count, 2-3-4&1, never changes. There is NO repetitive count in Argentine Tango. A figure that fits in one tango may not fit in another. Tango orchestras don't sound the same. DiSarli and Pugliese orquesta tipicas are polar opposites.

Argentine Tango music is very intense. Listen on YouTube to Pugliese's La Yumba. Hear the pounding of the notes. The music isn't fast, but I see leaders moving faster than the music or leading figures that don't match the music. Learning musicality is very difficult for leaders because it requires knowledge of music and learning to listen. (January 2019 issue.)

After I took a year of music appreciation at General Douglas MacArthur High School in Levittown, the music teacher said, "Michael, if you want to know why classical music sounds so good, you have to take music theory." So, I took three years of music theory and learned to read music, understand sharps and flats, and so much more. To cement my understanding, I took three years of piano lessons. The teacher said, "There's a difference between hearing and listening to music."

I stopped playing after graduation and restarted in July 2023 after looking at a WQXR playlist. I saw a composition in F minor but didn't remember how to build a scale in a minor key. So, I bought a piano keyboard in July 2023 to remember.

Followers want leaders with musicality and suffer horribly when musicality is missing. (March and April 2023 issues.) They further suffer when a leader "holds onto the reins" too hard and blocks them from expressing their joy of dancing Argentine Tango. (December 2019-February 2020 issues.) Based on conversations with followers, a lot of leaders are oblivious to the desires of their partners.

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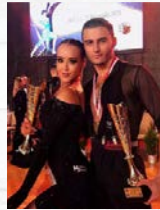
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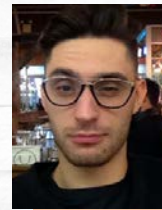
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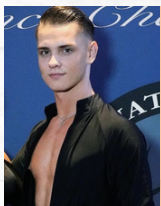
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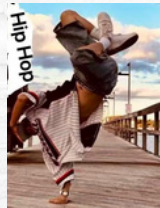
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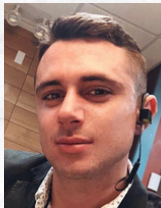
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DANCES

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22

DANCES

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Ballroom & Latin Dancing at The Waterfalls Ballroom, 400 Cassata Ave. Hosted by Valerie, 7pm-11:00pm, \$20pp, coffee, tea, raffles. Singles & Couples. 631-581-8509 or 631-487-3203 or email valmdance@yahoo.com for directions, info or reserve a table. Ad pg 4

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23

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Melville

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MONDAY NOVEMBER 24

DANCES

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CLASSES

Deer Park

Dance with Daniel Cruz at Brumidi Lodge. 2075 Deer Park Ave. 4:45pm West Coast Level 2/3, 5:45pm WCS Level 3 (With instructor approval only), 6:45pm Salsa & Latin Lev 1/2, 7:45pm West Coast Level 1/2. 845-702-1481. Ad pg 5

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Melville

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DANCES

Greenlawn

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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28

DANCES

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Donna DeSimone's DancXchange "Club Night" Post Thanksgiving Dance 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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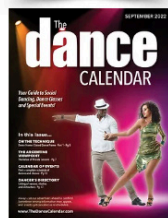
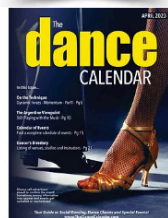
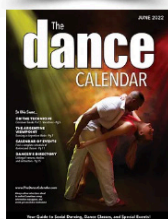
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