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7PM-10:30PM

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Wednesdays January 8, 15, 22, 29
6PM-10PM

(NO DANCE Wednesday, Jan 1st)
Wed Jan 8 Complimentary Tango Lesson w/Lourdes

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Saturday, Jan. 11th



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7pm Doors Open

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No Dance in January

7pm: West Coast Swing Lesson with Ian & Lourdes
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(Smooth & Rhythm), West Coast Swing, Argentine Tango & more
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2-5pm WCS Int/Adv Workshops MUST RSVP - No Walkins (1/12 only)
4pm WCS (1/5 only) and 5pm Salsa (1/5 & 1/12 only)

\$20pp Drop In. Please text/call to RSVP - All levels welcome

Spotlight Studio 245-24 Horace Harding Exwy Little Neck, NY

Mondays

Tuesdays

Thursdays (No class 1/2)

10am Salsa

10am Bachata

10am Hustle Basics

11am Arg. Tango

11am WCS

11am Arg. Tango

Brumidi Lodge 2075 Deer Park Ave, Deer Park, NY

Mondays 4:45pm Intermediate WCS, 5:45pm Advanced WCS,

6:45pm Ballroom/Latin Mix, 7:45pm Fundamentals WCS/Hustle

Friday January 10th ONLY - 6:30pm Pre-dance Rumba Mini Lesson

The Argentine Viewpoint

Watch Me!!

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.

When I started lessons, I wanted to do the most difficult, intricate figures. I couldn't do anything until I learned the Fundamentals of Dance. (April 2018 issue.) When I thought I knew them, Joe,

my teacher, showed that I didn't understand them well enough to advance. When I asked him to teach "the good stuff," he said, "You're not ready for the good stuff."

It took years, not weeks of private lessons to improve my walking, relaxing my frame through Embodied Yoga (August 2024 issue) and improving my posture through Alexander Technique (November and December 2024 issues.)

Joe taught difficult, intricate figures only after I understood the fundamentals. (Learning and understanding are NOT the same thing.) Otherwise, it would have been impossible to execute them. Even if

I could lead these figures with him, I couldn't lead them with every follower. Very few followers can execute very difficult figures because they don't have body awareness. (July 2024 issue.)

Joe said that most leaders and followers don't want the same thing from tango. That was a revelation (and a separate article.) Too many leaders concentrate too much on figures. (I see this at many milongas.) A lot of followers don't concentrate on figures. No wonder there are so many unsatisfied dancers of both genders. After a while, I learned that the better followers want connection more than figures. I saw this at a recent encuentro. (September 2024 issue.)

Some men have egos that cause them to inflate their opinion of their dancing. This sometimes causes them to lead figures beyond their skill level. In some cases, figures beyond their partner's skill level. That's a very dangerous combination.

I know a leader who likes to lead intricate figures, even if the follower can't execute them. At one milonga, I heard a loud crash. I turned and saw a couple lying on the floor. Clearly, this leader tried something he can't lead well. (I've danced with the follower, who is a teacher, so I know she's not at fault.) I've seen the same leader terminate a tanda because the follower wasn't up to his performance standards.

My teacher, Joe, showed a newspaper clipping of an expression, which fits right in here. "Supreme confidence is the feeling you have before you truly understand the problem." I hope I never dance with supreme confidence.



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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 January 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

Have a Happy New Year of Dancing!
 Loren

A Night of Social Dancing

Fridays, January 3rd & January 17th

6PM Complimentary beginner dance lesson with Shah
7PM - 11PM Social and Ballroom Mix with DJ Scott - \$15PP

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DJ Pedro for info: 718-640-8216

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Wednesdays Jan 8, 15, 22 & 29 - 6-10PM
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Friday, January 10th 7-10:30PM
Complimentary Rumba Lesson with Lourdes Cruz 7:30-8PM

For information call Gene & Joanne: 516-991-3208

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***TUESDAY NIGHTS**

January 7 Pizza Night
 Lesson, DJ & Social Dancing

January 28 Band Night with Playing Favorites
 Swing Lesson with Carol Fraser & social dancing

The Huntington Moose Lodge will be closed 1/14 and 1/21 for Renovations SO NO DANCE. Come for an enjoyable evening of social swing dancing starting with Swing fundamentals lesson 7:30PM to get you on the floor. DJ and social dancing 8PM-10PM. Singles & beginners welcome. No partner necessary. \$15 DJ nights, \$20 band nights. Discounts for students & members.

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Spiral Turns

By **Richard Fiore**

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

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A spiral is an attractive turning action that can be used to create a substantial amount of rotation. This turn is typically danced by the lady in dances such as rumba and cha cha. It is a highly stylized movement that is normally taken from a forward progressive walk. The spiral is frequently incorporated into various figures where large amounts of turns are required.

Spiral turns are very challenging to dance cleanly, as they require good body tone, balance and technique.

This turn commences from a forward walk, turning on the ball of one foot and ends on the same foot with legs loosely crossed. Spirals can be integrated into figures that require more than 3/8 of a rotation. Many rhythm figures incorporate three 1/2 turn pivots for a total rotation of 1 1/2 turns. This same amount of rotation can be achieved by dancing a spiral turn plus one pivot turn. This eliminates the need for two of the three pivots in this example. The minimum amount of turn for a spiral is slightly more than 3/8 rotation. This is known as a loose spiral. The more typical amount of turn is 7/8 rotation. There are double and triple spirals covering 1 7/8 and 2 7/8 rotations respectively, however these are much more difficult to achieve and are usually only seen in competitive dancing. The amount of turn is referenced from the beginning of the spiral to the beginning of the next forward walk. A spiral should always be under-turned by 1/8 turn to allow the body's built-up momentum to continue smoothly into the next forward step. In doing so, the body can then smoothly rotate an additional 1/8 turn after exiting the spiral for a total of one complete revolution.

The following are helpful guidelines for dancing a spiral action. Start by placing most of your weight over the forward foot. The turn starts and ends on this foot. The turning foot is placed forward and slightly across the mid-line of the back foot. It is helpful to maintain a little pressure through the back foot, as this will provide stability throughout the turn. The pressure on the back foot needs to gradually soften near the end of the turn. In this manner, balance is established over two feet with a varying distribution of weight throughout the turn.

It is important to pull the abdominal muscles inward in order to fully engage the core of the body. As weight is moved over the ball of the turning foot,



from a forward walk, both legs are squeezed together. This will initiate the turning action to create approximately 3/8 rotation. The turn continues for an additional 1/2 turn. The latter part of the turn is the actual spiral action. The legs cross at the end of the turn. The knee of the free leg should have a soft bend as it crosses in front of the standing leg. At the end of the turn, the trailing foot is loosely wrapped in front of the ankle of the standing leg with toes pointing down into the floor.

One of the most critical aspects of a spiral turn is managing inertia. Bear in mind that an object that is in motion tends to stay in motion. At the end of the turn, there must be a follow action such as a forward walk or a pivot turn for example. The step that directly follows a spiral is especially critical as it is needed to redirect built up inertia from the spiral turn. If this step is not implemented correctly, it may result in an off-balance condition that will create a choppy transition into the next step. It is also important for the arms to be close to the body when dancing a spiral action. There is a tendency for some dancers to use their arms to propel their body into the turn. The excess inertia generated by this action requires a counterbalancing force to offset its effects. Once excessive inertia is created, it can make entry into the next step more difficult. This affects the smoothness of the action and creates discontinuity in the expression of the rhythm.

Spiral turns are very challenging as they require a lot of practice in order to achieve clean turning action. They require good body tone, especially at the body's central core, as well as good dynamic balance. While spirals are challenging, it is worth the extra effort as it will ultimately result in a highly stylized action that when danced correctly will add glamor to your routine.

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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.


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

To Register: \$125/person for general admission. **Registration with a partner is recommended.** Call Noreen DeNicola at (516) 877-4260 or email ndenicola@adelphi.edu




With Donna DeSimone

Dance

January 2025 Dance schedule

The Studio will be reopening for classes on Monday Jan. 6th

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Greenlawn Moose Lodge
631 Pulaski Rd., Greenlawn, NY 11740

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Winter White Party!

Doors open for student practice at 6:45pm. Free lesson 7:15-8pm. Open dancing 8-11pm. Hustle, WCS, Country Two Step, Latin & Smooth. Masks are optional not required. Can not bring drinks into hall, bar. You can not bring your own food & snacks. Table reservations for 6 to 10 people. \$20pp cash at the door. Held every 4th Friday of the month.

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)

<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JAN 6, 13, 20, 27</p> <p>7:00-8:00pm: Intermediate Hustle 8:15-9:15 Solo Flow: Body Movement & Musicality, all welcome!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JAN 7, 14, 21, 28</p> <p>7pm-8pm: Advanced Hustle 8:15pm-9:15pm: Silver Waltz, Level 1</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JAN 8, 15, 22, 29</p> <p>7:15pm-8:15pm: Adv. Intermediate Hustle 8:15pm-9:15pm: Intermediate WC Swing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JAN 9, 16, 23, 30</p> <p>7:15pm-8:15pm: Slow Intermediate Hustle</p>

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(New Schedule)

4 Week Course Starts Monday, January 6th
1/6, 1/13, 1/20 & 1/27

\$60PP per class for 4 week session. \$20 for drop in class.

6PM Advanced Solo Work - Styling, Choreography, Technique focused class in all dances
6:45PM Beginner/Intermediate Fun Group Class - Social Bronze Level working on Figures 1-3 in all dances & Line Dances
7:30PM Couples Group - RUMBA

FRIDAY NIGHT SOIREE & DANCE OF THE MONTH GROUP

<p style="text-align: center;">Fridays January 10th</p> <p>Dance of the Month Group: Bachata Group starts 7PM-\$15PP.</p> <p>Friday Night Soiree 8-10PM-\$20PP Take Group & Party-\$30PP</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, January 24th</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #C00000; color: white; padding: 2px;">BLACK & WHITE PARTY</p> <p>Dance of the Month Group: Bachata Group starts 7PM-\$15PP. Party 8-10PM-\$25PP Group & Party-\$35. Wear Black and/or white!</p>
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WEST COAST SWING WORKSHOP WITH LISA SPARKLES

Tuesday January 14th & 21st

7PM Beginners | 7:45-8:15PM Practice and/or Warm Up | 8:15-9PM Interm./Advanced
Back by Popular Demand! Call to enroll. Register by 1/6. \$30 one class, \$50 two classes, \$80 all four classes

A Reason to Dance

By Sherry Jean Olander

One of the most amazing things about dancing is the unending number of ways you can do it. In every country, every culture, every family - you can find unique ways that people move their bodies in response to music or emotion. What a gift! To know that even when the rhythm of life's necessities becomes stale and repetitive, we can always invite a freshness with dance.

On the other hand, certain dances have a structure whose familiarity you can lean into to find solace when life becomes too chaotic. Even among dances that normally might be more improvisational, choreography gives us a way to pin down the movements and create a routine. You can see this obviously in performances, recitals, and even line-dances. Many people who never feel comfortable coming to the dance floor at weddings or socials will happily join the group when something like the electric slide or the macarena comes on!

Most people tend to think dancing is strictly for happy or joyous times, but there are dances associated with nearly all other emotions, especially if you look to older and non-western cultures. The tango is one example of a more serious dance style most people have seen before, but there are so many others. Think of the anger or challenge in certain Māori Haka, or the sorrow and grief in certain styles of Flamenco. Many indigenous cultures have specific dances to perform solely at funerals, and you may

have recently even seen a seasonal performance of the Nutcracker – where the dancers express a wide variety of emotions through the course of the ballet.

Whatever we're experiencing, dance can be an outlet to communicate or express it into the world, and often in doing so, become an antidote. Something that has always fascinated me is how similar certain dance styles can be and yet still be a unique style. Traditional country couple dances like Spanish sevillanas, Irish set dancing, contra, or square dancing all seem to share some basic steps. Solo percussive styles – from Irish sean nós to flat-footing, clogging, or even tap – these also all have similar basic steps that seem to trace back at some point to a common beginning.

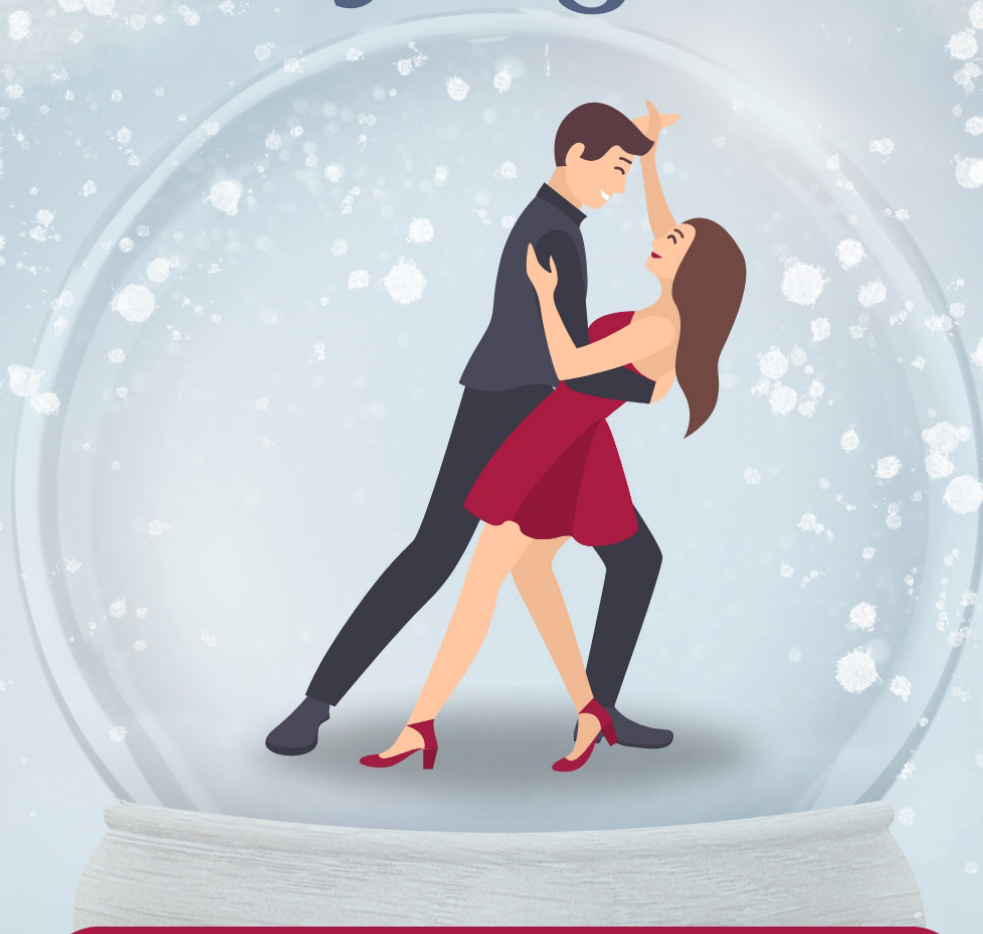
These small similarities are inevitable because when it comes down to it, we are all human. Sometimes while dancing, simply remembering that can bring a profound sense of connection. For thousands of generations our ancestors have also danced. They have come with their joy, sorrow, anger, angst, and shown up on the dance floor in whatever sort of way. And some small parts of all of those that have come before remain with us as we dance today.

I have little plaque someone once gifted me that announces, "There is always a reason to dance." I believe this whole-heartedly. As you finish the dances of the holiday season and begin your new year, I invite you to remember those words. We need more dancing in the world, and whatever life brings you, know that you can dance to it.

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JANUARY 11

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM | DANCE 8PM TO 12AM

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2025



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Brumidi Lodge. 2075 Deer Park Ave. LONG ISLAND COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION. Music by DJ Neil Wrangler and Dance Instruction 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

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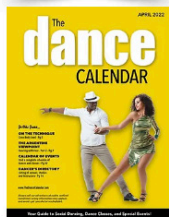
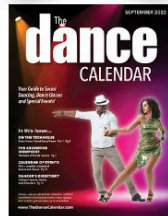
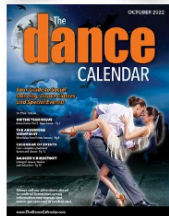
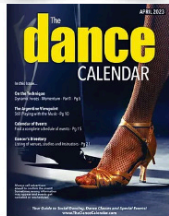
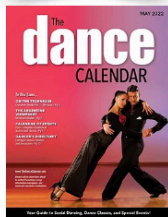
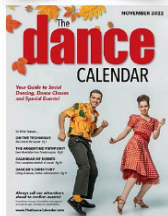
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