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Your Cincy Dance Connection

Cincinnati Chapter of USA Dance

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November 12 Dance

Instructor - Piper Landis - Foxtrot

DJ: John Bramhall Lesson 8-9pm Evendale Recreational Center



Background: I am owner of The Best of Ballroom Dance Studio located at 9729 Kenwood Road in downtown Blue Ash and the phone is 984-6222. The studio opened 3-1/2 years ago. Before opening my studio, I taught for Fred Astaire. I teach all styles of ballroom dancing. I really enjoy getting my students ready for Pro/Am competitions or showcases. It is so encouraging to see how much they grow in the process. My favorite competition is Pacific DanceSport in Los Angeles. I also teach and choreograph drama and dance routines for Praise and Worship teams using Davidic, Modern and Hip-Hop styles.

How did you get started in Ballroom Dancing? I have done some form of dancing since I was a child. Dancing is one of the ways I express myself and using different forms of dance is very freeing to me. The reason I started dancing ballroom was because I had a desire to learn the Waltz and I wanted to learn the discipline it takes for two people to dance together as one.

What is YOUR favorite dance and why?

Every dance is very special to me. It is funny how certain days I am in the mood for one dance over another, but my overall favorite dance would be the Cha Cha. I believe it fits my personality the best and I'm sure my students would agree. I love the music and the sassy, energetic feeling it gives. The Cha Cha always puts me in a great mood where I can let myself shine.

What advice can you give to New dancers about foxtrot?

New students should make sure they become strong in the basics before moving to a higher level or new patterns. Remember, it is not how many patterns you know but how well you execute them. Learning the Foxtrot can help you learn the other dances with more ease.

What advice can you give to more experienced dancers about Foxtrot?

Experienced students should practice proper technique. If you are not using the correct foot positions, proper posture and frame it will cause lead/follow and balance problems.

Dance Attitude and characteristics. The Foxtrot is so elegant and graceful. It has a very lazy and unhurried appearance which actually requires a lot of balance and control. It has long, gliding smooth steps with smooth rise and falls that are a natural result of body movement. The music is always happy and lively. One of my favorite Foxtrot songs is "Moonlight and Roses." I once heard someone describe the appearance of the Foxtrot as two people taking a stroll through the park. That seems so fitting.

Any other comments? I am so thankful for the USABDA monthly dances and Music Hall Balls. I always encourage my student to attend them.

Music Hall Winter Ball Order Form Inside

Winter is just around the corner and so is our Winter Ball! Tickets are now on sale. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 10 at the Music Hall Ballroom, 1300 Central Parkway. It is a beautiful place to dance and, with everyone in his or her semi-formal attire, it is a reminder of how elegant ballroom dancing can be. Jack Yaus will be the DJ, providing music for dancing from 8:00 pm – midnight. Doors open at 7:00. Cash bar.

Local Studios

A-Marika

Sharonville - Mary Ramirez-Cook 769-0409

Always Ballroom

Elizabeth Apesos - (937) 256-2626
 alwaysballroom@aol.com
 www.alwaysballroom.com

Arthur Murray

Florence, Ky - Karen Turner (859) 371-1151
 amdstudio@aol.com
 www.florencearthurmurray.com

Bernice DuBro Dance

East Dayton - Bernice DuBro
 (937) 435-9099 or 254-6442
 artmay@aol.com calsn.net/bdance

Brockert Dance Studio

Bonita Brockert (513) 851-8101
 geneb@one.net

Copacabanna

Fairfield, Cinti Mills (513) 719-7200
 www.Copacabanna.com

Danse Royale Ballroom

West Chester
 Veronica Rocco (Homme) (513) 779-0500
 DanseRoyaleBallroom@fuse.net
 www.danseroyaleballroom.com

Dance Club

Withamsville - Jeff Bill (513) 753-5265

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 acavanaugh@earthlink.net

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Evendale - Nancy Farrell (513) 769-3262
 nancysbk@fuse.net

Rhythm in Motion

Tracy Kellum (513) 688-1662

Step-N-Out

Covington - Doreen Beatrice
 www.stepnoutstudio.com

The Best of Ballroom

Blue Ash - Piper Landis (513) 984-6222
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Top Hat Dance Studio

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Wissel Dance Studio

Lebanon - Dave Wissel (513) 932-3349



DanceCincinnati 2006 Dance Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>DJ</u>
Jan 21	GOC	Lead/Follow	Larry May	John Bramhall
Feb 18	GOC	Rumba	Bonita Brockert	Tony Rimkus
Mar 18	CMH	No Lesson		Jack Meinking
Apr 15	GOC	WC Swing	Mary Ramirez-Cook	John Bramhall
Apr 29	GOC	EC Swing	Karen Turner	Jack Yaus
May 20	GOC	Quick Step	David Wissel	Tony Rimkus
Jun 17	GOC	Tango	Karen Turner	Terry Cavanaugh
July 15	GOC	Samba	Doreen Beatrice	Jack Yaus
July 29	GOC	Foxtrot	Always Ballroom	Jack Meinking
Aug 19	GOC	Salsa	Jeff Bill	John Bramhall
Sep 16	CMH	No Lesson		Jack Meinking
Sep 30	GOC	ChaCha	Tracy Kellum	Tony Rimkus
Oct 14	GOC	Bolero	Terry Cavanaugh	Jack Yaus
Nov 11	GOC	Waltz	Vitali Kozhev	Terry Cavanaugh
Dec 9	CMH	No Lesson		Tony Rimkus

G O C – Greek Orthodox Church, 7000 Winton Road (between North Bend Rd. and Galbraith Rd.) 513-591-0030

Group Lesson 8-9 PM, General Dancing 9-11:30 PM

C M H - Cincinnati Music Hall, 1300 Central Parkway, Downtown Cincinnati
 Doors open at 7 PM, General Dancing 8 PM – Midnight

Venue Change!!! We're BACK! At the GOC

Our monthly social dances will be at a different location next year.

As you look at the 2006 dance schedule, please note that all the monthly social dances will be held at the Greek Orthodox Church. And we've added 3 additional social dances to our 2006 schedule: the fifth Saturday of April, July, and September.

Most of the dances in 2005 were held at the Evendale Recreation Center. The change of venue was necessary because the dates we wanted for our dances (usually the third Saturday of the month) were not available at Evendale. The Greek Orthodox Church was home to our dances in the past – so we are returning there. The Greek Church has plenty of good parking and many members appreciate the condition of its floor.

The St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church is located in Finnytown at 7000 Winton Road, between North Bend and Galbraith Roads. See you there Saturday, January 21, 2006!

3 Additional Dances in 2006!

Fifth Saturday of April, July, and September



Pat Hoffman, Our New President

Pat Hoffman has assumed the duties of President of our Chapter due to the recent resignation of Pamela Neveu. Kim Jones has joined the Board as the Admissions Chair for the social dances and Ron Kurth has replaced Barb Alvarez as Secretary.

Winter Ball

December 10, 2005 - Music Hall Ballroom

1300 Central Parkway - Downtown Cincinnati

8:00pm - Midnight - DJ: Jack Yaus - Semi-Formal

Ticket Prices

Members \$15, non-members \$20
At the door \$25
Full time students
and under 21: \$10 (no late fee)

All Sales are Final
Tickets are Transferable

Note: Form is for Mail-in Orders ONLY!

How to Get Tickets

- Purchase at regular dances.
- By credit card at www.dancecincinnati.org - tickets ordered online by credit card will be charged an additional \$2.00 processing fee.
- Or mail check with form and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: USA DanceCincinnati, 331 Peach Street, Cincinnati, OH 45246.

Name (please print)	Amount	Member ID
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_____	_____	_____
Total	_____	

Address to send tickets:

Name _____ Phone _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail this form, your check and SASE to: USA DanceCincinnati, 331 Peach Street, Cincinnati, OH 45246-3509
Questions?? Call (513) 772-4772

Dancin'



Round Town

by the Discerning Dancer - Gary Neihsel

Starlite Ballroom is a big place! It has two rooms that are separated by a partition that can be opened to produce one very large room. This is a facility designed to host large events such as wedding receptions, reunions, corporate events, banquets, etc. Either room can host a large gathering (up to 800 people when both rooms are combined). The smaller of the two rooms is the Stargaze room. This is used for the dances that are open to the public on a regular basis. The Stargaze room has about 7000 square feet of floor space. The dance floor is dark industrial grade linoleum that is easy to dance on. The size of the dance floor can be varied depending on where the tables are placed. For a typical Friday night event the dance floor covers about 1500 square feet with 18 tables distributed about the rest of the room. This provides a very comfortable amount of space for dancers. These large rooms have a high ceiling which gives a very open feeling. The decor is basic and the lighting is subdued. Al-

though smoking is allowed, the large rooms and good ventilation dissipate the smoke well.

The Starlite Ballroom is located at 5994 Linneman Street right off of the Kellogg Avenue West exit of I-275 near Coney Is-

land. It is right next to the Riverstar Park softball field complex which is commonly owned. Both facilities share a large parking lot across the street from the Starlite ballroom.

There are dances twice a month on Friday nights roughly every other week. There is a website (www.starliteballroomcincy.com) but it does not provide any event informa-

tion. Phone 513-624-0020 to get this info. The entertainment consists of some of the best rock and roll bands in the city: Leroy Ellington & the E Funk Band, The Remains, Carl Edmondson & The Driving Winds, Ooh La La & The Greasers, Richie & The Students, Brentwood Rockers and others. These are many of the bands that play at Moonlight Gardens at Old Coney Island during the summer. These bands play lots of swing (east and west coast), cha cha and slow music. The age range of the crowd is older. The cover charge is \$8/person. This is expensive when compared to other dance locations around the city. A modest selection of alcoholic beverages is available. The drink prices are reasonable. Food is not available except for special events.



Overall Rating (scale 1-5):



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All comments and suggestions are welcome by the DanceCincinnati board. You can reach us on www.dancecincinnati.org and then go to the My DanceCincinnati link. All of the board members and their bios are listed along with an email address for your comments. Want to VOLUNTEER? We need your help. Just contact us or talk to us at a dance - help is always needed and appreciated!

Newsletter Staff

Karen Schulte, Susan Cappa, Gary Neiheisel

It's Official!!!

Votes have been counted and it's official! The Cincinnati chapter of USA Dance will now be known as DanceCincinnati. Seventy-four ballots were cast. Four of those ballots were invalid due to the lack of current membership status. Of the 70 valid votes, 64 were for the change and 6 were against it. Thanks to all of our members who participated in the balloting

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Information and items of interest are welcome. In order to be considered for inclusion in the newsletters, send requests by email to:

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under "Calendar"
for the next board meeting.**



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