

Multi-Cultural Festival Press Release



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What: Santa Barbara Dance Alliance Dancers' Ball

Where: Cabrillo Pavillion Arts Center, 1118 E. Cabrillo, Santa Barbara, CA

When: Friday, October 13, 2006; 8 pm - midnight

Admission: \$25/\$22 Santa Barbara Dance Alliance members

Summary: Benefit party for Santa Barbara Dance Alliance where guests share the dance floor with fabulous exhibition dancers in tango, salsa, ballroom, swing and more. Music by DJ Mike Loeza.

Public information number: Purchase tickets in advance 805 966-6950, www.sbdancealliance.org , Visa and Mastercard accepted

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With **DJ Mike Loeza** spinning an eclectic mix of music, exhibition dancers in action, tasty appetizers, drinks, tempting silent auction items, and of course, dancing, all night long, the Santa Barbara Dance Alliance really knows how to throw a party. The Dancers' Ball, a benefit for the SBDA, offers a fantastic dance party extravaganza at the Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center, 1118 E. Cabrillo Blvd., on Friday, October 13, at 8 pm.

Guests will share the floor with fabulous local exhibition dancers showing how

it's done with top-notch Tango, spicy Salsa, beautiful Ballroom and saucy Swing. Observers are welcome but no one will really be able to sit still for long without joining in. A silent auction will feature a weekend get-away at the Chumash casino, á la deluxe room, bountiful meals and gorgeous massage, and many offers of dance classes.

The Benefit helps support the Santa Barbara Dance Alliance's many services to the community including performances, the annual Multicultural Festival in Oak Park, scholarships and complimentary tickets for underserved youth, community master classes, and a vital network of communication to foster, promote and increase the awareness of dance in Santa Barbara.

Join the scene and be seen with exhibition dancers:

- Fay Villanueva and Brian Griffin of Tango Santa Barbara dance Argentine Tango
- David Alvarez of Santa Barbara Dance Center, shows off stunning ballroom and Latin dance with partner Andrea Eltinge.
- Derrick and Trudie Curtis will perform swing dance with a few high flying tricks
- Jen Hollywood and DJ Mike Loeza of "Calling All Jitterbugs" will dazzle us with Shag styles
- Joel Sanchez and Colleen Belharrat will swivel their hips with some hot salsa!
- AND YOU! You can dance with all of our friends or just get an eyeful!

For tickets call the SBDA office at (805) 966-6950 or visit www.sbdancealliance.org for additional information. Master Card and VISA are accepted. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$22 for SBDA members, and will also be available for purchase at the door on the night of the event.

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Bios of the performers follow.300 dpi photos are available at <http://www.sbdancealliance.org/gallery/D%20Ball/index.asp>

Fay Villanueva & Brian Griffin: Fay Villanueva & Brian Griffin of Tango Santa Barbarahave been teaching Argentine tango in Santa Barbara since 1993, and have lead workshops in Hawaii and in San Luis Obispo. They studied with Loreen Arbus and the late Alberto Toledano at Dance Warehouse, where they began their teaching and went on to work with many of the best-known Argentine masters, including Nito and Elba Garcia, Orlando Palva, Juan Bruno, Lampazo, Nestor Ray, and Juan Carlos Copez, Daniel Trenner, Rebecca Shulman, Fabian Salas, and Gustavo Noveira. They produced "Tango Vivo" with Santa Barbara Dance Alliance Executive Director, Julie McLeod, and many special events with the City of Santa Barbara. Fay studied ballet, taught the folkloric dances of the Philippines and Polynesia, and choreographed and appeared in the Opera Santa Barbara production of *Die Fledermaus*. Brian is also an accomplished Judo instructor.

DJ Mike Loeza: Native Santa Barbaran Mike Loeza has been DJ'ing throughout California since 1999. He incorporates swing, salsa, hip-hop, Latin, percussion, pop, rock, and a variety of musical styles that always get any dance floor "on its

feet." Mike with his partner **Jen Hollywood**, have been a part of the local swing dance scene for over eight years dancing together with "Radio Flyers" and "California All Stars" competition and performance team receiving trophies and medals, including National Jitterbug Championships. Mike and Jen teach group and private lessons in "Hollywood Style," Lindy, Collegiate Shag, and Balboa in Santa Barbara and throughout the Central Coast as well as directing their own group, **Calling All Jitterbugs!** specializing in the vintage dances of the 1920's through 50's. Mike DJ's the gala after the opening night of BASSH.

David Alvarez, of Santa Barbara Dance Center, formerly A Fascinating Rhythm, has been teaching ballroom for 18 years. His students have consistently won top awards at the US National Dance Championships, in the Holiday Dance Classic in Las Vegas, Hawaii Star Ball, International Grand Ball in San Francisco, and Emerald Ball in Los Angeles and he was just in the 10 top teachers awards in the Nevada Star Ball. David's 7year partner, **Andrea Eltinge** has won competition awards with him.

Derrick and Trudie Olsen-Curtis have been dancing together for seven years. They teach Line Dancing, East Coast Swing, Lindy Hop, Charleston, Balboa, St. Louis Shag, and Collegiate Shag, currently at Santa Barbara Dance Center and in after-school dance programs at Montessori Center School, San Marcos High School, The SB Parks & Recreation Teen Programs and Elwood Elementary School. Derrick teaches ballroom with Kay Fulton at SB City College and is a physical education specialist at Montessori Center School. Derrick has acted as Production Director, performer and MC for BASSH: Ballroom, Argentine Tango, Swing, Salsa & Hip-Hop for S B Dance Alliance since its inception in 2000. He serves on the Board of Directors of Santa Barbara Dance Alliance and is President of The Brotherhood of Santa Barbara.

Joel Sanchez directs Salsa Barbara and is a salsa maestro from Mexico City. Salsa Barbara blends ingredients of Mambo, Cha-cha-chá, Merengue and Danzón in his teaching and performing.