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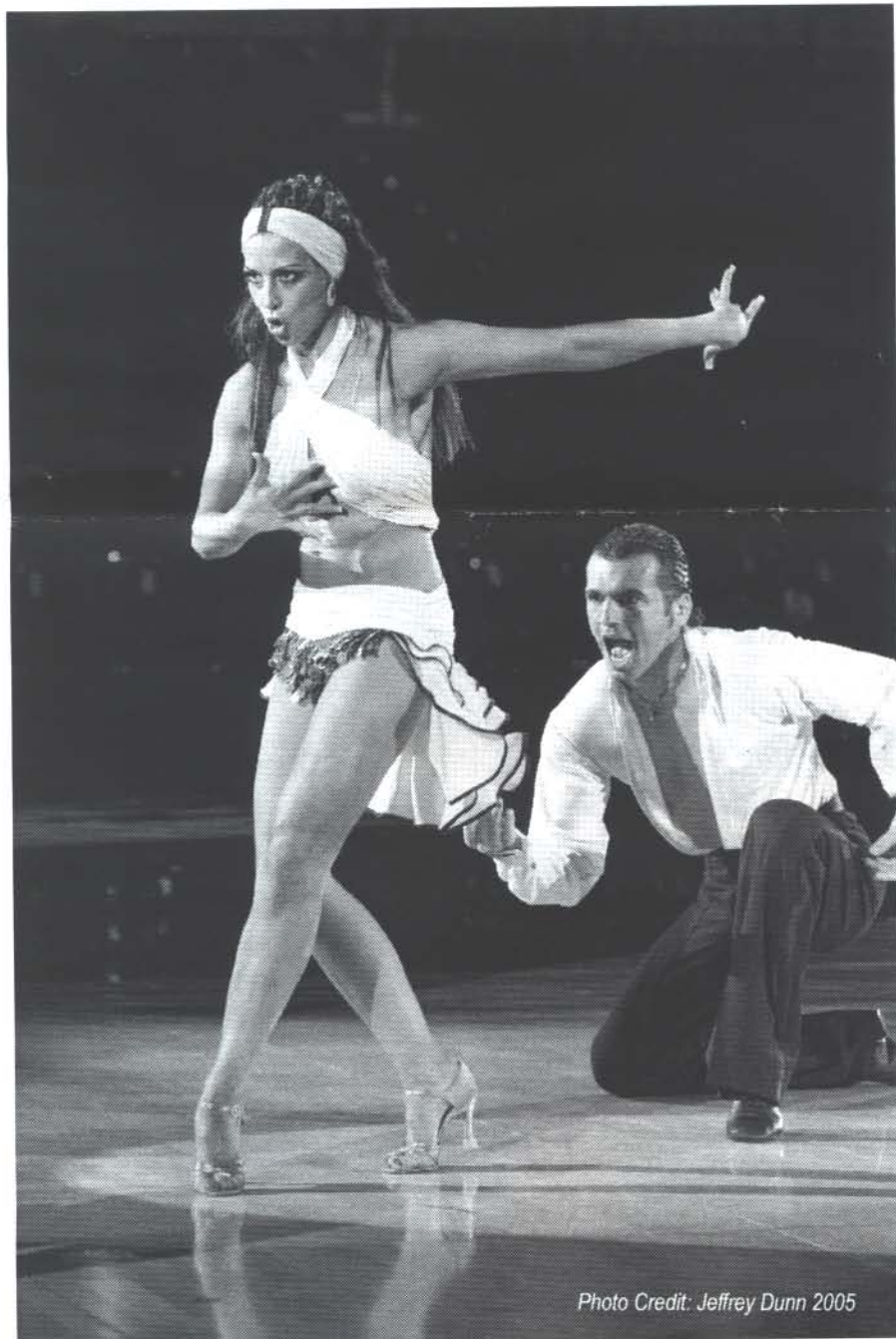


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*Elena Grinenko and
Tony Dovolani
heat up the floor
in the new PBS
Special taped at the
2005 Ohio Star Ball.*

**AMERICA'S BALLROOM
CHALLENGE Debuts
in February on PBS**

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USA DanceRhode Island Chapter Mission Statement

The Rhode Island Chapter of USA Dance, Inc. promotes ballroom dancing in Rhode Island and educates the public regarding the physical, mental, and social benefits of ballroom dancing. We welcome beginner dancers and help them get started. We promote and sponsor amateur ballroom dancing for competitors, social dancers, and the general public. We strive to bring the joy and the benefits of ballroom dancing to as many people as possible in Rhode Island and beyond.

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Friday, February 10

Friday, April 7

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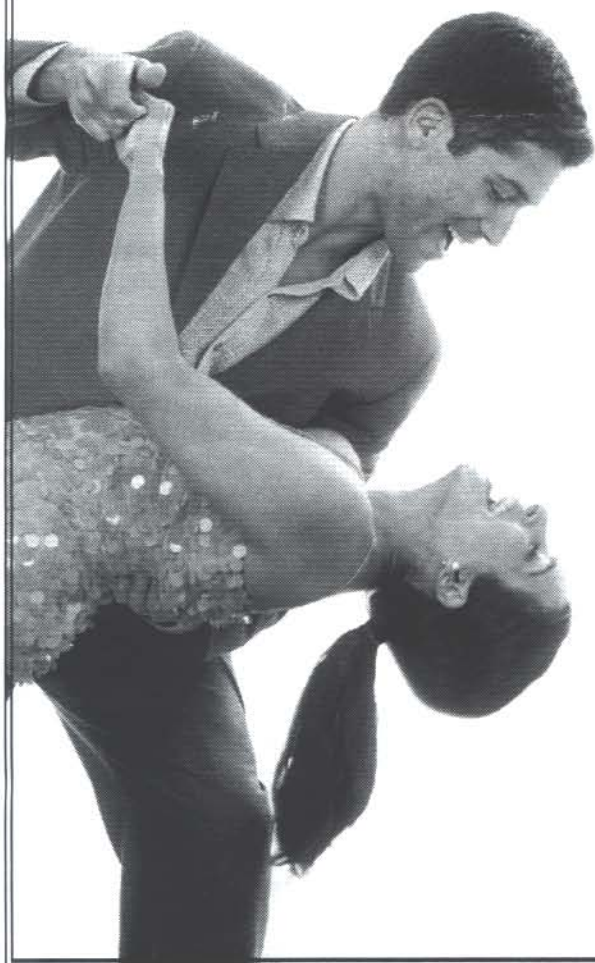
Love is in the Air



Friday, February 10th

USA Dance- RI Chapter

VALENTINE DANCE



7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Lesson 8:00 - 8:30

**Dillon K of C Hall
1675 Douglas Pike,
North Providence**

- USA Dance and FOBD members \$10
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Ballroom's Big on the Little Screen – Televisi

AMERICA'S BALLROOM CHALLENGE

For more than 20 years Executive Producer Aida Moreno brought us CHAMPIONSHIP BALLROOM DANCING, our favorite ballroom dance program and one of the most popular PBS Specials.

Aida is back with a brand new ballroom concept, AMERICA'S BALLROOM CHALLENGE, debuting in two parts - "The Trials" and "The Finals" on PBS stations in February. Taped at the

different days, we have two opportunities to watch. They are:

Part 1, "The Trials," premieres Wednesday, February 1, at 8:00 p.m. on WGBH/Channel 2

Thursday, February 9 at 8:00 p.m. on WSBE/Channel 36

Part 2, "The Finals," airs

Wednesday, February 8 at 8:00 p.m. on WGBH/Channel 2

Thursday, February 16 at 8:00 p.m. on WSBE.

Until then, waltz on over to the Web site at <http://www.pbs.org/ballroomchallenge> to watch a preview clip; read an interview with Aida; learn more about the competition, hosts, and judges; check out related sites, and sign up to receive a broadcast reminder via e-mail.

AMERICA'S BALLROOM CHALLENGE is the first television program to feature all four major styles of competitive

DanceSport: American Rhythm, American Smooth, International Latin and International Standard.

Twenty-four couples – six in each of the four dance categories – will compete first in group dances, with an international panel of judges ranking their performances. After the group dances, the top three couples in each category will advance to "The Finals," where each couple will perform a showdance solo, vying to be named champion of their dance style. Finally, the winning couples in the four categories will compete across dance styles in a "Best of Show" grand finale to determine the overall winner.



Photo credit: Jeffrey Dunn 2005

Valeria Kozharlnova & Valentin Chmerkovsky demonstrate their classic form on AMERICA'S BALLROOM CHALLENGE

DANCING WITH THE STARS

DANCING WITH THE STARS returned January 5th for an eight-week run on Thursday nights at 8:00 on ABC-TV, WLNE/Channel 6.

This season features ten celebrity-pro couples performing Ballroom and Latin judged by pros and the viewers at home. Celebrities include Lisa Rinna, George Hamilton, Giselle Fernandez, Master P, Tia Carrere, Kenny Mayne, Tatum O'Neal, Jerry Rice, Stacy Keibler and Drew Lachev. Professional dancers are Louis van Amstel, Edyta Silwinska, Jonathan Roberts, Ashly DelGrooso, Max Chmerkovsky, Andrea Hale, Nick Kosovich, Anna Trebunskava, Tony Dovolani and Cheryl Burke. Judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli and Carrie Ann Inaba return to cast their votes and opinions.

Phone lines and online polls open at the top of each show so that viewers can vote for their favorites and stay open for approximately 30 minutes after the end of the show. Eight

Photo credit: Jeffrey Dunn 2005



Husband and wife team Felipe Telona and Carolina Orlovsky take it to the limit.

2005 Ohio Star Ball, this new prime time special takes viewers onto the dance floor and behind the scenes as ballroom dancing's elite go toe-to-toe to compete for the title of "America's Best."

Hosted by Marilu Henner (Taxi, Evening Shade) and Tony Meredith (Former U.S. Professional Latin American Dance Champion), AMERICA'S BALLROOM CHALLENGE shines a spotlight on 24 world-class couples as they attempt to cha-cha, samba, waltz, and tango their way to the top.

The two-hour special airs over two nights. Because Rhode Island and Boston PBS stations are airing it on

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on Loves Dance!

votes are permitted for each phone number.

The following nights, in the 30-minute DANCING WITH THE STARS RESULT SHOW, the couple with the lowest score will be eliminated from the competition. The scoring is divided evenly between the judges and the viewers at home, ensuring unpredictable outcomes at the end of every show.

By the end of the series, the three finalist couples will each have danced 9 of the 10 different dances included in the competition. The ultimate dance-off amongst the finalists will determine who wins the trophy.

DANCING WITH THE STARS was last summer's most successful series, averaging 16.8 million viewers weekly. The program is the American version of the international hit, STRICTLY COME DANCING. This version is produced in America by BBC Worldwide. Visit the website at <http://abc.go.com/primetime/dancing/index.html> for cast bios, information on the dances and production of the series.

BIG SCREEN, TOO

Coming out in 2006, Antonio Banderas stars in Take The Lead, a charming movie about a former professional dancer (Banderas) who volunteers to teach dance in the New York public school system.

Marilyn Hotchkiss Ballroom Dancing and Charm School, an official Selection of the 2005 Sundance Film Festival, is set for nationwide release soon. Starring a cast of stars such as Robert Carlyle, Marisa Tomei, John Goodman, and Mary Steenburgen, this sweet movie is about a man, consumed by his wife's death, who recovers his dreams at a school for ballroom dance.

Chapter News



Quite a crowd of avid, devoted dancers attended our December 2005 dance. Even though the weather had forced business closings, traffic jams, and hazardous conditions in many areas, our intrepid dancers turned out in festive dress and high spirits and danced the night away at Dillon Council.

Our thanks to Randy Deats of The Dancin' Feelin' for the great music selection and wonderful dance lesson. The raffle prize, tickets to the Nutcracker, was won by Alicia and her fiancé Peter. Sadly, they had to give them away because Alicia's Grandmother passed away and they could not attend the performance.

We did not have an opportunity to hold the election at the dance. Because no nominations were made for board members, we are proposing that Alicia Zu Wallack, who was appointed Treasurer following the resignation of Kermin Liu, will assume the responsibility of chapter treasurer, and that Tim Sorrentino join the Board as a Member-at-Large. In addition, the Executive board members will continue in their present posts: Jayne Pawasauskas, President; Efrosyni Iosiphidis, Vice President, Annette Lemieux, Secretary, Efrosyni Iosiphidis, Membership Chair, Michael Obara, Web Site, Nettie Riley, newsletter. If any member wishes to object to this, please email Jayne at jaynep@uri.edu

Mark your calendars now to save the following dates for some fine dancing. You'll be glad to know that although others are raising their prices, USA Dance Rhode Island is sticking to our truly affordable admissions: \$10 for members, \$5 for students with id. and \$12 for non-members. So come dance with us - we're easy on the budget!

Friday, February 10
Friday, April 7
Friday June (TBA)
Friday, August 25
Friday, October 27
Friday, December 15

Dancing on the beach at the Inter-continental DanceSport Festival in Daytona Beach January 2006.

Our student competitors enjoyed a break from the serious competition when they danced in fun comps on the sand for candy and ice cream prizes





February Dance Calendar

Wednesday 1

America's Ballroom Challenge Part One
8:00 p.m. on WGBH- Boston/Channel 2

Friday 3

Dancin' Feelin' Studio Party
272 Pettaconsett Ave., Warwick, RI
9:00 - 11:00 p.m.
401-461-0110 - www.dancinfeelin.com

Nelia Lawton Dance Party
The Democratic Club, 186 Roffee
Street, Barrington, RI
7:30 p.m. lesson; dancing 8:00 - 11:00
\$10 pp. DANCENELIA@aol.com

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5

2006 Studio 665/Tufts Ballroom Dance
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lessons from world class professionals
including Jean Marc Genereux,
France Mousseau, Larinda Mcraven,
Bill Morganti, Mark & Dawna Nocera,
Tatiana Obeso, Helle Rusholt, Phillip
Wojcik and Marcus Arieta. Studio 665
in Woburn, MA. www.studio665.com or
781-932-6237 to schedule lessons.

Saturday 4

Kathy and Randy Dance
German Hall, 78 Carter Avenue,
Pawtucket, RI
7:15 p.m. Salsa Lesson, 8:00-11:30 p.m.
Social Dance
463-1815 or ksj111@cox.net

USA Dance New London CT Chapter
Lesson 7:00 p.m. Dancing 8:00-11:00
Members \$5, Non-Members \$7
East Lyme Community Center
Society Road, East Lyme, CT
www.pacheco-computer.com/usabda/
(860)536-9898 or
dougiepat15@AOL.com

Sunday 5

Meadowlarks Trio at The German Hall,
78 Carter Ave., Pawtucket, RI
1:30-4:30 p.m. \$6 pp (866-266-4693.
Dan@themeadowlarks.com

Wednesday 8

America's Ballroom Challenge Part Two.
8:00 p.m. on WGBH- Boston/Channel 2

Big Band Dancing at the Astors'
Beechwood Mansion, 580 Bellevue
Avenue
Newport, RI. 7:30 p.m. \$20pp, 401-846-
3772 Premiere of a series of big band
dances at the
Beechwood, February - May, 2006.
Details available at
<http://www.astorsbeechwood.com>

Thursday 9

America's Ballroom Challenge - Part 1
8:00 p.m. on WSBE/RI PBS/Channel 36

Friday 10

USA Dance- Rhode Island Chapter
Valentine Dance
Dillon K of C Hall 1675 Douglas
Pike, North Providence
USA Dance and FOBD members
\$10, non-members \$12,
\$5 for students with current ID.
7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Lesson 8:00 - 8:30
401-439-1769

Saturday 11

Kathy and Randy Dance
German Hall, 78 Carter Avenue,
Pawtucket, RI
7:15 p.m. Hustle Lesson, 8:00-11:30
p.m. Social Dance
463-1815 or ksj111@cox.net

K&S Dance, Knights of Columbus Hall,
1047 Park Ave., Cranston
Beginner Lesson - 6:30 PM Intermediate
Lesson - 7:15 PM
Waltz with Greg Duda
Dancing 8:00-11:30 PM. \$15 per person

Sunday 12

Meadowlarks 8th Annual Fundraiser for
Attleboro High School Performing Arts
Program
\$7.50 pp, \$5 for senior citizens and
students with id. Dan@themeadowlarks.com.

DOCMA Inaugural Dinner Dance,
3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Maironis
Park, Shrewsbury, MA Before Feb
9, \$25 members, \$29 non-members
after February 9 and at the door
\$33 members, \$38 non-members.
Contact Sandi Theros 508-832-2393 or
stheros787@aol
Web site: www.docma.net.

Thursday 16

America's Ballroom Challenge - Part 2
8:00 p.m. on WSBE/RI PBS/Channel 36

Friday 17

Dancin' Feelin' Studio Party
272 Pettaconsett Ave., Warwick, RI
9:00 - 11:00 p.m.
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Friday, Feb 17 - Sunday February 19 -
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East Lyme Community Center
Society Road, East Lyme, CT
www.pacheco-computer.com/usabda/
(860)536-9898, DOUGIEPAT15@AOL.COM

Saturday 18

Kathy and Randy Dance
German Hall, 78 Carter Avenue,
Pawtucket, RI
7:15 p.m. East Coast Swing Lesson,
8:00-11:30 p.m. Social Dance
463-1815 or ksj111@cox.net

Saturday 18

FOBD Valentine Dance & 20th

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\$50 pp non-members dinner dance;

\$40 pp members dinner dance,

\$25 pp for dance only at 8:00 p.m.

Reservations required-2006 members

only. Contact SkipFOBD@aol.com

or 401-847-2980 by Monday, February 13

West Coast Dance Explosion

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th

Rhode Island Convention Center

Dance Competition - Show Dance

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 11:00

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday 19

Meadowlarks Trio at The German Hall,

78 Carter Ave., Pawtucket, RI

1:30-4:30 p.m. \$6 pp (866-266-4693.

Dan@themeadowlarks.com

Friday 24

Dancin' Feelin' Beginners Party

272 Pettaconsett Ave., Warwick, RI

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

401-461-0110 - www.dancinfeelin.com

Saturday 25

K&S Dance, Knights of Columbus Hall,

1047 Park Ave., Cranston

Beginner Lesson - 6:30 PM Intermediate

Lesson - 7:15 PM

Samba with Marc Bertrand

General Dancing 8:00-11:30 PM. \$15

per person

Norm and Dette Dance Social

Dillon K of C Hall, 1675 Douglas Ave.,

N. Providence, RI

8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. \$10

per person - (401) 767-1765 -

NormDetteDance@wmconnect.com

Swingin' 88's Dance

7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Brightridge Club - Front Hall

59 Brightridge Avenue, Providence, RI 02914

401-683-6144 or swingin88s@yahoo.com

com

\$7 pp (%5 students with id)

Sunday 26

Meadowlarks Trio at The German Hall,

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1:30-4:30 p.m. \$6 pp (866-266-4693.



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Competition Calendar

Saturday, February 11 - Boston University Terrier Dancesport Competition
<http://people.bu.edu/ballroom/comp.2006.html>
ballroom@bu.edu

Saturday, March 11, Sunday, March 12
15th Annual Harvard Invitational Competition and Hanlon Ford Ball (March 11)
Malkin Athletic Center, Cambridge, MA
www.ballroomregister.com/register/HarvardInvitational06/

Saturday, March 25 - 7th Annual Holy Cross Comp
The Hogan Campus Center, One College Street, Worcester, MA 01610
<http://college.holycross.edu/studentorgs/bdance/theComp.html>
Contact Caitlin Smith: cfsmit@holycross.edu

Saturday, April 1 - Rhode Island DanceSport Invitational 2006
Hosted by URI and RIC
http://uri.edu/student_organizations/ballroom/comp2006/index.html

Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23
MIT 2006 Open Ballroom Dance Competition
MIT Athletics Center - 120 Vassar Street, Cambridge
Performance by Michael Malitowski & Joanna Leunes
Featuring newcomer events and 19 dances from Beginner
To Championship. <http://mitbdt.mit.edu>



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