

**PRIVATE COACHING**

**Nick Kosovich** – Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Durango Studio and Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Maryland Parkway Studio.

Nick will be teaching more tips on "Actions in Dancing"; Traveling, Turning, Bending, Twisting, Stretching and Contracting.

**"W-E-S-T"** means **Weight** (Heavy or Light), **Energy** (Bound or Free), **Space** (Direct or Flexible), **Time** (Sustained or Rapid). Ask your Teachers in your next lesson to review these tips with you.

**Edwin Torres** – Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Vicki Venka** – Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> @ Maryland Parkway;

**Vicki Venka** – Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ Durango Studio

**2008 WORLD DANCE-O-RAMA – LAS VEGAS – Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at the LUXOR Hotel.** This year we purchased Team Jackets and wore them at the Dance-O-Rama. It was so much fun to be on our Home Turf with our "Arthur Murray Las Vegas Team" jackets sporting our Team Spirit. Thanks to Lorena Singer who designed the jackets for us!

**OUR "LAS VEGAS TEAM" WAS INCREDIBLE!!!!!! CONGRATULATIONS** to our 1<sup>st</sup> time Dance-O-Rama Students: Sandy Lozier, Amoiri Debusk, Jaeleigh Harris, Denise Giancola, Lori James, Kelly Nelson, Nancy Frasure. Our Dance-O-Rama Team Students: Lisa Evans, Lorena Singer, Louise Totten, Cynthia Kestler, Lance Spindler, Kayla Miller, Bob Bransky. Our Teachers: Tiffany Thomsen, Xiaoqian ("JC") Wiltshire, Allison Smith, Greg Darrough, Justin McClendon, Trent McAfee, Adam Stuckey, Arnell Miller. Thanks to Adam Stucky who brilliantly choreographed the Las Vegas Formation Team Dance. We won the **Trophy for 1st Place!!!!** Formation Team Dancers: Lisa Evans, Kayla Miller, Amoiri Debusk, Kelly Nelson, Nancy Frasure, Allison Smith, Adam Stucky, Trent McAfee, Greg Darrough, Arnell Miller, Justin McClendon and Lance Spindler. Special Congratulations to **Lisa Evans and Cynthia Kestler who received Honors Gold Medals in several of their dances, Jaeleigh Harris who won a trophy for Top Solo and to Justin McClendon and his partner Allison Smith who received 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Future Champions, Smooth Division and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Rhythm Division.** It was so exciting to see them receive their Awards! Thanks to **Trent McAfee** who made us all proud by carrying the Nevada State Flag during the very moving "Parade of Flags Ceremony" on Saturday evening!!!! And to all of you who joined us for dinner and came to cheer us on! **Dance-O-Rama Plaques will be sent to our Studio by the Arthur Murray International Home Office in a few weeks.**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS!!! Greg Nakamura & Anna Barantez, Heath Borngesser & Elizabeth, Jason Lee & Nikki Koons, Jaime Gomez, Jerry Leonard & Ruth, Ray Kowalski & Mandi Thompson, Matt Kodama, Kelli Ara Kaki, Crystal Phetnin, Jason Quinn & Mia Gibson; CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST BRONZE STUDENTS! Aly Draher, Cheryl Titus, Rachel Stark, Vincent Dinzio & Jeanne Mills**

**MEDAL BALL TESTING and SEMI-FORMAL DINNER & DANCE – Vicki Venka**, International Coach and Arthur Murray Competition Adjudicator joins us again for Medal Ball. Testing will be done Friday evening April 25<sup>th</sup> and the Semi-Formal Ball will be held on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Critiques, Brunch at 1pm followed by Vicki's Group Class beginning promptly at 2pm.

**SCHOOL FIGURES CLASS – ASSOCIATE BRONZE LEVEL, Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM @ MARYLAND PARKWAY.** Joni our favorite, "Mad Cow", is teaching a School Figures Class. This class will prepare you for Medal Ball Testing the following weekend. The focus is on the Top 5 Steps and Techniques for the 6 Main Ballroom Dances; Smooth Dances – Foxtrot, Waltz, Tango, Rhythm – Rumba, ChaCha and Swing. This will be a workshop and will last for several hours. Ask your teachers for details.

**"MADS CLUB", Murray After Dark Social Club** is an **Out on the Town Evening with your Teachers and Friends.** It is held the first Wednesday of every month at 9:30pm at a designated local Lounge location. Ask your Teachers how to join MADS Club and get ready to dance the night away. Last month we danced in the "EYECANDY" Center Lounge located at Mandalay Bay. MADS club this month will be Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We are organizing a LIMO to pick us up at the Studio and take us out to the Club. Please sign up! \*\*\* ST. PATRICK'S DAY – 9:00 PM "STUDENT NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN PARTY!" Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00PM we held our Practice Party at Mandalay Bay "EYECANDY" Center Bar. \*\*\*

**DANCING WITH THE LAS VEGAS STARS FINALE!!!!!!** The First Place "Mirror Ball Trophy" was awarded to Brandy Hartman and Justin McClendon at our Monday Evening Results Party on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Evans and Trent McAfee were the Runner's up. Congratulations to all of our Season 2 Dancers: Lindsay Dunlap and Adam Stuckey, Lisa Evans and Trent McAfee, Brandy Hartman and Justin McClendon, Lexi Hamill and Jonathan Green, Chris Sutton and Diamahn White, Juan Chavarin and Nova Holly, Jim Frasure and Valerie Green. Special thanks to our Adjudicators: Tim Homerding, Louise Totten, Ray Haldeman and Denise Giancola and Visiting Adjudicators: Holly Udy and Vicki Venka. Thanks to all of our students and guests for participating. Get ready for Season 3, Dancing With The La Vegas Stars Couples! Bring your friends and come and vote for your favorite couple! \*\*\*POPULAR VOTE COUNTS 50%\*\*\*

**Lynn Sevik** – Visited the Studios for Private Coaching Monday-Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Durango Studio (M/W) and Maryland Parkway Studio (T/W). For our New Students, Lynn Sevik is an International Professional Dance Coach and Arthur Murray Competition Adjudicator. She is the daughter of Vicki Venka, who will be here to conduct our Medal Ball Testing and be our Special guest for the Medal Ball.

**GROUP CLASSES – WEST – M-F 6:45pm – Our Group Classes are fantastic!** Come and join **Xiaoqian, aka "JC" Wiltshire, our Dance Director at the Durango location.** Monday through Friday she conducts a group class on **one particular dance of the week.** Class begins at 6:45pm. Saturday at 12:15, Greg conducts a "Technique" Group Class on the same weekly dance. Check the Calendar for the weekly dances. This Month: Samba, Viennese Waltz, West Coast Swing, Mambo and Foxtrot.

**GROUP CLASSES – EAST – M-F 7:30pm** – Come and join **Adam Stuckey, our Dance Director at the Maryland Parkway location.** Monday through Friday he conducts a group class on **a different dance every day.** Saturday at 1:00pm there is an additional class. Check the Calendar for specific classes. Every Month there is Social Salsa on Wednesdays. This Month: Foxtrot, Cha, Cha, East Coast Swing, Merengue, Waltz Rumba, Samba, Tango, Lindy Hop, West Coast Swing, C&W 2-Step, C&W Shuffle, Hustle, Tango, Bolero, V. Waltz, Cha Cha and Waltz. \*School Figures Class 1pm Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>.\* Please **Note: Friday-Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> there will be NO GROUP CLASSES due to MEDAL BALL.**



**ARGENTINE TANGO MILONGAS & TANGO WORKSHOPS.** Ven a Bailar el "Tango del Corazon" or shall we say "Come Dance the "Tango of the Heart". Hugo Latorre & Miriam Gittelman are from Argentina. They have been hosting Argentine Tango Milongas (Dance parties) at our **Durango studio** on the **third Saturday of every month at 9:30PM.** Their weekly Workshop is on Thursday evenings at 8:15pm at the Durango Studio. Tom & Tanya Smith are also hosting Milongas at the **Maryland Parkway Studio** on specified Saturday evenings at 10:00PM. This month will be April 5<sup>th</sup>. Check the Calendar each month for dates. This is a great introduction to one of the most romantic dances. All events are \$15.00.

**SHOWCASE AWARDS, PLAQUE TAGS and MEDALS:** If you have not received your Showcase trophy or are missing any dance tags or medals for your Dance Plaques please Email us at: [learn@arthurmurraylasvegas.com](mailto:learn@arthurmurraylasvegas.com).

**LOST & FOUND** We have acquired many items that have been left in the Studios. Please check at the front desk for lost items.

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**PLACES TO DANCE IN LAS VEGAS are listed on line at [www.arthurmurraylasvegas.com/placestodance.cfm](http://www.arthurmurraylasvegas.com/placestodance.cfm)**

Arthur Murray East- 4550 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119 (702-798-4552) Dance parties - Fridays: 8:15-9:45pm

Arthur Murray West- 4440 S. Durango, Las Vegas, NV 89147 (702-876-3131) Dance parties - Mondays: 8:15-9:45pm