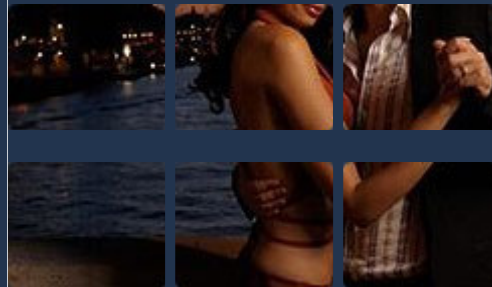


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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As we begin the month of May, and dreadfully exams have come to an end, it becomes obvious that we have a lot to celebrate this year. Mambo Productions dancers have worked very hard this term, doing guest appearances in a variety of shows, teaching and choreographing, traveling for numerous national and international competitions and preparing for our annual Jazz & Mambo Gala.

As we begin our last session for this term, we want to wish all of our students (past and current) the very best this summer. All of our students' commitment, loyalty and near-perfect attendance has helped to make Mambo Productions the most successful salsa company in Calgary.

Although the school year is coming to a close (only 1 session remains before we part for the summer) there will still be lots happening right here during the summer months! Be sure to read our newsletters and keep checking our website (www.mambopro.com) for upcoming events, classes and parties. Enjoy the rest of the term and see you on the dance floor!

Alexandra Sell

UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS

1. **May 7, 2007 – New Mambo Productions Session begins** (see class schedule below)
 Summer is coming up fast, and with it are various Latin festivals and parties. This session, due to popular demand, we would like to re-introduce to you a Nightclub Survival class, where you'll learn the basic steps of cumbia, meringue, reggeton, cha cha and bachata. It is taught by Cuban-born Maria Perez who has danced since an early age, and is known for her unique style & a great understanding of Latin Music. Nightclub Survival" (8-week course) starts on Tuesday, May 8th from 7:00-8:00pm. Cost is \$96.00 per person or \$165 per couple (GST not included). No partner necessary.

2. **May 27, 2007 – 4th Street Lilac Festival (Calgary)**

Sunday, May 27th, 2007, marks the date of the 18th annual 4th Street Lilac Festival, and the streets have never been hotter! Last year, 120,000 Calgarians participated in this fabulous one-day festival, which included a wide array of entertainers, dancers and musicians alike. With something for almost

everyone to see and do we had participants dancing in the streets to the smooth sounds and scrumptious tastes. Come visit us at our Mambo Productions booth near Fiestaval Main Stage! For more info visit: <http://4streetcalgary.com/lilacfestival/>

3. June 15-17, 2007 – Salsapalooza (Edmonton)

Salsapalooza is an annual gathering of the Alberta dance community to showcase their hard work and dedication for the dance they love, Salsa! This year, teaching workshops and performing are International Salsa Superstars Jayson Molina (Puerto Rico), Victor & Gaby (Mexico city), John & Liz (San Francisco). For schedule of workshop, info on the competition and show please visit: www.spiceproductions.ca

4. June 30, 2007 – Students Night Out Salsa Party

As always at the end of each session we would like to invite all of the Mambo Productions students and friends to a salsa party held at Juan's Mexican Restaurant. For more info visit: <http://www.mambopro.com>

SPRING SESSION (MAY 7 – JUNE 29, 2007)

Day / Time	Class / Level	Start Date / Duration	Location	Cost
Monday 8:00-9:00pm	Beginner Salsa	May 7/07 (8 weeks)	YWCA Fitness on 5th 320 - 5th Ave. SE	\$96 + GST
Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm	Nightclub Survival	May 8/07 (8 weeks)	YWCA Fitness on 5th 320 - 5th Ave. SE	\$96 + GST
Wednesday 6:45-7:45pm	Beginner Salsa	May 9/07 (8 weeks)	YWCA Fitness on 5th 320 - 5th Ave. SE	\$96 + GST
Thursday 8:45-9:45pm	Beg./ Inter. Salsa	May 10/07 (8 weeks)	YWCA Fitness on 5th 320 - 5th Ave. SE	\$96 + GST
Friday 7:00-8:00pm	Social Ballroom (level 1)	May 11/07 (8 weeks)	YWCA Fitness on 5th 320 - 5th Ave. SE	\$96 + GST
Friday 8:45-9:45pm	Beginner Salsa	May 11/07 (8 weeks)	YWCA Fitness on 5th 320 - 5th Ave. SE	\$96 + G
Monday 6:45-7:45pm	Intermediate Salsa	May 7 /07 (8 weeks)	YWCA Fitness on 5th 320 - 5th Ave. SE	\$96 + GST

LEGENDARY PUERTO RICAN POWER IN CONCERT, CALGARY

Fiestaval - Calgary's New Latin Festival, and Mambo Productions are pleased to present **Orquesta Puerto Rican Power** in concert **in Calgary on Saturday, July 21, 2007 at the MacEwan Hall.**

Early Bird Special: \$40.00 before June 15, after June 16 price is \$50.00 per ticket.

Throughout the history of the salsa music many orchestras have come, many have gone. But The Puerto Rican Power, under the very jealous and detailed leadership of trumpet Master, Luisito Ayala, has managed to release some of the best, most influential and solid salsa throughout the last three decades and still going!

This tropical orchestra, the Puerto Rican Power, was formed in the early '70s by bassist Jesus Castro, soon granting its leadership to trumpet player Luisito Ayala. Thanks to Ayala, the Puerto Rican Power became one of the most beloved salsa bands in Puerto Rico. In 1983 Ayala hired the now popular singer Tito Rojas as their main singer. This moment started a new stage in the Puerto Rican Salsa history. From

that point on, the Puerto Rican Power became a true hit with its own style of sensual and rhythmic salsa music, called "Salsa Brava" (Salsa "Power").

In the late '80s, Tito Rojas separated from the orchestra to start a solo career. At that moment Ayala decided to reorganize the orchestra by adding three new vocalists: Osvaldo Rom6n, Joselo Gerena y Luisito Ayala, Jr. These changes catapulted the Puerto Rican Power to become one of the most internationally acknowledged and awarded Salsa orchestras in Latin America and the US. Their great popularity and recognition, still enjoyed today, has been demonstrated by the infinity of awards and golden and platinum records received throughout the years in countries such as Puerto Rico, Colombia, Panama, Ecuador; by their well attended presentations through all Latin America and the most important cities in the US; and by their very successful tours through Germany, France, England, Switzerland, Belgium, and Spain.

Their albums are among the best in salsa music. Now, Puerto Rican Power is defining yet another wave of upcoming 'salseros'. Their latest productions feed on elements from other music styles such as the 'Venezuelan parranda', the 'bomba', and the 'vallenato'. Now among their songs we find musical arrangements from Bobby Valentin, Jose Lugo, Tommy Villariny, Ernesto Sanchez and Elias Lopes.

To watch them on YouTube click on: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgIDvqYwjdU>

Space is limited, so do not wait to get your tickets. Tickets available online at Ticketweb (subsidiary of Ticket Master) www.ticketweb.ca or Mambo Productions www.mambopro.com

DEAR JUANITA - FOR GUYS ONLY...

I am a beginner dancer, how do I survive at a salsa party?

Find a smiling gal near the dance floor and ask her to dance. But for godsake, learn how to first, and remember - *smooth is better than fancy (or flashy)!* A couple of basic steps done correctly and on the beat is way more fun for your partner than a dozen pretzel turns or worse yet, tricks, poorly executed and with missed timing.

Avoid rough dancing - like pulling your partner's arm out of its socket or bumping her into other couples. It's considered bad etiquette. Remember, the better you make your partner look the more expert you will appear (not to mention all of her friends will want to dance with you next song). Make eye contact and smile often - dancing is all about communication and finesse.

Dance with all sorts of partners; not only it'll make you a better dancer, but will also label you as a nice guy. Update your wardrobe and get a few fashionable salsa shirts. ALSO, if you haven't showered, shaved, or brushed your teeth for a while, it might be a good idea to do that *first!* You don't want women pointing you out for the wrong reasons! Most of all - have fun and you'll see how contagious it becomes!

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