



Newsletter – *October 2008*

DANCE holiday: Argentina (*Buenos Aires*) & Rio de Janeiro

Well Argentina is a huge mind boggling city with such an infectious vibe. The Tango there is a 7 day affair of passionate dancing at Many street intersections. For Argentineans it's like brushing their teeth twice daily. The men are always dressed in suits, with a hat. The ladies in tight fitting sexy dresses, despite a slight chill in the air. (It was the end of winter & beginning of spring). It was amazing to see couples performing every day and evening in Florida Avenue. Mind boggling routines and the speed and intricacy of the choreography is infectious. Florida Avenue is abuzz with artists, musicians and hawkers selling hand made goods.

The six of us decided to attend a few classes and it was a pleasant learning experience. We are really spoilt for studio space in SA, as studio space is cramped overseas. **Argentinean Tango is a dance style that when mastered can be so addictive.**

I bought many CD's, teaching DVD's, and hope to introduce an Argentinean Tango ONLY class in 2009.
Students who would like to do the class please book your spot. Space for 5 couples per group only!

Rio is an even bigger city, dense with sky scraper office block buildings and apartments everywhere. So much to see and do, but an expensive holiday destination. The people are very hospitable and the beaches are covered with beautiful people no matter what day of the week. There are cycling and running paths and people exercise and play volley ball and beach soccer all day and night. *There are little zozo hut bars and eating places on the beach front, with all cocktails & "Caparinhas's" (potent traditional drink of lime, vodka & crushed ice), available day & night –NO liquor restrictions.* So maybe that's why people are so friendly in Rio ☺.

We attended a Samba variety show and the Capoeira (Brazilian martial art) was phenomenal. The best time to visit this city is February/March, during the actual carnival time.

Needles to say we all enjoyed the holiday tremendously. SEE the display in the studio of the two destinations.

Competition Results: -20 September 2008. **Tom Malinowski & Megan Frank** entered various categories and were placed as follows:

- 1st Place Adult beginner Bronze Ballroom.**
- 1st Place Adult beginner Bronze Latin.**
- 2nd Place Open Sökkie.**
- 4th Place Open Viennese Waltz.**

The other competitors were on holiday and did not take part. *Congratulations and all the best competitors for the next lot of competitions coming up. "Break a leg".*

1st & 2nd Movie & workshop night:

Movie night 1 (27 September 2008). was a success and everyone enjoyed learning the show Tango from "Take the lead". Thanks to all who supported this event. *The DVD prize of "Dirty dancing" was won by Anelia.*

2nd Movie night will be on Saturday the 1st of November. *Unfortunately NO afternoon braai will be held. This event is open to students, family, friends and visitors. There will be a draw for a surprise prize after the workshop.*

6pm Sharp. "2007 World Latin Superstars" will be screened. *Top 6 Latin couples in the world –show routines. The "Open Latin" workshop will start 7.30pm. (1 hour class, 1 Latin dance).*

NB: The cost is R70/person irrespective if just watching the movie and/or doing the workshop.

Next Social: **Saturday 25 October, 7.30pm.** *This will be held on the roof top @ Studio 2 Greenside. Limited space (40 people), booking essential. Family friends and visitors are welcome. Bring your own snacks, drinks, ice and dance takkies.*

"Each person has the opportunity to lay the groundwork for his heavenly defense, simply by opening his eyes and heart to the need of others"

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