



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION



THE YOUTUBE.COM SENSATION

There probably isn't a person reading this who hasn't heard of YouTube. Wikipedia describes it as "YouTube is a video sharing website where users can upload, view and share video clips." The total number of videos uploaded as of March 17, 2008 was over 78.3 Million. There are over 200,000 videos uploaded per day. There is virtually nothing that isn't available on YouTube, including dance videos. If you haven't checked it out yet, now is the time.

If you type in the keywords, 'west coast swing', a list of approximately 3600 videos pops up. It's definitely dancer nirvana. The worst problem is that it is too easy to get lost...for days...viewing videos. While researching for this article, I got caught up watching Benji Schwimmer & Labbat, dancing at Summer Hummer in 20???. Mesmerizing mastery of musicality! (I know, too much alliteration.)

Here comes the warning label: lots of the videos on YouTube are pirated from copyrighted sources or are "inappropriate", so YouTube could be an endangered species due to the many lawsuits against them. Stan Schroeder of mashable.com has a recommendation, "Google has a solid amount of cash in its pockets, but with all the recent lawsuits against YouTube, one has to wonder if it's time to salvage whatever videos you like from the service and save them somewhere where evil attorneys won't look – your hard drive."

And how might one do that? Fairly easily. About a year ago, there were no less than 23 video downloaders so there are probably many more now. One of the most popular is (can you guess?) the You Tube Downloader which is free and available on many sites, including <http://download.com>. Be sure you get the latest version. Then go to YouTube and watch some videos on how to use the downloader. If you type "how to use youtube downloader" into the search box, you can choose from 2,270 videos.

Problem: Any downloader grabs the video as a file ending in .flv which will not play in most video players. Solution: use the free program that will play almost anything, VLC Media Player. It's terrific and is found here: <http://www.videolan.org/vlc/> or just convert the .flv file, within the YouTube Downloader, into a format you like. YTD will even convert it into a small enough file to use on your iPod or similar mini video player.

If you prefer the browser Firefox, go to mozilla.com, and look for the Media Converter 1.0.1 in the add-ons and install it. It both downloads and converts. It lives at the end of your address line and goes into action when you click on it.

Last step: burn your clips to CDs or DVDs. You can use Windows Movie Maker for simple compilations or go back to downloads.com for a free .avi to DVD converter.

So now you are all set to go to YouTube and download the videos of the pool party games from the Tampa Bay Classic 2008 (keywords). You might want to turn your speakers down a little. They were having way too much fun!

NEXT MSDA PARTY

JANUARY 18

Lessons at 3 PM

West Coast Swing

See details inside.

Dance Party 4PM - 8PM

Our parties are at RHYTHM 'N'

SHOES BALLROOM DANCE

STUDIO in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

SPECIAL NOTICE

In a continuing effort toward being a 'value added' experience, the MSDA dances will begin serving a light meal at the Sunday dances. Some of us are there for 5 hours or more and we need sustenance!

Where can you get a free lesson, four hours of dancing, food and the company of some of the best swing dancers in a tri-state area for \$9? Join the MSDA and find out!

VERY COOL SITE FOR LISTENING TO MUSIC ON THE PC

Check out <http://www.theradio.com>
Many thanks to Carole McGuire for sending this today. I've been listening as I worked on this newsletter.

Just type in the name of a song or artist and the station will come up and play the song or artist. You can also choose from a list of channels.

Plus, it keeps track of what you've listened to. (One danger...I thought I was going schizo because I heard two different songs at one time.

Discovered that I had two browser windows open playing two songs at once. Duh!!)

NEW MEMBERS

The MSDA warmly welcomes the following Dancers to the club. Thanks so much for your support!

**HAROLD MOSKOVI
JANET MOSKOVI**

**HELP OUR CLUB GROW
AT THE NEXT DANCE:**

- ☺ SAY HELLO TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW
- ☺ LEARN THREE NEW NAMES
- ☺ ASK TWO NEW PEOPLE TO DANCE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR
JANUARY
BIRTHDAY PEOPLE

RICHARD	BLAIS	1/1
TIBY	MARTIN	1/2
SHARLEA	REYNOLDS	1/6
ROBERTA	KAHLBAUM	1/10
RYAN	SHEAD	1/15
MARISA	SHUMBAR	1/18
JULIE	GUBB	1/20
SHAR	SAFFOLD	1/31



**NEW NOTE REGARDING
BIRTHDAY DANCES:**

SINCE SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED A STRONG DESIRE TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS DURING THEIR BIRTHDAY MONTH, AND WOULD RATHER EAT RAZOR BLADES DIPPED IN RAT POISON THAN GET UP DURING THE BIRTHDAY DANCE, WE WILL NO LONGER BE HOLDING THEM. IF IT IS YOUR BIRTHDAY AND YOU WOULD LIKE US TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT, PLEASE LET SHARON OR ALICE KNOW AHEAD OF TIME. WE'LL BE VERY HAPPY TO DO SO.

FUTURE PARTIES

Jan 18

Feb 22

March 15

April 19

Please note: Some of the dates may not fall on the 3rd Sunday due to holidays or convention dates.

**LOCAL AND
NATIONAL EVENTS**

**BALLROOM BASH w/Yvonne Moon
& Arthur McDuffey**

Saturday January 10th.

Class - 8:00-9:00

Dance - 9:00-11:00

Where: Rhythm-N-Shoes

2172 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills

Cost: \$10 (class, dance, & snacks)

\$1 discount for MSDA members

More information: 248-212-8342

Hosted by Yvonne, one of the most respected ballroom instructors in our area, She is certified in all forms of ballroom dancing and has won professional competitions in both rhythm and smooth dancing as well as numerous top teacher awards.

SUZY'S DANCE CLUB

—JANUARY SCHEDULE—

CLAWSON YWCA

(Crooks and Normandy Rd.)

Tuesday Jan. - 6 - 13 - 20 - 27

1:30 pm - Progressive Hustle

2:30 pm - Dance Party

Thursday Jan. - 8 - 15 - 22 - 29

1:30 pm - Intermediate Quickstep

2:30 pm - Dance Party

Price: \$7 for group class and party.

\$3 party only

MAGENTA CAFE

(Windsor, ONT.) Thursday Night

January 8 - 22 - 29

7:30 pm - Beginner Bolero

8:30 pm - Int. Progressive Argentine

Tango

9:30 - 10:30 pm - Latin Dance Party

Price: \$10 per class or \$15 for both -

party included. \$3 Latin Dance Party

Only

CABOTO CLUB

(Windsor, ONT.) FRIDAY NIGHTS

January 2 - 9 - 23 - 30

no classes on Jan 16th

7:00 pm - Beginner Samba

8:00 pm - Intermediate Tango

9:00 - 11:00 pm - Dance Party

Price: \$10 per class or purchase a

Club card and get classes for \$7.

Includes party. \$5 Party Only.

FMI: www.suzybdancin.com or

call 248-613-4419

**SUZY AND FRED'S ANNUAL DANCE
CRUISE**

FEB 9 - 13TH.. BAHAMA CRUISE

starting price :\$498. Call Shelly

Fogelman: World of Travel 248-203-0022

MSO WINTER GAMES

DANCESPORT COMPETITION

Feb 4th, 2009 7 - 11PM

Competitors: The deadline for entries is January 5th! If you are a 50+ dance competitor, this event is one of the most elegant and inexpensive dance events you will ever attend. We have three highly qualified judges: Glenn Clark, Candace McKenzie and Suzy Brecht. They bring judging expertise to the floor that includes ballroom, swing and country western.

The atmosphere is very friendly and the dance categories diverse! For more information: www.mso-dance.org

We will be dancing on a 30 x 60 foot dance floor. Strict tempo music is provided by Bob Northrop of DJ PLAYS (Bob along with Melissa Muha are the organizers of the DanceSport competition).

Dinner Dance Tickets: Join us again at the 4-star Royal Park Hotel in Rochester, Michigan for a wonderful evening of dining, dancing and socializing. Cocktails are at 5:30 and dinner at 6pm. Enjoy a sumptuous dinner and receive premium seating! Dinner for MSO members is \$35 and \$40 for non-members.

You may purchase your tickets online. A limited number of Spectator tickets at \$10 each will be available. Spectators may enter the ballroom at 6:45 pm for non-assigned seating.

www.mso-dance.org. If you have questions, call Bob (269) 352-9407 or Melissa (269) 501-6436.



DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS



ALL THE STUDIOS AND SERVICES ON THIS PAGE OFFER DISCOUNTS TO MSDA MEMBERS.

Just a reminder: this club was founded with the concept that a valuable benefit to the members are the discounts that they receive from the studios and event promoters in the area. It is possible to save a lot of money by being an MSDA member.

MSDA DANCES

\$4 OFF THE LESSON AND \$2 OFF THE DANCE to MSDA members. You **save \$6 per dance** as a member.

RHYTHM -N- SHOES DANCE STUDIO

Dances on Thursday nights. \$8. 8 to 10 PM. Light snacks served. **\$1.00 discount to MSDA & MSSHD members on Thursday night dances.** Group Lessons: \$13/person or buy a Rhythm Card for \$100 that entitles you to 10 Group Lessons.

2172 Franklin Rd, Bloomfield Hills. 248-334-0299. *See schedule on website.* RhythmNShoes@aol.com.
<http://www.rhythm-n-shoes.com>
Directions: msda.org/monthly.htm.

The NEXT MSDA dance at Rhythm -n- Shoes will be on January 18.

See details on pages 1 & 4

DANCESPORT ACADEMY OF MICHIGAN

23666 Park, Dearborn, MI 48124
313-724-3262. The studio has Friday night group and open dances, \$10. **\$1.00 off to MSDA members.**
<http://www.dancesportacademy.com>

TROY DANCE STUDIO & BODYWORKS

\$1.00 discount on every event to MSDA members. They hold scheduled parties several nights a week. 4963 Rochester Rd. Troy, MI 48098. Elaine Marrero, 248-689-3393. See their calendar and class list online at
<http://troydancestudio.com>.

DANCE ALERT

Want to receive the latest e-mail news on dance related events in Michigan? Want to know where the hottest dance floors are? To subscribe **free** to all the latest dance news, visit her website at:
<http://dancemichigan.com>.

Instructors, DJ's, Studios and Bands may advertise for free. You can print out a huge, newly revised list of area dance floors or check out the Information Station at the monthly dance for her list.

NEW ADDITION: Free Dance partner page. Submit a short bio and description of the type of dance partner you are looking for. <http://DanceMichigan.com/dancepartners.htm>

ARGENTINE TANGO DETROIT

A growing tango community in the Detroit Metropolitan area. From beginner to advanced, there are twelve hours of group classes and milongas each week. We also have Salsa on some nights for a little extra fun. You do not need a partner for group or private lessons and even those that think they have two left feet can tango. *New to Tango? Your first introductory group lesson and party are free with purchase! **~MSDA special discounts~** Lori@argentinetangodetroit.com

<http://www.argentinetangodetroit.com>
Argentine Tango Detroit, 7758 Auburn Road, Utica, MI 48317, 586-254-0560

PLEASE REMEMBER

TO TAKE YOUR MSDA MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU WHEN ASKING FOR DISCOUNTS AT STUDIOS AND EVENTS. THEY ARE HAPPY TO GIVE YOU THE DISCOUNT BUT SHOULD NOT HAVE TO TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, SOME PEOPLE MASQUERADE AS MSDA MEMBERS.

FANTASTIC SAMS OF ROSEVILLE

A full service Salon, 29008 Gratiot at 12 Mile, 4 blocks west of I-94. M-F 9-8 Sat. 9-5. Owner: Basim Abdelnour.
Deep Discounts to MSDA members. Examples: \$4.00 off on Haircuts to \$9.95, \$10.00 off on Hi-Lights to \$55.00, \$15.00 off Cut and color to \$39.00. \$3.00 off Camouflage color for men (semi permanent) to \$12.00. 25% off all our name brand Hair care products, Questions? Basimbasm@aol.com

AMERICAN MATTRESS GALLERY

17825 Eureka Rd., Southgate, MI 48195. 734-282-1300. Anything that a person would need in quality mattresses. Full line of innerspring, visco foam and dual control air mattresses. Large selection of adjustable beds. **MSDA Members receive 10% Discount.**

COULD I HAVE THIS DANCE?

Contact Meagan Woodbury if you are a male dancer between 40 - 70, & you are interested in becoming a gentleman host on cruise ships. **\$5 discount for MSDA members.** 586-775-1933

LYNCH'S

Three Locations: Warren: (586) 751-1780. **15% discount to MSDA members.** They carry various trims for costumes, teachers' shoes, tights, etc.



REMINDER: Show your **MSDA** card at **GLSDC** and **MSSHD** dances to **get in at their member prices** Just show your card and save.

GLSDC ~ club dance every Wednesday in Flint at The Rollerhaven of Flushing. 3464 Ann Drive, Flushing. GLSDCeditor@aol.com.

MSSHD ~ monthly dances on the 3rd Saturday, at American Dance Center, 2321 Corunna Rd. Flint MI. Take I-75 or US 23 N. to Corunna Rd exit. Go East 1 mile to the studio. Please park in back. FMI: call 810-694-7625 - Bob or Beverly

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to be an official "Dance Host or Hostess", or would like to volunteer to help with set up, food or clean up, or would like flyers to pass out, please let us know at msda@att.net or 248-390-0515.

MANY Thanks to all those who helped make the dance a success!

Guest Instructor Phil Dorroll

MSDA MONTHLY DANCE JANUARY 18, 2009

Phil Dorroll

Instructor

Event Director for the
Michigan Classic
& Nashville Classic

www.danceamerica.net



Phil Dorroll is available for Private Lessons prior to the activities on both Saturday and Sunday. To make an appointment, call Phil at 615-948-3124 or email him at phil@danceamerica.net

PHIL IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE LESSONS & CHOREOGRAPHY. 615-948-3124

Three Month Series for Beginners

January – West Coast For Beginners I

Connection, timing and technique with easy social patterns.

February – West Coast for Beginners II

Syncopations for the beginner in easy social patterns

March – West Coast for Beginners III

Advanced Beginner Patterns

3 PM ~ *Newcomers Class (First timers)*

4:00 – 8:00 pm - **MSDA Dance**

(See <http://msda.org/monthly.htm> for details)

(*** 3PM Class free to members, \$4 to non-members)

All workshops and dance will be held at Rhythm 'N' Shoes, 2172 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

*** FREE FOOD ***

*** FREE CLASSES ***

PHIL'S BIO

Phillip Dorroll resides in Clearwater, FL, and Nashville, TN, where he is the owner and operator of *Dance America Productions* and *Dance Connection Dance Studio*. Phil is a full time dance instructor and promoter teaching workshops and privates in the Mid-South and Mid-West region. Phil teaches dance, promotes and organizes various dance events and weekends across the country, including the Tampa Bay Classic, Michigan Classic, Brickyard Boogie, and Summer Dance Party.

In November of 2005 Phil received the Star Award and was inducted into the National Living Legends of Dance. In addition, to teaching workshops at national conventions and local clubs and studios, Phil has competed in many competitions on the swing circuit during the past few years and some of his accomplishments include...

US OPEN - 4th Place Masters, 2001

KC Swing Challenge – 1st Place Masters, 2001

Heartland Swing – 3rd Place Open, 2002

Swing Fling – 3rd Place Sophisticated Swing, 2002

KC Swing Challenge – 1st Place Showcase, 2002

Heartland Swing – 1st Place Masters, 2003

Heartland Swing – Advanced Jack & Jill 1st Place, 2003

Swing Fling – 3rd Place Sophisticated Swing, 2003

Atlanta Summer Swing Jam – 1st Place Adv J & J, 2003

Atlanta Summer Swing Jam – 2nd Place Adv S. Swing, 2003

Associations and Memberships: World Swing Dance Council, Masters Swing Dance Tour, A.A.N.C.E. Swing Tour All Swing DJs, National Association of Rhythm & Blues DJ's, National Fast Dance Association

Mission Statement

Bring quality dance instruction, competition, and social dancing together in an environment that people will enjoy as they develop life long friendships and memories.

January
2009
Troy

\$1 off for MSDA members

TDS & BODYWORKS


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>Happy New Year and Thank you for your support!</p>		<p>Salsa Social</p>  <p>Saturday, January 10th FREE Salsa Workshop 8:45 pm Open dance 10:00 pm—2:00 am \$10 cover / Includes snacks and beverages All ages are welcome!</p>		<p>1 Closed Happy New Year!</p>		<p>2 7PM West C. Swing BEG-INT—Mila 8PM Rumba BEG/International Style Yvonne 9PM Q. Step BEG/International Style Yvonne</p>	
<p>Starting January 2009: **Mondays Zumba** at 6:30 pm</p> <p>**Ballet** Thursdays at 6pm</p>	<p>5 Close for Group Classes</p>	<p>6 6PM West Coast Swing INT-ADV—Barry 7PM Hustle INT-ADV/Barry 8PM Tango INT/Natalie 8PM Salsa BEG-INT—Mila</p> <p>9:00 PM – 11:00 PM Social Party \$3 members—\$5 nonmembers</p>	<p>7 Seniors @ Troy Com. Center No Class</p> <p>7PM Zumba-No Class** 8PM Samba International Style INT/ADV— Yvonne 9PM Waltz Inter. Style INT/ADV /Yvonne</p>	<p>8 1PM- 3 PM Seniors Silver Waltz/ Natalie</p> <p>6PM Ballet/ Martha 7PM Hip Hop Basics / Cris 7PM Bachata-Merengue/ Gaby 8PM Zumba-No Class** 8PM Salsa on 2 ADV—Gaby</p>	<p>9 7PM West C. Swing BEG-INT—Mila 8PM Rumba BEG/International Style Yvonne 9PM Q. Step BEG/International Style Yvonne</p>	<p>10 11AM Viennese Waltz Natalie 11AM Belly Dance/ Lauren 12 PM Samba BEG—Mila 12 PM Salsa BEG Victor 1 PM Salsa INT/ADV Victor 1 PM Hip Hop/ Pop Lock/INT— 2 PM Break Dance BEG/Travis</p> <p>Salsa Social</p>	
<p>11 INTRO SPECIAL: 2 Private Lessons 2 Group Classes 2 Practice Parties ONLY - \$99 <small>As a couple, each will receive a group class and a party. Selective teachers only</small></p>	<p>12 6:30PM Zumba Fitness—Mirza 7PM Street Jazz All Cris 8PM Salsa BEG—Elaine 8PM Cha Cha All—Barry</p>	<p>13 6PM West Coast Swing INT-ADV—Barry 7PM Hustle INT-ADV/Barry 8PM Tango INT/Natalie 8PM Salsa BEG-INT—Victor</p> <p>9:00 PM – 11:00 PM Social Party \$3 members—\$5 nonmembers</p>	<p>14 Seniors @ Troy Com. Center 1PM Hustle</p> <p>7PM Zumba-Fitness—Mirza 8PM Samba International Style INT/ADV— Yvonne 9PM Waltz Inter. Style INT/ADV /Yvonne</p>	<p>15 1PM- 3 PM Seniors Silver Waltz</p> <p>6 PM Argentine Tango/ Elaine 6PM Ballet/ Martha 7PM Hip Hop Basics / Travis 7PM Bachata-Merengue/ Cris 8PM Zumba-Fitness—Mirza 8PM Salsa on 2 ADV—Gaby</p>	<p>16 7PM West C. Swing BEG-INT—Mila 8PM Rumba BEG/International Style Yvonne 9PM Q. Step BEG/International Style Yvonne</p>	<p>17 11AM Viennese Waltz Natalie 11AM Belly Dance/ Lauren 12 PM Samba BEG—Mila 12 PM Salsa BEG Victor 1 PM Salsa INT/ADV Victor 1 PM Hip Hop/ Pop Lock/INT— 2 PM Break Dance BEG/Travis</p>	
<p>18 Group Class Options **1 Class = \$10 **One month unlimited = \$129 *One month unlimited = \$99 <small>(one time offer /new students only)</small></p>	<p>19 6:30PM Zumba Fitness—Mirza 7PM Street Jazz All Cris 8PM Salsa BEG—Elaine 8PM Cha Cha All—Barry</p>	<p>20 6PM West Coast Swing INT-ADV—Barry 7PM Hustle INT-ADV/Barry 8PM Tango INT/Natalie 8PM Salsa BEG-INT—Victor</p> <p>9:00 PM – 11:00 PM Social Party</p>	<p>21 Seniors @ Troy Com. Center 1PM Foxtrot</p> <p>7PM Zumba-Fitness—Mirza 8PM Samba International Style INT/ADV— Yvonne 9PM Waltz Inter. Style INT/ADV /Yvonne</p>	<p>22 1PM- 3 PM Seniors Silver Swing</p> <p>6 PM Argentine Tango/ Elaine 6PM Ballet/ Martha 7PM Hip Hop Basics / Travis 7PM Bachata-Merengue/ Cris 8PM Zumba-Fitness—Mirza 8PM Salsa on 2 ADV—Gaby</p>	<p>23 7PM West C. Swing BEG-INT—Mila 8PM Rumba BEG/International Style Yvonne 9PM Q. Step BEG/International Style Yvonne</p>	<p>24 11AM Viennese Waltz Natalie 11AM Belly Dance/ Lauren 12 PM Samba BEG—Mila 12 PM Salsa BEG Victor 1 PM Salsa INT/ADV Victor 1 PM Hip Hop/ Pop Lock/INT— 2 PM Break Dance BEG/Travis</p>	
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THE PARTY IS ON SUNDAY,
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AT RHYTHM 'N' SHOES
DANCE STUDIO.

**THE MSDA WISHES
YOU A FABULOUS
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<http://msda.smugmug.com>