



Dancing ONION

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Checkin' In - Upcoming Dance Events

- **San Francisco Open** (competition) Mar 23-25
sfopen.com
- **Great Gatsby Gala** (social) Lake Merritt Dance Center, Oakland Sat Mar 23
- **San Francisco Carnaval** (parade) May 26th
carnavalsf.com
- **Dancing for the Arts** (social benefit) Allegro Ballroom - Sat May 27th allegroballroom.org
- **Black & White Ball** (social benefit) - June 2, San Francisco. Best food with headliners Paul Simon and Cyndi Lauper sfsymphony.org
- **Ddj Has a Party** {and someone has a birthday} (social) - June 2. Best dancing with headliners like ditto PS and ditto CL. Dedicateddj.com/party

Teachers' Corner

Master ballroom instructor **Steven Cullip** admitted today he didn't know everything there was to know about the Foxtrot. In fact, he said, it is one of a number of dances he didn't invent.

Instructor **Steve Randall PhD** admitted he could be considered overpriced when comparing dance credentials to some other highly certified dance instructors. One of Steve's students stepped forward and said she was happy to pay the big bucks because she enjoyed Steve's charm and could dance in unimaginable ways with him. Other students noted they can't remember dance lessons anyway and any teacher is an outstanding value for them or not.

Could Be Dance a Trend - Mr. Dance Onion has been hearing about **Kizomba**, one of those 'not so rule bound' fusion dances that you can take to the floor in minutes. Dancers lock in an Argentine Tango-like embrace and dance Bachata-like to Samba-like music. Most fun to be had since the Lambda craze and shoes are optional.

Checkin' Out

Organizers of the San Francisco Open have rejected a call for barefoot ballroom events. While noting that this would give both the judges and the spectators a better chance to judge a competitor's footwork they felt more time should be allowed for their competitors to prepare for this inevitability. A number of experts recommend conditioning bare feet by dancing on maple floors for several months or more before entering competitive events.

Eavesdropping

- My big dance break happened last week. I stopped worrying that people were watching me and started worrying that people weren't.
- If you have gas don't do the West Coast Swing
- Salsa sounds like such a relaxing dance. one...two three...five...six...seven

In The News

Oakland Mayor Jean Quan announced that negotiations for the world famous Franco Dragone House of Dancing Water event are on track. After playing for several years at the House of Dreams in Macau, it's organizers are now seeking a more accessible venue for this \$250M extravaganza. Mayor Quan noted that the two largest Oakland ballrooms Lake Merritt Dance Center and Just Dance Ballroom both had the required waterfront access and were top runners in the competition though Allegro Ballroom in Emeryville was still in contention. Final negotiations are now centered on waterfront development and expanding ballroom facilities.

Readers' Corner

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