

Pirate Swing 2011 Class Descriptions

Beginner/intermediate Track:

Swingout Improvement - Mike and Reuel

Saturday 11:30am to 12:30pm

The beatings will continue until swingouts improve - this means that we want the leaders moving efficiently, and the followers working those swivels!

It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Got That Soul - Mike and Reuel

Saturday 12:45pm to 1:45pm

When we get to dance to a musician like the lovely Lady Sunshine, we want to move in a way that doesn't say delta blues, or swinging jazz- we need to adapt, to fit the music! To get ready for the funky, soulful sound of Lady Sunshine, we're going to challenge you to use what you have in a whole new way.

Intro to Drag Blues - Joe and Nelle

Saturday 3:45pm to 4:45pm

A style of walking blues, Drag Blues is classy, sexy and fun to dance. Learn fundamental movements and techniques along with dynamic combinations that focus on partner connection.

Drag Blues Moves - Joe and Nelle

Saturday 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Learn moves for the social floor that build off "Intro to Drag Blues".

Buried Rhythmic Treasures - Michael and Evita

Sunday 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Michael and Evita show you the treasure map to those rich and bountiful rhythms and pulses that make swing dancing so fun!

Shake Your Booty - Michael and Evita

Sunday 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Learn some jazzy movements that are great for jam circles, or to put into your social dancing.

Intermediate Track:

Blues Moves - Joe and Nelle

Saturday 11:30am to 12:30pm

Learn fun, stylish moves for the social dance floor that will add a new dynamic and intensity to your dance.

Musicality - Joes and Nelle

Saturday 12:45pm to 1:45pm

We'll focus on different rhythms and energies in the music and how to better reflect those rhythms in our dancing.

Walk the Plank - Michael and Evita

Saturday 3:45pm to 4:45pm

The price to pay for all the little bad habits we acquire in our social dancing. We will help right some wrongs and add a couple of new moves to your repertoire in the process.

Thar She... Flows - Michael and Evita

Saturday 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Learn moves that seamlessly flow into one another, making social dancing a thing of grace and beauty.

Slow Motion Fa' Me - Mike and Reuel

Sunday 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Is it a ballroom blues that's fast, or a lindy that's slow? This class is all about those great old jazz tunes that flirt with both blues and lindy. We'll be slowing it down, and speeding it up, for compositions that have contrast, and still fit the music oh-so-nicely.

Finding the Groove - Mike and Reuel

Sunday 3:15pm to 4:15pm

We're going to teach you some of our favorite moves for that sweet spot between 100-130. We're going to crank up some Lou Rawls and fine tune our connection, to reshape and mold the dance- without sacrificing our footwork precision, of course!

Advanced Track:

Swab the deck - Michael and Evita

Saturday 11:30am to 12:30pm

We hate to do it but it must be done... work our fundamentals, that is! We will take great Lindy material and bring our technique up to that same level.

Shiver Me Timbers - Michael and Evita

Saturday 12:45pm to 1:45pm

"Shiver Me Timbers" is what people will say when they see you execute Spins, Turns, and Swivels like this!

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Cadence - Joe and Nelle

Sunday 2:00pm to 3:00pm

We will focus on the exchange of energy within our movements to make them more dynamic and expressive. Punctuate the music in a new way!

Open & Closed Ended Dancing - Joe and Nelle

Sunday 3:15pm to 4:15pm

We will explore different types of leads, how to follow those leads, and how both dancers can dance and express themselves within the connection.

Electives for all levels

Getting Your Sea Legs - Michael and Evita

Friday - 8:00pm to 9:00pm

Michael and Evita invite us all to "Get our Sea Legs" in the first class of the weekend.

Dancing Across Levels - Mike and Reuel

Saturday 8:30pm to 9:30pm

Whether you're dancing with a first-timer, and you want to give them a great dance, or you're dancing with your hero, and want to show your best dancing, we want you to know how to bring your A game! So come with a good attitude, and prepare for some of the best dances you've ever had!

Syncopated Solo - Mike and Reuel

Sunday 4:45pm to 5:45pm

Prepare for a fun and challenging solo routine, with an emphasis on rhythm changes and precision, to improve not only your solo movement, but enhance your creativity in all your dancing.

Avast Ye! - Michael and Evita

Sunday 4:45pm to 5:45pm

Or "check this out!" as we might say, because we have a bluesy lift that is sure to amaze even the toughest, most wordly travelled pirate. Please bring a partner to this class!