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# La Cage aux Folles Argentin

By Natalie Pepa

**W**e heard about a new milonga—the first openly gay milonga in Buenos Aires. On a Wednesday evening, after Salon Canning, six of us walked some four blocks to La Marshal.

On the ground level we parted heavy red velvet curtains and found ourselves in a room with a bar at the end. Stairs to the right and tango music led us up to the milonga. At the landing, a young man took our 5 pesos and we walked into a medium-sized room with a wooden dance floor.

The majority of the patrons were young men, but we saw a handful of women and two or three older gentlemen. A friendly woman greeted us and immediately set about preparing a table for us. Above, behind a glass window, Mario waved to us in

recognition. He is the DJ at El Arranque, Nino Bien and others.

Men danced together and danced very well. We recognized several from several current tango shows. Considering their capabilities, it was interesting to see them dancing in an unassuming way, obviously there to enjoy the dance rather than to show off their acrobatic skills. Some couples alternated leading while others stayed in the same role throughout.

Shortly after we were seated one of the organizers took the mike. "We have visitors with us tonight and would like to welcome them," he announced. He introduced us and told about our recent qualification in the semifinals of the Metropolitan Tango competition. How did he know? Well, Mario was the DJ during the event! We were then asked to dance and did so. Even though we knew our

level was nowhere near theirs, our dance was received with warmth and applause. When we sat down, two of the men came to our table and asked our male partners to dance. To my amazement, my partner—a true milonguero—took the invitation and was off dancing to D'Arienzo.

The atmosphere was relaxed and amiable, the music great. Rules about "cabeceo" (nod of the head - how one invites and accepts a partner to dance a tanda in the milongas of Buenos Aires) were out the window and we all ended up dancing for several hours. The following week we came back with a larger group as the organizers had encouraged. This milonga is well on its way to success.

La Marshal is open on Wednesday nights at 11 PM and is located at 4185 Cordoba.







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**Time:** Thursdays 7:30 – 10:00 pm

**Cost:** \$10 includes practica, opening workshop & refreshments

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Registration is recommended. Prior tango experience or completion of foundation class is recommended. Our classes focus on technique, musicality and connection with your partner.

**Time:** Mondays 7:15 – 8:15 pm

**Cost:** \$ 11 per class or \$60 for a session of six classes.

## **FOUNDATION CLASS**

This class is designed to give students the foundations of tango technique. Absolute beginners are encouraged to start their tango experience here but seasoned dancers may find this class useful and are welcome as well. Registration is required. The upcoming session starts on August 9.

**Time:** Mondays 8:30 – 9:30 pm

**Cost:** \$70 for a session of six classes

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**Dance Connection is located at 3117 North Clybourn, just South of the intersection of Clybourn, Belmont and Western.  
Ample parking.**

# **TANGO WITH MISHA AND SARAH**

For private lessons, performance or information on class registration go to:  
***www.mgoro.com/tango.html* or call: 773.575.6906**

# Tango and Bagels

By Natalie Pepa



*They tell me there are three major enclaves of Argentine tango in North America—New York, San Francisco and Montreal. I have just returned from a weekend at our neighbors' in Canada and I am excited!*

The invitation came about through friends in Toronto whom I met in Buenos Aires. From Toronto we drove five hours to the island city known for its mountain and delicious bagels (yes, better than New York's!).

There are supposedly about 2,000 tango dancers in Montreal and I would not dispute that after seeing the number of milongas and the turn-out at each. We arrived Friday and headed over to Dancing Mocha Joe's. A few steps down and you are in a pleasant place with a bar and a large wooden dance floor. There are tables near the entry and more across the room—for smokers. The music was mostly traditional with some salsa thrown in. Many Montrealers go to Buenos Aires frequently and the high

level of dancing was evidence of both this and of excellent resident teachers. It was a pleasure to see good dancing with very few "acrobatics." Afterwards we stopped at the 24 hour Maison de Bagel to get fresh baked bagels straight out of the oven.

On Saturday night we had choices and opted for both. Mocha Joe's was our first stop but there were few dancers and the music was less traditional with many "undanceable" songs thrown in. There was also a lot more salsa, swing and rock. We left after a few hours and went to Tango Libre. Here the place was hopping. Tango Libre had a good dance floor, great music and a lively crowd. We stayed until near closing time, past 3am, but of course stopped on the way to pick

up bagels. I was reminded of the late milongas in Buenos Aires where you get your morning sweet rolls at the door.

Sunday was the best yet. The day began at two in the afternoon, yes, once again—Mocha Joe's. The entrance was \$5 Canadian (about \$3.50 U.S.) and one could order food and drinks. While we ate lunch, a wonderful three piece band consisting of piano, flute and violin played tangos in the background. There were weekend visitors from Boston and Vermont who said they visited Montreal often. We danced through the afternoon until almost 7pm. Then, with a group of natives and out-of-towners, we went to dinner.

Our last stop was at The Academie, a huge space with a great wooden dance floor. I heard numerous apologies, both in English and French, about the ongoing remodeling and how everything was in disarray. But I found it perfect even in this transition state and the place was filled. Dancing again was lovely and we continued until our feet gave no more, we certainly could not last 'til closing time at 4am! And naturally, we stopped for the last time to get a load of bagels to take home.

I am already planning my next escapade to this northern tango haven. Care to join me?

## **Inexpensive lodging in Montreal**

Marta's tango house: An Argentinean with 3 rooms to rent for approximately US\$15/night or \$21 with breakfast. Great location in Montreal's Little Italy, near all the milongas. By recommendation only, so if you are interested, contact me. Helene's: Another Montrealer who will rent her her apartment for very reasonable rates. Another recommendation only. Convent: Rooms for about US\$25/night.

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# TANGO WITH Javier & Olga

*Planning is in progress for*  
**Chicago = Tango Central**  
*September 23-26, 2004*

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**Gloria & Eduardo Arquimbau** (*sponsored by Tango Sentido Production Inc.*)  
**Cecilia Gonzalez** (*sponsored by WindyCityTango, Inc.*)  
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*A not-for-profit organization will be established for **Chicago = Tango Central 2004***  
*Net proceeds will fund promotion of Argentine tango in the Chicago area*



# Letters to the Editor

## Mind and Body Milonga

Dear Editor,

I will be visiting Chicago and I want to hit the milongas. I read the article in the April 2004 issue called "Chicago's First Mind and Body Milonga: an interview with its founder Tomas Kockarev" and I couldn't find this milonga listed under your Chicago Tango section. Does this milonga still exist? It sounded like something I should look into since I never heard of anything like that before.

Thanks!

Sincerely,  
Michael Miller  
Silver Spring, MD

Dear Michael,

Thanks for your letter. I'm sorry to inform you that the interview with Tomas was an April Fool's article. Actually, there is no such person as Tomas Kockarev and no milonga either. I was having a little fun for April Fool's so I am glad I was able to fool you! You were not the only person who was fooled, however, so do not feel alone. Many people asked our editors about the milonga. If you go back to the article you will notice that at the very end of the interview it concludes with, "TN: Well, thank you very much for this April Fool's Day interview." This was the final clue that it was a practical joke.

As for the real milongas in Chicago, check the Chicago Tango and Chicago Events section of the newsletter and the calendar page on the website. The complete list of Chicago milongas, practicas, and events are located there.

Thanks for your letter!

Sincerely,  
Sarah R. Graff  
Senior Editor

Tango Noticias welcomes letters from its readers. Address all correspondence to Sarah R. Graff, Senior Editor, s-graff@uchicago.edu or to any one of our editorial staff. Letters may be edited for length or clarity.

## WindyCityTango, Inc. introduces

**Marcelo Solis & Romina Hahn**

**July 30 – Aug. 4**

Several Chicagoans & Milwaukeeans requested we bring this dynamic young Argentine couple here – this visit has been planned for several months so please support their events and workshops. Their showcase and workshop schedule will be posted on [www.tangoparatodos.com](http://www.tangoparatodos.com) and on [www.tangocorner.com](http://www.tangocorner.com). They feature salon-style tango – and promise fun-packed sessions.

Details in **Chicago Events** section



**Tango á la Leroy & Phoebe** **Thursdays**

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**Milongas Morocho y Rubia** begin July 26th

**Milonga Morocho** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

Experience an intimate milonga a la Buenos Aires.

**Milonga Rubia** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

Chicago's first "alternative" milonga – bring your favorite jazz, blues, pop, classical music on July 26<sup>th</sup>!

Details in **Chicago Events** section



Contact **Phoebe J. Grant** at (312) 342-4335

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or visit [www.tangoparatodos.com](http://www.tangoparatodos.com) or [www.tangocorner.com](http://www.tangocorner.com)

### Upcoming WCT (sponsored or endorsed) Events

**Tango in the Middle** (Mt. Vernon, MO - Aug. 6-8)

[www.thelearningdepot.com/murrays-1/tango-festival.htm](http://www.thelearningdepot.com/murrays-1/tango-festival.htm)

**5<sup>th</sup> Milonguero Fest** (Denver - Sept. 1-6)

[www.tango.org](http://www.tango.org)

**Las Vegas Tango** (Sept. 10-12) with **Gloria & Eduardo!!**

[www.lasvegastango.com](http://www.lasvegastango.com)

**Chicago=Tango Central** (Sept. 23-26) with **Gloria & Eduardo!!**

[ChicagoTangoCentral@yahoo.com](mailto:ChicagoTangoCentral@yahoo.com)

**Portland TangoFest** (Oct. 13-17) with **Paulo Araujo!!!**

[www.claysdancestudio.com](http://www.claysdancestudio.com)

**Coming to Chicago in 2004-2005 with WCT, Inc.**

Cecilia Gonzalez for **Chicago=Tango Central** in late Sept.

Paulo Araujo returns in mid-Oct.

Carolina Zokalski y Diego DiFalco

"El Pulpo" y Luiza

Antonio "Junior" Cervila

Marcelo Martins e Vanessa Galvao in mid-Nov.

Another Brazilian discovery by Julie Koidin

Nito & Elba Garcia

Winner(s) of a FREE future WCT, Inc. workshop / event from attendance at recent WCT, Inc. activities will be drawn at the July 30th **milonga Nuestro Tango**. Random drawing for 1 certificate per each 50 attendees

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Sign up on [www.tangocorner.com](http://www.tangocorner.com) to receive WCT, Inc. updates

# Letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,

We are back! Did you miss us? We have returned with some new articles from our world traveling staff writer Natalie Pepa and our regular sections: Chicago Tango, Chicago Events and Central Tango.

Our website is currently going through some changes so bear with us as we adjust our calendar page. Until we finalize how the new calendar page will appear it will remain a list beginning with Chicago Milongas, followed by Chicago Practicas, and ending with Chicago Events. Please scroll through the entire listing to find all of the tango activities happening in Chicago.

Tango Noticias is an independent newsletter that serves the Chicago community and beyond. We have subscribers from around the country and the world who receive our newsletter either electronically or by post. We are proud that we have grown so much over the years and have become one of the few tango newsletters that are available in print and on-line.

Since we are based in Chicago, the main focus of our newsletter concerns the community in and around Chicago and because of this, the editors of Tango Noticias would like to open a search for more volunteers from the Chicago community to work on the newsletter and the website. Volunteers are needed to

work on various aspects of the newsletter including advertising, bookkeeping, distribution, and graphic design. If you are a tango enthusiast living in Chicago and would like to donate your time and your skills to Chicago's only tango newsletter, please send us an email listing your skills, references and the amount of time you can devote per month to: [s-graff@uchicago.edu](mailto:s-graff@uchicago.edu). Qualified volunteers receive a free subscription to the printed edition and advertising space in exchange for their work.

Enjoy the issue!

Sincerely,  
Staff of Tango Noticias



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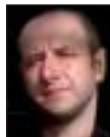
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# Chicago Tango

## Chicago Milongas

### MONDAYS

#### **Milonga Rubia**

2nd Monday of the month – beginning August 9th

WindyCityTango, Inc. presents a semi-monthly milonga on the 2nd Monday of every month at the new location of Milonga Vida. Hosted by Leroy and Phoebe, Milonga Rubia will be a facsimile of the customs and style prevalent in the salons of Buenos Aires with traditional music. The 8:00 – midnight milonga will cost \$10 (\$8 for entry after 10 p.m. for those attending an earlier class elsewhere and to those with a valid package card to Leroy and Phoebe's classes). For more information contact Phoebe at (312) 342-4335 or WindyCityTango@yahoo.com.

#### **Milonga Morocho**

4th Monday of the month – beginning July 26th

WindyCityTango, Inc. presents a semi-monthly milonga on the 4th Monday of every month at the new location of Milonga Vida. Hosted by Leroy and Phoebe, Milonga Morocho will feature the first "alternative" venue in Chicago - dancing Argentine tango style to alternative music (pop, jazz, blues, etc. in addition to "nuevo" tango). For the premier of this milonga on July 26th, bring YOUR favorite non-tango music; Leroy and Phoebe will share theirs!!! The 8:00 – midnight milonga will cost \$10 (\$8 for entry after 10 p.m. for those attending an earlier class elsewhere and to those with a valid package card to Leroy and Phoebe's classes). For more information contact Phoebe at (312) 342-4335 or WindyCityTango@yahoo.com.

#### **Cousin's Restaurant**

3038 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago.  
Milonga 9:00pm to midnight - \$5. Class prior to the milonga, call for details. Free Parking. For more details contact Tom Aksoy at 773.968.0101 or www.chicagotangoloop.com

### TUESDAYS

#### **Tango Chicago Tuesday Night Milonga**

1043 W. Madison, Chicago.  
Dancing 8:30 pm – 12 midnight, \$10 cover.  
Free introductory lesson: 7:30pm-8:30 pm.  
Street parking and paid parking lot available. For details contact Al Gates at 773.994.8180 or www.tangochicago.com

#### **Tango Under the Stars**

Giddings Plaza, 4729 N. Lincoln (next to Café Selmarie in Lincoln Square). Dancing outdoors from 8 – 10:30 pm. If it rains the milonga is held at Barba Yianni 4761 N. Lincoln. At 10:30 pm the milonga moves to Barba Yianni (see listing below). Further information: Bethdance11@aol.com; 847-846-5611.

#### **"Barba Yianni"**

4761 N. Lincoln Avenue (Lincoln Square) Chicago, 8pm – 12 Midnight, \$5 cover for dancers. Everyone welcome! Join us for wonderful Greek food in a casual, friendly atmosphere, with a great dance floor!! Further information on all events: Bethdance11@aol.com; 847-846-5611 www.tangoparatodos.com

#### **Butt'ry French Style Restaurant**

1137 Greenleaf Ave, Wilmette, IL.  
Dancing from 9:30 pm – 12 am. No charge.  
Introductory lesson prior to milonga for \$5.  
Easy access from downtown Chicago via car (20 minutes) or by Metra train (25 minutes). For more information contact Danny Novakovich at 773.550.2646, email: info@TangoInChicago.com or visit www.TangoInChicago.com

### WEDNESDAYS

#### **Cousin's Restaurant**

2833 N. Broadway, Chicago.  
Dancing 9:00 p.m.– midnight, \$5 cover.  
Class prior to milonga. For more details contact Somer at 773.807.5704, or Agape 708.945.4140  
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### THURSDAYS

#### **Tango "Entre Amigos"**

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Dancing every Thursday from 9:00 pm to midnight, \$5 cover. Meter parking until 9:00p.m. It is easier to find meters available going west to LaSalle St. Valet parking at the door and easily accessible with public transportation. For details contact Jorge Nidas 312.437.2122 or visit his website www.21tango.com

### FRIDAYS

#### **Butt'ry French Style Restaurant**

1137 Greenleaf Ave, Wilmette, IL.  
Dancing: 9:30 p.m. – 12 a.m., \$12 includes delicious food from homemade buffet (all you can eat!) made by chef and owner Dragana. Cash bar features special low priced Argentine wines and non-alcoholic beverages as well. Enjoy dancing golden age tango tunes in a European ambiance of a French Café. Easy access from downtown Chicago via car, 20 minutes or by Metra train 25 minutes. Introductory lesson prior to milonga. For more information contact Danny Novakovich at 773.550.2646, email: info@TangoInChicago.com or visit www.TangoInChicago.com

July 2nd

#### **Ann Sather's Restaurant**

929 W. Belmont, Chicago. There is a parking lot in the back, off Belmont, and the Belmont stop on the Brown, Purple and Red lines is next to the restaurant. \$15 includes fruit, cheeses, sausage, crab cakes, veggies, hummus, bread and soft drinks. BYOB. 9pm - 12:30am. DJ - George Drivakos. For further information: Bethdance11@aol.com; 847-846-5611 MariLiz7@aol.com; 830-254-8628.

# Chicago Tango

## Chicago Milongas

### FRIDAYS

July 16th

#### **Tango Vida in the new space (TBA)!**

Dancing from 9pm - 1am, \$12 cover. DJ - George Drivakos. Look for announcements! Please check [www.tangonoticias.com](http://www.tangonoticias.com) or [www.tangoparatodos.com](http://www.tangoparatodos.com) for our location(s) in July. Reminder - July 23rd - "Blue Moon Milonga". Further info: [Bethdance11@aol.com](mailto:Bethdance11@aol.com); 847-846-5611 or [MariLiz7@aol.com](mailto:MariLiz7@aol.com); 630-254-8628.

July 9th

#### **The Mexican Cultural Center and Educational Institute**

702 N. Wells, Chicago. Argentine Tango Party & Milonga, every 2nd Friday of the month. Tango class 7:00-8:00pm, \$10 and milonga 8:30 to Midnight, \$5 or free if you bring a dish for the food table or a non-tango person. For more information contact Danny Novakovich at 773.550.2646 or visit [www.TangoInChicago.com](http://www.TangoInChicago.com)

July 23rd

**Blue Moon Milonga** Located at the new home of Tango Vida (TBA).

Dancing from 9pm - 1am, \$12 cover. DJ - George Drivakos. Look for announcements! Please check [www.tangonoticias.com](http://www.tangonoticias.com) or [www.tangoparatodos.com](http://www.tangoparatodos.com) for our location(s) in July. Further info: [Bethdance11@aol.com](mailto:Bethdance11@aol.com); 847-846-5611 or [MariLiz7@aol.com](mailto:MariLiz7@aol.com); 630-254-8628

July 30th

**Nuestro Tango** Latvian Community Center, 4146 N. Elston Ave. (at Hamlin) Dancing from 8:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m., \$10 includes light buffet. Featuring showcases by the milonga traspie maestro Omar Vega (hosted by Recuerdo Tango Club) and Marcelo Solis and Romina Hahn (hosted by WindyCityTango, Inc.). The "free" fundamentals class before the milonga will be replaced this month by a WindyCityTango, Inc. workshop (\$15 additional fee) on salon-style tango taught by Marcelo and Romina. For additional information, please contact: Valentina Cisar (262) 942-4587; Carmen Pinto (773) 279-9414; or, Phoebe J. Grant (312) 342-4335, [WindyCityTango@yahoo.com](mailto:WindyCityTango@yahoo.com).

### SATURDAYS

**Recuerdo Tango Club** 6137 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, IL Milongas Every Saturday Night. Dancing begins at 9:00 pm. For further information [tango@recuerdoclub.com](mailto:tango@recuerdoclub.com) or call 312.593.3553 or visit [www.recuerdoclub.com](http://www.recuerdoclub.com)

July 3rd and 17th

#### **Milonga Una Emoción**

Dancesport Center, 122 E Townline Rd Vernon Hills, IL (The northwest corner of the intersection of Route 60 and Milwaukee Ave, approximately 1 mile west of the I-94 Route 60 exit in the Hawthorn Shopping Mall). Milonga starts at 9:00 p.m. Cover \$10. Enjoy a great floor, Golden Age Era Tango music and an intimate dance atmosphere. NO alcohol is allowed but as always a light buffet and soft drinks are included. Ample free parking. Map and driving directions. Contact Ellen, or Oleg at [una\\_emocion@yahoo.com](mailto:una_emocion@yahoo.com)

### SUNDAYS

**Cousin's Restaurant** 2833 N. Broadway (1/2 blk N of Diversey), Chicago. Dancing 8:00 p.m.-11:30p.m., \$5 cover. Lessons prior to milonga. For more details contact Somer at 773.807.5704 or Agape 708.945.4140 or visit [www.tangoardiente.com](http://www.tangoardiente.com)

## Chicago Practicas

### WEDNESDAYS

#### **Recuerdo Tango Club**

6137 N. Northwest Highway Chicago, IL 60631. 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Practice Party fee \$5, no charge for students in the Wednesday night class prior to the practica. No partner necessary. For further information: [tango@recuerdoclub.com](mailto:tango@recuerdoclub.com) or call 312.593.3553

### THURSDAYS

#### **Practica at Dance Connection**

3117 N. Clybourn, Chicago 7:30 to 10:00 pm. Hosted by Sarah Graff and Misha Goro. Drop-in workshop from 7:30-8:30 p.m. followed by practica until 10 p.m. Cost \$10. Includes opening workshop and refreshments. Contact Sarah & Misha at 773.575.6906 or visit [www.mgoro.com/tango.html](http://www.mgoro.com/tango.html) for details.

### FRIDAYS

#### **Tango Chicago Dance Centre**

1043 W. Madison, Chicago. Practica 7:30p.m.-11:00 p.m, open to all levels, \$12. Street parking and paid parking lot available. For details contact Al Gates at 773.994.8180 or [www.tangochicago.com](http://www.tangochicago.com)

#### **Mexican Cultural Center**

Mexican Cultural Center, 702 N. Wells, Chicago. Practica from 5:00-8:00 p.m., \$10.00, hosted by Danny Novakovich. Practica preceded by beginning tango class 4:00-5:00pm. For more information contact Danny at 773.550.2646 or visit [www.TangoInChicago.com](http://www.TangoInChicago.com)

## Chicago Classes

### ON-GOING CLASSES

Check the teachers' pages on our website [www.tangonoticias.com](http://www.tangonoticias.com)

# Chicago Events

## July - September

Sunday, July 25

Summer Tango Brunch at The Drake Hotel

The Gold Coast Room, Michigan Avenue at Walton Street, (900 N. Michigan on The Magnificent Mile) Chicago, 11a.m. - 3 p.m., Brunch will be served until 2:30pm, as usual. DJ - George Drivakos \$43 through TangoVida until July 17; \$50 thereafter. For details contact Beth, Bethdance11@aol.com; 847-846-561.

July 28 - August 3

Omar Vega, Milonga Master

Omar Vega is one of the strongest creative forces in the tango revival in Buenos Aires. He is considered the master of rhythm and is internationally famous for his extremely rhythmic style of dancing Milonga Traspie. His trademark is a calm style based on rhythmically flowing movements with fast "traspie". In Milonga and Tango Omar Vega teaches beautiful small steps which can be danced anywhere. His style is based on the Buenos Aires traditions of dancing figures that fit the space and interpreting the music improvisationally. Omar is celebrated as a careful and charismatic teacher, and has taught extensively in New York, Seattle, San Francisco and Boston, as well as in cities in Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands. Workshop Schedule:

Wednesday, July 28, 7:30-9:00 pm, Milonga - fundamentals and musicality, introduction to Traspie; Thursday, July 29, 7:30-9:00 pm, Milonga - turns and figures for milonga traspie; Saturday, July 31, 1:00-4:00 pm, Milonga - playing with rhythms and technique for milonga traspie I; Sunday, August 1, 1:00-4:00 pm, Milonga - playing with rhythms and technique for milonga traspie II; Monday, August 2, 7:30-9:00 pm, Intermediate tango - turns and figures for salon tango. First workshop on July 28 will be located at Recuerdo Tango Club. Wednesday evening Practice Party following workshop, free to workshop participants. \$5 charge for those who have not attended the workshop. All other workshops will be held at the Irish American Heritage Center 4626 North

Knox, Chicago. Special pricing offer with advance registration by July 24th: any weekday workshop \$30, any 2 weekday workshops \$60, all 3 weekday workshops \$90, 1 weekend workshop \$60, 2 weekend workshops \$120, all 5 workshops \$200. Prices at the door are different, call for details. Omar Vega will be available for private lessons, contact Michelle and Carlos for details. Deadline for advanced payments to qualify for special pricing offer is July 24, the evening of Recuerdo Milonga. To send payment in advance by check: please make checks out to Recuerdo Club & send to: M. Costello, c/o Una Bella Ltd., 19 South La Salle St. #102 Chicago, IL 60603. For more information contact Michelle & Carlos at 312.593.3553 or visit [www.recuerdoclub.com](http://www.recuerdoclub.com)

July 30 - August 5

Marcelo Solis and Romina Hahn By request of Chicagoans and Milwaukeeans attending west coast festivals this last year, WindyCityTango, Inc. is proud to introduce Marcelo Solis & Romina Hahn to the Midwest. This dynamic couple specializes in salon-style tango. They will showcase at the Nuestro Tango and Recuerdo Club milongas on July 30th and Aug. 1st, respectively. Marcelo & Romina will teach workshops on Friday evening, July 30th (7:15-8:30 pm, prior to milonga Nuestro Tango at the Latvian Community Center - 4146 N. Elston Ave.); Saturday and Sunday afternoons at the new location of Milonga Vida; Sat., July 31st evening at Una Emocion's Vernon Hills location; Monday evening in Milwaukee; Tues., Aug. 2nd, evening at Barba Yainni's prior to Tango under the Stars at Gidding Plaza; and, Wed., Aug. 3rd, evening at Milonga Vida's new location. They also will be available for private lessons throughout their five days in Chicago and Milwaukee. Watch for more details on [www.tangoparatodos.com](http://www.tangoparatodos.com), [www.tangocorner.com](http://www.tangocorner.com) as well as [www.tangonoticias.com](http://www.tangonoticias.com). For further information, please contact Phoebe J. Grant at (312) 342-4335 or [WindyCityTango@yahoo.com](mailto:WindyCityTango@yahoo.com).

September 23 - 26

The first annual Chicago = Tango Central Festival Planning is in progress for Chicago = Tango Central Festival 2004, to be held in Chicago September 23-26. The headliner instructors / performers will be Gloria & Eduardo Arquimbau (sponsored by Tango Sentido Production Inc.); the festival also will feature Cecilia Gonzalez (sponsored by WindyCityTango, Inc.) and several other internationally renowned instructors of Argentine tango. Chicago area instructors and organizers will be integral to the program. Chicago = Tango Central 2004 will succeed only with extensive local volunteer support; volunteers will be compensated with free classes. To volunteer, offer suggestions or ask questions, e-mail: [ChicagoTangoCentral@yahoo.com](mailto:ChicagoTangoCentral@yahoo.com). A not-for-profit organization will be established for Chicago = Tango Central 2004; net proceeds will fund promotion of Argentine tango in the Chicago area. Watch for further details to be posted on [www.tangoparatodos.com](http://www.tangoparatodos.com) and [www.tangocorner.com](http://www.tangocorner.com) as well as [www.tangonoticias.com](http://www.tangonoticias.com).

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Graff at [s-graff@uchicago.edu](mailto:s-graff@uchicago.edu).



# Central Tango

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## Denver and Boulder, CO

Contacts: Web Sites:  
[www.ragtime.org/dance/](http://www.ragtime.org/dance/);  
[www.danceoftheheart.com](http://www.danceoftheheart.com) Deb Sclar (Boulder): [deb@danceoftheheart.com](mailto:deb@danceoftheheart.com)  
Milongas: Boulder – Saturdays, 2nd and last; at Bantaba; intro. class 8:30-9:30 p.m. (check w/ Deb Sclar for special topic each time); milonga 9:30 p.m.-??: \$10 for class and milonga; \$7 for milonga.  
Denver - every Friday at Marilyn's Mercury Café; [www.mercurycafe.com](http://www.mercurycafe.com)  
Colorado Springs - every Wednesday at Rum Bay (Fat Alley Jazz upstairs room), 7:00 p.m.-?; [www.tangosprings.com](http://www.tangosprings.com)

## Champaign-Urbana, IL

Contacts: Web Site:  
[www.prairienet.org/white-street/tango.html](http://www.prairienet.org/white-street/tango.html);  
[www.centraletango.com](http://www.centraletango.com);  
Ron Weigel: [TangoSociety@aol.com](mailto:TangoSociety@aol.com); 217.328.1311  
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## Ames, IA

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[v@vjw.biz](mailto:v@vjw.biz); 515.232.7374;  
Milonga: Tuesdays at Café Diem (323 Main St.), lesson 7:00-7:30 p.m., dance 7:00-10:00 p.m., \$3.

## Des Moines, IA

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[www.vjw.biz/docs/amessocdnc.htm](http://www.vjw.biz/docs/amessocdnc.htm);  
[v@vjw.biz](mailto:v@vjw.biz); 515.232.7374.  
Contact Valerie for new class schedule.

## Fairfield / Iowa City, IA

Contacts: Fairfield Tango Community Sheryll Ryan: [sryan@humanfactors.com](mailto:sryan@humanfactors.com), 641.233.1011, Kelly Custer: 641.472.1001

## Indianapolis, IN

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## West Lafayette, IN

Contacts: Web site – <http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~tango>;  
Ricardo Fanciulli: 765.404.5367, [riccardo@purdue.edu](mailto:riccardo@purdue.edu)  
Milonga: Check with above contact for next scheduled milonga  
Classes/Practica: Tuesday nights on Purdue Univ. Campus, Mechanical Engineering Building (Room 156), 8:30-10:00 p.  
Workshops: Friday nights, 7:30-10:00 p. with various instructors; locations vary.

## Detroit, MI

Contacts: Amy & Ray:  
[MotorCityMilongueros.com](http://MotorCityMilongueros.com), 313.561.3236;  
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Lori Burton: [Argentinetangodetroit.com](http://Argentinetangodetroit.com); 586.726.2370  
Milonga: Argentine Tango Detroit/Tango Suave; three times weekly see Lori Burton's website for details. Brickhouse - Auburn Road, Utica; 8:00 p.m.; \$7.  
Milonga de la Motor City Milongueros: Tuesdays at Father O'Kelly Knights of Columbus Hall (23663 Park, Dearborn), 7:00-10:00 p.m.; contact Amy & Ray at above e-mail/phone for details.

## Ann Arbor, MI

Contacts: [www.umich.edu/~umtango](http://www.umich.edu/~umtango);  
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## Twin Cities, MN

Contacts: Web sites: [www.mntango.org](http://www.mntango.org)  
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Steve Lee: 612.729.5306  
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Frank Williams: [Frankw@tc.umn.edu](mailto:Frankw@tc.umn.edu), 612.379.4565  
For a weekly update of Twin Cities tango activities, go to <http://mntango.org/mailmn/listinfo/> and subscribe to 'TSOM- announce.'  
Milongas: Tango Society of Minnesota: 2nd Saturday/monthly at Dancesport Dance Studio in Hopkins; lesson 8:00-9:00 p.m.; dancing 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.; Admission: \$5 for members or \$8 for others. Steve Lee's Tango Plus; Friday after 2nd Saturday of each month; 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.; lesson 9:00-9:30 p.m.; Admission: \$5. Michael Cordner's Mini-Milongas at Four Season's Dance Studio 1637 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis; Sundays 7:00-9:30 p.m.; Admission: \$2; 612.342.0902.

## Kansas City, MO

Contacts: Korey Ireland;  
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<http://www.kodair.com/tango>

## Mt. Vernon, MO

Contacts: Karen Whitesell:  
[www.thelearningdepot.com/murrays-1/](http://www.thelearningdepot.com/murrays-1/);  
417.471.1001; Fax 417.471.1002  
Practicas: Fridays 8:00pm, free with class prior to practica Special invite to out-of-towners to come to Mt. Vernon for the weekend as guest instructors.  
Special Event: Tango Festival: Meet in the Middle Midwest Milonga Aug 6-8.  
Contact Karen Whitesell for more details

### St. Louis, MO

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Milonga: Soulard Coffee Garden (910  
Geyer Ave.); every Sunday; 6:00-9:00 p.m.;  
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Geyer Ave.); every Sunday; 6:00-9:00 p.m.;  
call 314.241.1464  
Monthly Milonga at Focal Point; admission:  
\$10; Call Estella & Randy

### Las Vegas, NV

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### Tulsa, OK

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### Cleveland, OH

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Milonga: First Saturday of the month at  
Belinda's Bar (9613 Madison Ave.) 7:30-  
11:00 p.m.; \$7.  
Workshops: Saturday & Sunday, August  
7th & 8th - tango teacher & dancer, Angel  
Clemente offers workshops offered in  
Tango, Milonga & Salsa! Private lessons  
available. Special "New comers" class will  
be offered on Saturday. Saturday night  
dance party, dance demonstrations, dinner  
buffet. Cavana Ballroom, 4189 Pearl Rd.,  
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### Madison, WI

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Milonga: Saturdays (1st and 3rd), July  
3rd and 17th from 8pm to Midnight. \$10 (\$7  
for students).  
Located at Art of Dance, 212 N. Henry  
Street, Madison.  
Practicas: Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.;  
Free. Located at Union South, 227 N.  
Randall St.; Univ. of Wis. campus at the  
corner of Randall and Johnson.  
Sundays 1:00 -2:30 p.m., \$3 Located at Art  
of Dance, 212 N. Henry Street.  
For more info about Madison workshops go  
to: www.madisontango.org

### Milwaukee, WI

Contacts: Web Site:  
www.milwaukeetango.com  
Marek Szotkowski: argtango@hotmail.com;  
414.543.7665  
Milonga: La Conexión – Saturdays (2nd  
and 4th), July 10th and 24th at Gary Allen  
Dance Studio (611 S. Layton Blvd. = 27th  
St.); 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.; Admission \$10  
(\$7 w/ student ID) light buffet provided.;  
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### Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Contacts: Web Site:  
www.festivaldetangodemontreal.qc.ca  
Evens: July 14-18, 2004 festival  
dedicated to tango music and concerts in  
parks in Montreal.  
Wed., July 14 at 8:00 p. - Free concert «  
Tribute to Piazzolla » given by the  
Sweatshop Tango Ensemble in Verdun's  
Serres municipales. Thurs., July 15 at 8:00  
p. - Dance with orchestra at the Belvédère  
Room in Montreal's Old Port. Tickets can  
be purchased at Tango Libre (514) 527-  
5197 (1650, Marie-Anne Street East).  
Limited seats. Fri., July 16 at 8:00 p. -  
Tango Trio Argentino Ensemble with  
Magdalena at la Place des Vestiges in  
Montreal's Old Port. Sun., July 18 at 7:30 p.  
- Outside door evening in St-Viateur Park in  
Outremont.

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