

STARDUST DANCE WEEKEND FACULTY

Donna DeSimone - Instructor of Performing Arts, Ballroom, Choreographer, Performer & Judge. Donna has been teaching dance for 32 years. Her knowledge of Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Lyric, Broadway Theater and Ballroom has greatly influenced her Hustle style. In 1975 Donna was introduced to a dance called the Hustle. Donna became a Hustle dancer on the television show "Soap Factory Disco" in 1977. In 1978 she opened her first dance studio. Four years later opened her second studio. In 1983 she discovered the world of Ballroom dancing. She trained and competed for 8 years under Roberto Pagan and many well known coaches in American & International styles. In 1985 took 5th in her first Ballroom competition at the USBC. In 1986 took 1st at the Virginia State Ballroom Championships in Latin, Won 1st place at 1986 Ohio Star Ball State Championships. In 1986 she won her first United States title, USBC American Rhythm Champion in Miami Florida. In 1990 Donna entered the well known Zackary's Dance Competition and took 1st Place. One year later winning the Tri State Open Hustle Championships sponsored by Night Life Magazine. Donna went on to choreograph for dance tours to China, Italy, Florida, Hershey Park, Carnegie Hall ("Cole Porter's 100th Birthday Celebration" and "An invitation to Dance" with the NY Pops Orchestra).

WINGO HOM - known as "The Dance Doctor" was born and raised in New York City. At age 11, he was introduced to partner dancing by his classmates' parents. They were social dancers and demonstrated a variety of dances in their living room, which awakened his passion for all dances. His determination and motivation has rewarded him by studying under some of the finest instructors and coaches, which has led him to compete in an array of dances such as Hustle, American and International styles of Ballroom, Latin, East Coast Swing, West Coast Swing and Salsa. He is known for his unique technique for diagnosing and improving your dance. The dance doctor makes house calls, you supply the floor space and he will bring the knowledge. Wingo has over 30+ years of dance experience and multiple accomplishments, which include: The 2015 winner of the Arrie Phillips Lifetime Achievement Award, Recipient of the 2014 Employee of the Year Award for Stardust Dance Productions, Winner of 10 Top Teacher Awards, Winner of the 2009 Dancing with the Stars tour Version in Cha Cha and East Coast Swing competition in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, 2006 Amateur Male Hustle Dancer of the Year, First and only amateur Hustle couple, with partner Angela McCabe to defeat a professional Hustle couple in a competition, 649 first place titles, 34 Jack and Jill first place awards. Wingo is one of the very few instructors that is certified (Lead and Follow) in Hustle, 12 different American Smooth and Rhythm Styles at the full Bronze and Silver Levels. He is also certified to Judge Dance competitions in all levels. Wingo is a familiar presence in the Hustle, Swing and Salsa community and is currently teaching in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida.

LEON HARRIS - started his association with the dance community after retiring from the US Navy. His first dance was the Brazilian dance Lambada, moved on to ballroom, and finally developed a love for Argentine Tango. Viewing dance as an extension of his interaction with people, Leon focuses on teaching good dance technique and building confidence in his students. Being calm and understated, his students find his classes easy going, stress free, but meet their goal of learning to dance. Being located in Washington DC, his training has included local ballroom studios, workshops with visiting dance professionals, salsa and Argentine Tango dance festivals in the US, South America, the Caribbean, and Europe; Tango workshops in Buenos Aires and Dubai, and two summer sessions at Stanford University for advance Argentine Tango. Seven workshops at the Conjuntio Folklorico Nacional Habana (Cuba) provided him with a focus on Cuban dance history, Afro Cuban folklorico dances, Cuban social dances, and the dances of Santaria. Although he was a student, he taught Argentine Tango while in residence at the Conjuntio. As a former Stardust dance host, his experience opened doors for him to hosting/teaching on all the major cruise lines. On the Queen Mary 2, he danced around the world and taught Argentine Tango to a group of beginners that resulted in a performance for the ship. For the past 20 years, his home has served as his dance studio for Latin and Argentine Tango classes.

CAMERON JOHNSON - Our newest dance instructor at Stardust. Hailing from South Africa, Cameron Johnson started his dancing career at the age of 5, under the tutelage of his parents. Cameron is the unbeaten South African International Standard Champion in the Junior, Amateur and Professional ranks. In 1996, Cameron represented South Africa in the Open Fleetwood Professionals Championship in Blackpool, England and was placed 6th. Also in 1996, Cameron represented South Africa in the Open French Masters Professional Championship on the Isle of Reunion and placed 3rd. In 2000, Cameron was invited to immigrate and teach in the USA, where he has since made his home. In 2008, Cameron represented the USA at the World Pro/Am championship in Buenos Aires, Argentina and was placed 1st.

JUNIOR RYES - has been dancing all his young life, influenced by Dominican Folklore music. His dream was to run his own dance company. He has danced many genres of dance styles. He has master instructors like Ray Colon, Eddie Torres and his mentor to this day Marcus Gonzales. He has worked with many of the greats in Salsa on 2. Junior has taken Argentine Tango classes with International instructors, Jon Tariq and Anton Gessenbeck to broaden his skills on the dance floor and to become a better-informed and skilled dancer and teacher. Junior Ryes is one of the hidden talents in the Hudson Valley; his students look up to him because of his style, gentle manner and discipline. As an instructor, he adheres to the golden rule of creating your foundation and building from there to a confident dancer. Junior is the owner of Element of Style Dance Studio in Middletown, N.Y. Junior and his dance company members are very community conscious and participate in many fundraisers in and around the Hudson Valley Community.

MARK JAMES - A Professional Theatre Arts Champion with over 30 titles. Marks creative style is cool and elegant. He is a teacher, coach and choreographer with extensive training in American, International, Smooth, and Rhythm, as well as Theatre Arts. Mark's love and dedication of dance has led to creating "National Ballroom Project", bringing dance education to schools and libraries.

KAREN LUPO - Known for her elegant style, Karen has been captivating audiences while performing Latin, Smooth, and Theatre Arts routines. She is a former American Rhythm Champion who is a regular performer, teacher and coach in the New York Area. Together with Mark James, she has created "Elegance Of Dance", a professional stage show bringing Ballroom, Tango and Salsa with a touch of Magic to stages, corporate events and libraries.

KELVIN ROCHE - Since a child, with a Latin background, he has been dancing all his life. Studied with Jeffrey Ballet, trained in Latin and ballroom. Has background in jazz and modern from studying in New York City. Finalist at USBC in International Latin. Featured in several commercials, television shows and movies as well as Life Magazine. Worked with Vanessa Williams, Robin Blades, Conan O'Brian and more.

LORI ANN GREENHOUSE - Since the age of 4, she's found a love for dance. Trained in ballet for 15 years, and ballroom and Latin for 25. Studied with the Royal Academy of Dance in England. Finalist at USBC in American Rhythm and Theatre Arts. Also a finalist in the Invitational Theater Arts in Blackpool, England. World Hustle Champion 9 times. Together they are 9 time World Hustle Champions. Featured in many movies together, such as Disney's Enchanted and El Cantante with Marc Anthony and Jennifer Lopez. They have traveled around the world performing in places like Egypt, China, Japan and Hawaii. Choreographed So You Think You Can Dance Canada.

ADRIANA SALGADO AND ORLANDO REYES - have been professional dancers and teachers of Argentine Tango for almost twenty years. With background in classical ballet, they went to study Tango in Buenos Aires under auspices of renowned tango masters. International performances include United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Aruba, Argentina and their native Colombia. In the USA they have successfully performed in New Hampshire for Dartmouth Argentine Tango Society, Boston, Portland, Miami, Ohio, among others. In New York City, their performances include: NY Tango Festival in 2007, "Tango Intimo" in 2008, "Tango Connection" and "Tango Noir" in 2008 and 2009 and "Tango por Ellos" in 2009, which received the nomination in the Latin ACE Award 2010 for Best choreography. Other recent performances include: Malbec Tango House, 2013-2014 in Manhattan, Tango Salon Worldwide Tango Championship in Buenos Aires Argentina in 2015, Boulder Tango Festival in Denver in October 2015. Their smooth, romantic, elegant style and solid connection make their performances outstanding. Their teaching focuses on the subtleties of the connection, embrace, and strong technique fundamentals. Their passion, love and constant dedication for Tango is palpable and has won them recognition with awards at home where they have been acclaimed as one of the best representative couples of Colombia. They currently teach and coach privately at Stepping out Studios and Adelante Studios in Manhattan.

DINAIRA KHAYRUUNA - started her dance career in her home city - St. Petersburg, Russia. After successful junior and amateur career she continued her professional teaching and dance calling in United States. She has spent last seven years studying under the best coaches in the industry while living in Florida and Chicago area. Among many accomplishments (winner of many regional Rising Star events and finalist of many national Open events) Dinara is Fred Astaire Open Professional National Finalist in both Rhythm and Smooth Styles and is known in industry as passionate teacher, competitor and performer.

KOSTA TRIFUNOVIC - Since moving to US, Kosta pursued different career avenues simultaneously to make a name as professional competitor (2013 & 2015 US National Open Professional Nine Dance Finalist), Pro/Am teacher (US National Pro/Am Rhythm Champion and Top teacher at all major US events), successful studio manager (DWIM Soho), nationally recognized examiner (VIDA International) and international judge (NDA and WDC license holder). Besides growing his professional competitive career, Kosta is current National Director of Training and Education for Dance With Me USA, fastest growing chain of ballroom dance studios.

MARIA FIORA - Dance studio owner Stamford Ct- Maria Fioras Dance Center Since 1989, Maria has been a dance instructor, social and competitive. She is also a choreographer and performer. Maria was an American Rhythm finalist competitor from 1995-2001 with Emilios Bousios. She does performance work in Argentine Tango, Latin and ballroom, and also competitions with pro and pro/am. Maria also teaches core dance fitness, using belly dance isolations, arm styling and leg toning.

LOURDES CRUZ - has been dancing from a very young age and began teaching & competing professionally in 1996. Her dance background extends from Ballroom & Latin Dancing, Folk, Belly Dance, West Coast Swing & Argentine Tango. Her 13 Ballroom Dance Major along with her interdisciplinary teaching experience and studies in music, martial arts, & speech pathology contribute to the versatility of her dancing and teaching style. Currently she is Program Director and Lead Instructor of the Dance Program at Innerlight Movement Studio in Hyde Park, NY

RICHARD GIVNEY - Richard has a successful twenty four years' experience in all aspects of the ballroom dancing industry through cultivating and achieving professional, and educational goals. He competed professionally in International Latin, has his teaching certifications in multiple syllabi, including both American and International dances, and franchised and independent curriculums. He continues to take lessons with top professionals for teaching and personal dance goals. His ballroom dance program won the 2012 Best in Monmouth County, NJ Health & Life Magazine's "Readers' Choice Award". Richard is available for private or semi-private lessons.

SHARI FEATHER - attended her first belly dance class over 10 years ago, and falls more in love with the art form as each day passes. Her studies have taken her to the finest belly dance instructors in the world - Suhaila and Jamila Salimpour. The Salimpour formats have given her an extremely well-rounded education in Middle Eastern dance, from precise technique and emotional perspective to music theory, history and cultural representation. She is passionate to learn all she can and advance through the Salimpour School of Belly Dance, where she currently holds Level 2 certifications in both the Suhaila and Jamila formats. She is also a guest dancer for Bal Anat, the longest running belly dance company in the world; founded by Jamila Salimpour in 1968 and now directed by Suhaila Salimpour.

MOLLY GELSOMINO - Originally from Upstate, New York. She has a diverse background in the arts, including a BA in Dance from the University at Buffalo, over 15 years of performance and choreography in concert dance and 6 years as a Dance Educator in the Brooklyn Public Schools. Molly is a former professional cheerleader for the AFL, and spent 6 years in NYC as a Co-Artistic Director for The Movement Collective Dance Company. As a newer resident of Sullivan County, Molly found "Zumba" to be the most exciting way to fuse her passion for dance, music and fitness. Molly enjoys inspiring her clients and encouraging her classes to feel the music, join the party and have a fun fitness experience upon stepping into the studio.

DAN VITALI - Has been associated with Stardust since 1989. He became Stardust's Dance Host Director in 2003. Dan is responsible for the supervision and scheduling of between 12-15 hosts on duty for every ballroom dance event we hold. Despite his many responsibilities, Dan always has fun, as do the many ladies he dances with during the events.



LINDA GILBERG (President) - coordinates all aspects of each Stardust Event, including reservations, dining room seating, and programming. Linda has been in the hospitality business for over 33 years. Her background includes Reservations Manager at Kutscher's Country Club, Sales Manager at Tavern On The Green, and Purchasing Agent at Terrace On The Park. Linda's passion has always been to be a dancer, but it didn't pan out, so she is now dedicating herself into making your vacation dance event a memorable one.

Faculty Emeritus

BEN MURTHA, GENE & NAOMI ANOLICK, NORTON & AGI HYMAN,
FRAN CHESLEIGH, FRANK ELIA, ESTHER ODESCALCHI

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- ◆ Night & Day Dancing to 4 Great DJ's
- ◆ Andy Moss & The Night Owls LIVE Ballroom Dance Band
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BONUS: Economy Thursday Arrival Package

BONUS: Thursday Night Mixer

BONUS: Friday Lunch is On Us! (Served from 1-2pm)

BONUS: YOUR CHOICE - Round Robin Seating or
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Latin, Ballroom, Argentine Tango,
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Appearing
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Andy Moss & The Night Owls



Mark James &
Karen Lupo



Kevin Roche &
Loriann Greenhouse



Kosta Trifunovic &
Dinara Khayrulina



Orlando Reyes & Adriana Salgado



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10 Nights - Departs from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Stardust Dance Cruise XIV

January 13 - January 23, 2018

Itinerary

Ports: Key West, Cozumel,
Costa Maya, Belize, Honduras,
Playa Del Carmen

2018 Land / Cruise Destination Dubai

7 Night Cruise / 2 Night Land

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March 1st - March 11th, 2018

Ports: Dubai (Emirates) • Muscat • Khasab (Oman)
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