Dancers of all ages kicking up their heels to lively Celtic music. Adorable 5-year-olds learning their first Irish steps. Dancers congratulating each other for mastering a challenging movement. Students preparing to perform for St. Patrick’s Day or one of Boulder’s many international festivals. It’s just another day at Celtic Steps-Boulder.

The Boulder studio is a part of Celtic Steps, which is the largest Irish dance school in Colorado and offers classes all over the state. The school has won regional, national, and even world titles, which is impressive given the fierce competition from not only the east and west coasts of the U.S., but obviously from Ireland as well. Although Ireland is home to the dance form, shows like Riverdance and Lord of the Dance have dramatically increased the global popularity of Irish dancing. Dancers come from all over the world to compete at the World Championships; last year the countries represented included quite a few that you wouldn’t normally associate with Irish culture, such as Norway, Russia, Spain and Singapore.

Opened in May 2010, the Boulder branch of the school is rapidly growing and welcomes students of all ages. Many Irish dance schools cater almost exclusively to children, but this program is about half adult students. Instructor Elizabeth Barton notes “I’ve taught ages 4 to 72. I really believe that Irish dance is for everyone!” Students can expect a fantastic cardio workout in a casual, fun environment. “I encourage students to do whatever THEY want with Irish dancing,” says Barton. “There’s a place for everyone, whether you’re a mature adult looking for a low-impact and fun way to exercise, a

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BOULDER

• AV - BALLROOM AT THE AVALON, 6185 Arapahoe Ave., Unit B
• CDC - COMMUNITY DANCE COLLECTIVE, 20208 21st St.21st & Pearl, behind futon store
• DS - DANCEOPHILE STUDIO, 250 31st Street,
• EBC - EAST BOULDER COMM. CENTER, 5660 Sioux Drive
• GC - GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
• KaKS - KAKES STUDIOS, 2115 Pearl St., (21st & Pearl, behind the Kwal Paint and Futon store)
• KCH - Knights of Columbus Hall: 1741 Walnut St.
• PEH - PRE EMINENCE HALL, 323 Walnut St.
• PST - PEARL STREET STUDIO, 2126 Pearl St., Boulder (E. of 21st St. S. side of street)

DENVER

• BCC - BERKELEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, 3701 W. 50th Ave. (near Regis)
• DT - DENVER TURNVEREIN, 1570 Clarkson St., (8 blocks E & 1 block N of Capitol Building)
• HEA - HEBREW EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE, 3600 S. Ivanhoe St., (SW of Hampden & L-25)
• HIC - HERITAGE IRISH CENTER, 1946 S. Quebec
• HMC - HIGHLANDS MASONIC CENTER, 3550 N. Federal Blvd
• MC - MERCURY CAFÉ, 22nd & California
• SCC - SCHEITLER COMMUNITY CENTER, Berkeley Park
• SHM - SWALLOW HILL MUSIC ASSN

OTHER LOCATIONS

• SRC - SCHEITLER RECREATION CENTER, 5031 W 46th Ave.
• WMC - WARREN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 1630 E. 14th Avenue
• WPMC - WASHINGTON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 1955 E. Arizona Ave., (corner of South Race & East Arizona)

FORT COLLINS

• EG - EMPIRE GRANGE, 2306 W. Mulberry
• FCSC - FORT COLLINS SENIOR CENTER, 1200 Raintree Drive
• TICO - CLUB TICO IN CITY PARK, 1599 City Park Dr; (North Shore of City Park Lake)

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• WGH - WESTMINSTER GRANGE HALL, 3935 W. 73rd Ave., Westminster

VILLAGE ARTS COALITION BOARD:

BOARD NEWS – SEPT. 8 AND OCT. 6.
Nominations for the board have been made in preparation for the annual meeting. Discussions continued regarding revising the VAC structure. Improvements have been made to the Avalon with new windows and a roof.

VILLAGE ARTS COALITION OFFICERS:

Robert Schaedla – President; Marshall Shapiro – Vice-President; Deborah Howard – Treasurer;
Susan Reisser – Secretary; Caroline Stepanek – STOMP! Editor, 303.544.0881, jcvstep@infionline.net

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
For inclusion in the Nov./Dec. STOMP! issue, submissions are due by December 7th.
The VAC board policy limits newsletter mailings to VAC members & member groups.

BOOKINGS:

• The Ballroom at the Avalon (6185 Arapahoe Ave; Boulder);
• Hermine Higgins, 303.440.8303, avalon@villageartscoalition.org, or scheduling@boulderdancespace.com
• The Pearl Street Studio (2126 Pearl St; Boulder): 303.443.7538, sodaling@norsk.us

GENERAL INFORMATION:

• VAC Festival: Hermine Higgins, 303.440.8303, avalon@villageartscoalition.org.
• JoinVAC: Stan Wilkes, sgwilkes@csd.net, 303.233.3474.
• VAC’s central phone and fax: 303.440.8303 (Avalon).
• Visit www.boulderdancespace.com for facility availability information.

PERFORMING GROUPS

• Boulder Scandinavian Dancers: Erica Rice 303.442.7689
• Calico & Boots, Amer’n Folk Dancers: Jim Barnett 303.651.0797
• Hoof’ein’ High Country Cloggers: Ken Norwege 303.364.2278
• Hora Romanescas – Dances of Romania: Mihai Codrescu 303.494.5640
• Maroon Bells Morris Dancers: Robin Smith 303.651.0909 www.maroonbellsmorris.org
• One World Folk Dancers: Sheila Sharpe 303.377.4111
• Planinga: Songs of East’n Europe: Julie Lancaster 303.733.1120
• Postoye Dance Ensemble: dances from Eastern Europe: Tom Masterson 303.499.6363 www.postoye.org
• Scottish Country Dancers of Colorado: Bob Burnham, 303.431.6870 meineadair@earthlink.net
• Sherefe: Music of the Middle East & Eastern Europe: James Hoskins 303.999.8702
• Silk Road Middle Eastern Dance Theater: Natasha Cargill 303.772.4267, silkroad59@aol.com
• Storm Mountain Folk Dancers: Wendi Kiss 720.514.0544
• StorySmush: Susan Marie Frontczak 303.442.4052
• Trolls: Scandinavian musicians, Erica Rice 303.442.7689
• Village Dancers: multi-ethnic folk dancers: Anne Vickery 303.499.3001
• Swingin' Seven: Big Band Swing and Traditional Jazz. Dave McLoughlin 303.413.0037(day) 3.443.9673(eve)
• Watch Your Step! Vintage Dance Vignettes. Susan Reisser 720-ONE STEP (720.663.7837)

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

### NOV. 19TH, 2011

**Boulder Swing Dance presents:**

**COLORADO CABARET BALL**

Come celebrate art, dance, and community at the Avalon.

Beginner’s Lesson: 7 pm, Dance: 8 pm – 1 am, Show begins at 9:30 pm with wonderful performances

*Live Music: Gypsy Swing Revue*

Admission: $10 for dance, $15 dance & lesson

### NOV. 19TH, 2011

**Columbiners Square Dance Club:**

**41ST ANNIVERSARY DANCE**

Hunter Keller calling squares and Becky Evans cueing rounds.

Held at East Boulder Community Center

### NOV. 20TH, 2011

**Arkansas Valley Music & Dance**

**WINTER DANCE PARTY**

Enjoy a trip to Salida for our annual Winter Party.

Scout Hut, 210 E Sackett, Salida.

2 pm swing lesson • 3 pm swing, waltz & tango to fabulous music • 5 pm Potluck Dinner

$8. Join AVMAD at the event & receive a raffle ticket for a free private dance lesson.

### DEC. 10TH, 2011

**Tango Colorado presents:**

**SNOWBALL**

*Hors d’oeuvres all night. Midnight Buffet by Halina Palmer and Friends.*

Avalon Ballroom • 9 pm - 2 am

Advance Tickets: Members, Students & Seniors $15 ($20 at door); Non-Members $20 ($25 at door)

### DEC. 10TH, 2011

**Boulder Scandinavian Dancers present:**

**SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS PARTY AND SECOND SATURDAY DANCE**

This is our biggest party of the year, with live music by the Boulder Spelemannslag until 10, followed by other musicians until no dancers are left!

Scandinavian or other folk-costumes encouraged. Children welcome, but must be supervised.

Pearl Street Studio • 8:00 p.m.

Admission $5 • Potluck snacks.

### JANUARY 1ST, 2012

**Boulder Intern'l Folk Dance presents:**

Join our annual dance party and start off the new year in style!

Avalon Ballroom • Starts at 7:30 p.m.

$8 members • $10 non-members • $5 kids & students. Bring a treat or non-alcoholic beverage to share, and your dance shoes – no street shoes on the dance floor.

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**THE VILLAGE ARTS COALITION Welcomes Individual Members**

Name ____________________________

Address __________________________

City ___________________ Zip ________

State______________________

Phone __________________________

Email __________________________

**Membership Type:**

- Individual $15
- Couple $20
- Group $25
- Returning member

**Donations:**

I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to VAC for activities supporting local music & dance.

- $25
- $50
- $100
- Other __________

**Payment:**

Via checks payable to Village Arts Coalition: VAC Treasurer, 2995 25th St, Boulder, CO 80304

Most notices and information are sent by email. Your information is kept confidential.

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**WINTER SOLABRATION**

A Yuletine celebration of customs featuring storytelling, a mummer’s play, and sword and Morris dance performances, along with singing, wassail, and traditional American community dances.

Vintage dance performance by Watch Your Step! The event closes with the mysterious Abbot’s Bromley Horn Dance at midnight.

Mercury Cafe-upstairs • 6:30 pm to midnight

Tickets available online at wsolstice.org.

Walk in tickets (check or cash only) at: Denver Folklore Center, 1883 S. Pearl St. (303.777.4786) and H. B. WoodSongs, 2920 Pearl St. (303.449.0516).
AMERICAN TRADITIONAL

Arkansas Valley Music & Dance

Annual Winter Dance Party! Nov. 20th, Scout Hut, 210 E Sackett, Salida. 2-3 pm swing lesson by Eleanor Fahney. 3-5 pm swing, waltz & tango to the fabulous music of Rodney & Nancy Sauer. 5-6 pm Potluck Dinner. All welcome, no partner or experience needed. $8. Join AVMAD at this event and receive a raffle ticket for a free private dance lesson.

Stellar Days & Nights registration is open! Our 8th annual weekend: Feb. 23-26, 2012 will feature music by The Latter Day Lizards & Calling by Lisa Greenleaf along with other stellar talent. Join us for contra, square, English, swing, waltz, singing, delicious food, nearby hot springs, wonderful community, & more! Register at: www.stellardaysandnights.org.

Calico & Boots Square Dance Club
Calico and Boots are on a hiatus for the summer. Info: Cathy Schlein 303.424.3472.

Columbiners Square Dance Club
1st and 3rd Saturdays square dancing on the at the E. Boulder Community Center (5660 Sioux Dr.) Round dancing at 7:30 pm and squares at 8 pm. $6/non-members, $5/member. Membership $12.50 year.

Thursday lessons – Columbiners sponsors lessons at 7:30 pm at Calvary Bible Church (CBC) on Kalmia. Dancers with some experience can join to review steps and experience desirable; Tap, Irish Step OK. Contact Ken Horwege, 303.364.2278, hooftinhigh@hotmail.com.

Community Dances by CFOOTMAD
(Co. Friends of Old Time Music & Dance)
Live music, 303.592.3972, www.cfootmad.org

- Westminster Old-time Community Dance:
  • 1st Saturday of the month at 7 pm.
  • Community Dance Boulder: 1st and 3rd Fridays at 7:15 pm at the Avalon.
  • Denver Contra Dance: 2nd and 4th Fridays 7:15 pm at the Highlands Masonic Center.
  • Zesty Contra Dance: For experienced dancers, no pre-dance instruction. CFOOTMAD Zesty dances Scheitler Com. Center in Berkeley Park, Lakewood.
  • Waltz Night: Sept. 30th, 8-11 pm at the Highlands Masonic Center in Denver (3550 N Federal Blvd) NOT at the Avalon. Free lesson at 7:15. Music by: A Step in Time.

FoTD (Friends of Traditional Dance)

- Nov. 5: Special Contra Great Bear Duo with Paul Samol $12
- Nov. 19: Gypsy Caravan with Rick smith $9/5 student
- Nov. 26: Waltz Night ~ Eric Levine & Rodney Sauer $10/5 student
- Dec 3: Meadowlark with Helle Hill $9/5 student
- Dec 17: Unstrung Heros with Pat Tognoni

Dec 25: Holdance (Contras & Waltzes) ~ Eric Levine & friends with Carol Fey, 6-9 pm, Lesson at 5 pm, $10/5 student

Dec 31 New Years Eve Special:
Sue & John Reading, & Miranda Arana with callers Ed Hall & Viki Lawrence 8:30 pm 0-12:30 am $13/7 Student

Musicians’ Jams
Fourth Sunday each month 4-7 pm, Denver. All levels of musicianship and interest in old time music are invited! Contact Pati Rickman at 303.796.9049, patridian@earthlink.net for location & directions.

Pikes Peak Traditional Dance

Westminster Old-Time Community Dance
Dances are taught. No partner needed. 1st Saturdays of the month 7-10 pm. Lesson at 7 pm. Cost: $6/$5 member, $2 children ages 6-15. Westminster Grange Hall, park on street or in back. Info: 303.592.3972 or Westminster@cfootmad.org.

BALLROOM

Waltz Classes with Barbara Roach
Advanced Beginning/Intermediate classes: Sundays, Nov 6 & 20, Dec. 4 & 18, 2-4 pm. Pearl St. Studio, Boulder, $7. This Fall’s Sunday classes are for both intermediate & advanced beginners. Come enjoy the class and the people while learning a variety of steps, good leading & following techniques. Learn clues on how to listen to the music so you can enjoy it more and also find it easier to hear the beat. Teaching, mixers and open dancing are all a part of class.

Beginner Level & Women Learning to Lead classes will likely be held in 2012. More info or for private lessons: broach3@juno.com or 303.442.0677.

CFOOTMAD Boulder Waltz Dance
Fifth Fridays of the month 8-11 pm with free lesson at 7:15 pm. Cost $10. You may come alone or bring a partner, but in this relaxed evening people generally dance with a different partner for each dance. Dress can be casual to dressy, vintage to modern! Held at Avalon Ballroom, Boulder. 303.592.3972, www.cfootmad.org.

Sunday Afternoon Tea Dances
Always live music! Tango, waltz, fox trot, one-step, or just dance cheek-to-cheek to the original music of American social ballroom dance. The Mont Alto Ragtime and Tango Orchestra performs a wide variety of music from the ragtime and tango craze of the 1900s thru the early swing of the 1930s. Dancing 2-5 pm second Sunday of the month, dance lesson included 1-2 pm. No partner needed. Refreshments. Dressy attire encouraged. $15 or $10 for CFOOTMAD members & students. Avalon Ballroom, Boulder. Sponsored by CFOOTMAD. Hosted by American Vernacular Dance. Info: Jim X. Borzym 303-449-5962 of CFOOTMAD. For email updates, send your email address to events@teadance.info. www.villageartscoalition.org.

Wednesday Waltz Etcetera at Avalon
Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, enjoy an evening of sociable couples dancing presented by Frank Vernon & Jim X. Borzym.
ON GOING CLASSES & EVENTS


Tom Masterson’s Classes

Danceophile Studio
All classes are taught by Tom Masterson at Danceophile Studio, 250 31st St. Boulder.*
• Continuing Ballroom Level II: Sundays, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 6:30–8:10 pm. Explore intermediate steps in Waltz, Swing, Latin. Some previous experience helpful. $50/person, $95/couple for a 4-week class.
• Ballroom Dance Evenings: 1st Wednesday each month, Nov. 2, Dec. 7. Beginner instruction 7:30–8:30, Dancing til 10 pm. Swing, waltz, salsa, cha-cha, foxtrot, tango, polka, mixers & your requests. No experience needed. $5.
Contact Info: www.danceophile.com 303.499.6363, tom.masterson@colorado.edu.
* Directions to Danceophile Studio: From Baseline & 27th, go S. on 27th 50 meters, turn left on Moorhead, go 4 blocks and turn right onto 31st. Studio is 10 buildings down on the left side.

CAJUN - ZYDECO

Cajun Dances sponsored by CFCZ (Colorado Friends of Cajun Zydeco Music and Dance) usually the 4th Sunday at the Mercury Café, Denver with the local band – The Amazing Zydecanatics. Dances from 1:30-5:30 pm. Doors open at 1 pm., complimentary dance lesson at 1:30 pm.
Check website for details as monthly dance dates as some may vary: www.cfcz.org. Info: Dan Willing at 303.745.9577.

Celtic & English

Colorado Morris
Now includes three teams, all of which will start practicing again after the performance season is over, and that means beginners are encouraged. All three teams have danced at the International Festival. Particulars on each teams’ practices are:
• Maroon Bells has been performing Cotswold and occasional longsword dances in many venues since 1982. You’ve probably seen them in whites and ribbons somewhere in the state. Practice is on Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m., mostly in Northglenn. Beginners classes start each fall. Info: www.maroonbellsmorris.org or call Squire Robin Smith, 303.651.0909.
• Breathless in Berthoud is a Border Morris team – “border” referring to the one between England and Wales – that began in 2003. If you’ve seen dancers in colorful tatty coats and hats, you’ve watched Border. Practice: Thursdays 7:30-9 pm; Berthoud. Info: www.breathlessbordermorris.org.
• The Tommyknockers were started in 2002 for and by children of adults on Maroon Bells and have expanded to included any interested kids. No description of the kit is needed – you recognize them by their youthful energy. Practice is most often first Saturdays of the month 9:30-11:30 am in Berthoud. Call Sallie at 970.472.0863 for details. The Tommyknocker’s Morris currently range in age from 6-14. Beginners welcome any time! More info: contact Robin, 303.651.0909; squire@maroonbellsmorris.org. www.maroonbellsmorris.org.
• Tommyknockers morris seeks active kids age 10 + for a beginners morris class. We generally meet on the first Saturday of the month from 9:30-11:30 am at the Barn Owl in Berthoud. More info: contact Sallie Sprague 970.472.0863 or maroonbellslore@gmail.com. Carpooling may be available from Boulder, Arvada and Thornton.

Celtic Steps
Celtic Steps School of Irish Dance specializes in Traditional Irish Solo and Ceili Dancing. Students of all skill levels, ages, and experience welcomed! Irish step dancing combines the entrancing rhythms of traditional Celtic music with the grace and energy of dance. Instruction centers on the fundamentals of traditional Irish dance – timing, body position and footwork. Building confidence, social, and team skills, students learn to dance in teams of two, three, four, six, & eight. Students learn to dance in unison, developing spatial awareness as they dance the patterns of traditional ceilidh dances. Classes are held at the Knights of Columbus Hall: 1741 Walnut in Boulder.
Tuesdays:
• Beginner Youth (ages 5-13), 5:30-6:30 pm
• Adult Beginner Class (ages 14 & up), 6:30-7:30 pm
• Adult Advanced Team/Show Dancing Class (ages 14 & up), 7-8:30 pm
Thursdays:
• Advanced Youth (ages 5-13), 5:30-7 pm
• Adult Advanced Solo Dancing Class (ages 14 & up), 7-8:30 pm
Cost: $13 per class. New students may begin at any time. First class is free.
More Info: contact Elizabeth Barton at 303.250.9899, irishdance84@gmail.com. Registration information will be available at your first class. www.celticsteps.org

Denver Ceili Club
Come do Irish aerobics in a social setting with instructor, Molly Bennett. Thurs. evenings at 7th at the Friendship Irish Dance Center, 1944/1946 South Quebec St., Denver. Call 303.750.3510 for more info.

English Country Dance
These exciting & flirtatious dances are the ones you saw in the Jane Austen movies. All invited – no partner or previous experience needed. There is no lesson, figures are taught as needed. Easier dances at the beginning of the evening lead on up to more elegant dances by the end of the evening. $10 adults; teens and students $5; family rate $25. Info: www.cfotmadr.org, 303.321.2262; for updates send your email to kl@indra.com.
• Friday, November 18th — Chris Kermit teaches to live music. (This change to Friday night is for this month only.)
• Please note — No dance in December

Little London Assembly

English Country Dance
• Monday afternoons at the Colorado Springs Senior Center, 1514 N Hancock, 1-3 pm. Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Dec. 5th.
• Monday evenings 7-9 pm, at the International Dance Club, 2422 Busch Avenue, $5 Oct. 24th, Nov. 14th and 28th.
• Holiday Dance Friday, Dec. 2, 7-10 pm, Co. Springs Senior Center, 1514 N Hancock, $7

Irish Set Dance Class
Denver, time & place TBA. Pat McCullough: celticevents@nni.net, 303.777.0502

Scottish Country Dancing
No partner needed, beginners welcome.
• Boulder: Sundays 4:30-6:30 p.m. Pearl St. Studio, Boulder. $3. Contact Bob Burnham, 303.431.6870 meineadair@earthlink.net.
• Denver: Mondays 7-9 p.m. at St. Peter & St. Mary Episcopal Church (2nd & Acoma), $3.50. Contact Jamie MacKinnon, 303.451.7466, jmacken@comcast.net
• Ft. Collins: Thursdays 7-9 p.m. at the Worthington, 900 Worthington Circle.
ongoing classes & events

free. contact jeff davis at 970.223.7730 pikadavis@msn.com or jim sires, 970.223.6013, sites@lamar.colostate.edu.

• colorado springs: wednesdays 7-9 pm pikes peak scottish country dancers (ppscd) meet at the international dance club (idc), 2422 busch ave, co. springs $5 per session. contact brenda crane 719.599.4344 or john crumlin 310.1784.

international

silk road belly dance classes


boulder: thursdays, 5:30 p.m – beginners, 6:30 pm – intermediate at kakes studio

longmont: mondays, 5:30 pm – beginners, 6:30 pm – intermediate, 7:30 pm – performing; silk road studio, 59th st. near hygiene rd.

lyons: wednesdays, 6:30 pm – beginners, (starts 9/12) mayama studio, high st. behind stone cup.

bifd boulder int’l folk dancers

friday nights, teaching 7:30-8:30 pm, open dancing 8:30-11 pm at the pearl street studio, boulder. golden oldies night held on the 5th fridays with the programmer playing your favorite “oldie” dances. $5. info: 303.692.8213 (debbby), www.boulderfd.org

denver area folk dancers (dafd)

info: 720.635.4606.

empire grange int’l folk dancing

tuesday 7:30-9:45 pm at 2306 w. mulberry, ft. collins. teaching & open dancing, $3.

info: contact deryl keney 970.223.5362

fokldancing in the mountains

mondays 7-9 pm, nederland community center. folk dances from around the world - taught & danced in the mountains. introductory level, no partner or exp. needed. cost $5. learn great dances, experience cultural roots, meet new friends, & get in shape, all at the same time! fabulous wood dance floor. bring dance shoes or stocking feet. refreshments! all welcome, any evening. info: 303.499.6363 or 303.258.3652. car pool from danceophile studio, at 6:15 pm.

folk dance lessons

sheila sharpe teaches folk dance at parties, weddings, etc. 303.377.4111

hawaiian hula classes

• beginning hula for seniors: sundays 7-8 pm: $12 drop-ins; $45 for 4 weeks.

• ongoing/advanced: sundays 5:30-7 pm; $15 drop-ins; $55 for 5 weeks ongoing.

• hawaiian chancing has been added as a separate class from hula. chancing is on sundays at 5:30-6:15 pm. cost: $10.

classes at boulder ballet studio in the dairy center. taught by halau hula o na mauna komohana. info: miriam pumehana paisner, ([director]) 303.447.9772, miriampaisner@hotmail.com, 702.771.9772, www.hulamaunakomohana.org

hawaiian, israeli & country western dance teacher

available for private or group lessons. more info: miriam “pumehana” paisner, 303.447.9772 • www.oconnor.gs/mp.html.

hora romanesca

romanian folkdance ensemble based in boulder. available for performances presenting the rich folk culture of romania highlighting its dance, music, costumes, and folk arts. rehearsals currently held on sundays, starting at 7:15 pm at the grace lutheran church, boulder. contact mihail codrescu: mihail1@netscape.net or 303.494.5640 if interested in attending performances, purchasing authentic romanian wares or joining the group.

hungarian dancing “tanchaz”

held monthly in denver. contact dave schmitz at 303.981.8612 for info.

international folk dance: tuesdays, 7:30-10 pm empire grange, ft. collins. for info contact daryl keney at 970.223.5362.

maple grove grange folkdancers

folk dance party & potluck on 1st sundays, 1-6 pm at the maple grove grange, golden. wood floor, potluck. $3. info: contact jerry accettura at 303.763.8404.

storm mountain folk dancers

international folk dance performance group. sharing the dances and music of eastern and western europe through performance and teaching. rehearsals held thursday nights at the empire grange, ft. collins. info: stormmountainfolkdancers@comcast.net, 720.514.0544 (wendi), www.fortnet.org/smfd.

israeli

boulder israeli dance

sundays at the pearl street studio, boulder. teaching 7-8 pm, open dancing 8-10 pm. $5/session, first time free. info: call skip ellis at 303.440.9388 or marshall Shapiro at 303.641.6511.

israeli folk dancing

beginning, intermediate & advanced instruction and open dancing led by joan saliman & bev Michaels. beginning classes held monthly on tuesdays, 7-10 pm, at the hebrew ed. alliance, 3600 s. ivanhoe st; denver. $5 or 5 classes for $20 (w/coupon). more info: 303.671.7131 (joan saliman).

salsa

danceophile studio salsa

classes taught by tom masterson at danceophile studio, 250 31st st. boulder.

salsa level ii: sundays, oct. 30th, nov. 6th, 13th, and 20th, 5:30-6:45 pm. for those with some salsa basics or other dance experience. review the basics, learn secrets of communication with a partner, learn fun twists, dips, and great patterns. $50/person, $95/couple for 4-week class. contact info: 303.499.6363, tom.masterson@colorado.edu.

joseph snowhawk productions

boulder salsa social: every thursdays at the avalon ballroom. we have 8 instructors teaching rueda: 6:30-7:30 and salsa 7:30-8:30 pm. dancing 8:30-10:30 pm. $12 for the whole night, $8 for salsa lesson & dance (7:30-10:30), $5 for dance only.

salsa sundays at d note: 7519 grandview, arvada. lesson 8 pm, live music 9:30. $8 cover. we get 250+ people every week. we do 5-6 charity events every year! info: 303.668.7355

scandinavian

fifth saturday bygdedans

held on the 5th saturday of months that have them, 8-10:30 pm, pearl st. studio, boulder. $5. info: eric meyer, 303.415.1187

scandinavian dance party

christmas dance party, sat., dec. 10th, 8 pm, pearl st. studio, boulder. $5. this is our biggest party of the year, with live music by the boulder speleemannslag until 10, followed by other musicians until no dancers are left! scandinavian or folk-costumes encouraged. pot-luck snacks. children welcome, but must be supervised.

weekly scandinavian dance class

mondays at the pearl street studio, boulder. teaching 7:30-8:30, followed by open dancing. we usually have live music, on fiddle, nyckelharpa & button accordion. no partner necessary. hard-soled shoes req’d since they allow smooth pivoting. $5 per evening.

learn basic scandinavian dance skills and secrets of maintaining your own balance, connecting with your partner and turning effortlessly. scandinavian dance transfers to most other couple dance forms, so you will be learning new dances, and enhancing the ones you already know! info: nellinghaus@juno.com, 303.499.7262.

swing

23skidoo! events

all events take place at the mercury café, denver. the mercury café is completely non-smoking and provides a full restaurant, bar, coffee bar, and desserts. in all of our

ontario

ontario international folk dance festival

the ontario international folk dance festival is an annual event held in toronto, nova scotia, and ontario. it features hundreds of folk dance groups from around the world, performing traditional and contemporary dances.

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classes: no partner or experience required, rotation is optional, all ages allowed, wear anything you’d like, comfortable shoes recommended. For more info: questions@23skidooland.com, www.23skidooland.com

• Tuesday nights:
  6 pm: Beginning Lindy Hop, $10/lesson; 7pm: Intermediate Lindy Hop, $10/lesson; 8-12:30 am: Swing Dance with DJ’d tunes of the Jazz and Big Band era $6.

• Thursday nights:
  7 pm: Beginner’s Jitterbug series, $10/lesson; 8-11 pm: Practice dance with DJ’d tunes of the Big Band & Rock & Roll era $1.

• Sunday nights:
  5:30 pm: Teacher’s Choice beginning swing lesson; 6:30 pm: Beginner’s Jitterbug! 8-11pm: Swing dance with Live Local Swing Bands! $9 for the whole night!

Fort Collins Swing Nite
2nd and 4th Fridays from 7-9 pm at City Park Center, Ft. Collins. Call Darrick Hildman 970.498.0798 for more info.

Boulder Swing Dance
• Colorado Cabaret Ball – special event w/live music: Nov.19th, Avalon Ballroom. Beginners’ lesson: 7-8 ($15 incl. dance), Dance: 8 pm-1 am ($10).

• Swing Dance lessons, Mondays at 7 pm with a new series starting every month, Taught by Shana Worel, John Dyer, Heather Ballew and Dano McKagen at Kakes Studios, Boulder.
• Info - check www.boulderswingdance.com or 303.941.3833 for time changes or cancellations.

Pearl Street Swing & Blues
Boulder Swing Dance
1st, 3rd & sometimes 5th Saturday of the month. Intro to Lindy Hop class from 7-8:30 pm. Dancing from 8:30-1 am, with blues after midnight. Admission is $5, $10 for the lesson (includes dance admission). Pearl Street Studio, Boulder. Info: www.boulderswingdance.com.

Danceophile Studio Swing
Classes taught by Tom Masterson at Danceophile Studio, 250 31st St. Boulder.
• Swing Level II: Four Sundays, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20; 8:15-9:30 pm, Explore intermediate Swing steps – lifts, dips, Charleston, Lindy patterns plus moves & techniques for leading & following. $50/person, $95/couple for 4-week class Contact Info: www.danceophile.com 303.499.6363, tom.masterson@colorado.edu.

Fourth Saturday Swing
Live swing music! 4th Saturday of the month at the Avalon. Check VAC website for changes. Local bands such as the Swingin’ Seven, FortJazz Big Band, DU Claimjumpers play music for swing dancing and related forms. Intro dance lesson from 7-9 pm Music from 8 -11 pm. Light refreshments. No dance experience of partner required. All ages welcome. Plenty of free parking. $15 gen. admission. $10 students, Avalon Ballroom, Boulder. Hosted by American Vernacular Dance. Info: Jim X. Borzym 303.449.5962. For updates, send your email address to events@teadance.info. Info: villageartscoalition.org.

Community Minded Dance
(cmDance)
A non-profit organization, creates world-class, educational dance and music experiences. Our programs bring Colorado music and dance of the Americas featuring Lindy Hop, Argentine Tango, Jazz, and other American Vintage & Folkloric dances such as Cueca, Swing, Charleston, Balboa, Jitterbug, and Tap.

cmDance offers unique and historical dance education and experiences which further the Arts and foster the next generation, as well as, inform and entertain. This is accomplished by providing school programs and youth events that bring widely-recognized instructors, musicians and dancers to students of all ages. info@cmdance.org.

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SINGING
The Colorado Sacred Harp singers exist to preserve and promote the music and the traditions of American shape note harmony along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains and elsewhere in the state. All are welcome to come sing with us, no experience needed. Boulder group meets on the 2nd Friday of every month 7-9 pm. Sacred Harp/Shape Note SING 7-9pm monthly on the second Friday. Email vmarylou@indra.com for location or call 303.447.9379. For info on other meetings: www.sacredharpcolorado.org

TANGO

Argentine Tango
Beginner and Advanced Beginner
Contact Nancy for private lessons or to verify times/venue or to get more details. 303.237.9605, nlprimmer@yahoo.com.

Casa Tango – Salida
Steve & Dvora have renovated a beautiful dance hall and are creating a tango social scene in the Arkansas River Valley. Saturdays: Beginners: 7-8 pm.
child who loves performing or a champion dancer with lofty competition goals."

Barton started dancing over 20 years ago. She’s seen a lot of changes in that time, from costume styles to dance movements. “The competitive side is a lot like ice skating,” she says. “Every year we are doing something even more difficult! Ten years ago I couldn’t have even imagined some of the crazy stuff that the most competitive dancers do now. When I competed at the Worlds, I was just in awe of the other dancers. It’s hard to keep up sometimes, but the sense of accomplishment is thrilling.”

7-year-old Mateja fell in love with Irish dance a couple of years ago and was one of the founding members of Celtic Steps-Boulder. Her hard work and dedication have paid off, in spite of her young age she is one of the most advanced dancers in the school.

Assistant teacher Jessica Lesser competed on the 2 teams that won titles at the 2011 World Championships in Dublin, Ireland. As a soloist, she placed so well at the 2011 North American Nationals in Nashville, TN, that she is already qualified to dance at the 2012 Worlds in Belfast, Ireland. Lesser has been dancing since she was 3 years old and specializes now in teaching Celtic Steps-Boulder’s youngest dancers.

6-year-old Adam has been dancing for just a few months but he already displays extraordinary talent and an amazing amount of focus for a dancer so young. He doesn’t let the fact that he is currently the only boy in his class stop him.

Like many dance forms today, Irish dance has a much higher number of female participants than male. “Boys should know this isn’t just for girls!” says Barton. There’s a deeply rooted tradition of male participation in Irish dance; in fact, the hard shoe dancing was done exclusively by male dancers until as late as the 1950s. Even today the male dancers maintain a unique set of movements and style of dancing.

The best thing about Irish dance is the variety it has to offer. Soft shoe steps and hard shoe steps are very different. Solo steps can vary from quite basic to challenging for even the most athletic. In addition, there’s a wealth of traditional group dancing material (folk-type dancing) which is highly accessible to dancers who span a wide range of ability, experience, and age. Celtic Steps is proud to offer instruction in all types of Irish dancing.

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