Overview

The Village Arts Coalition (VAC) was established in 1989 by a group of international folk dancers to support and promote the folk arts. Focus was on music and dance, including traditional costumes and musical instruments. The primary effort was to create a venue for dance, and to offer support for small groups engaged in recreational dance and public performance. The VAC is also the International Festival on the Pearl St. Mall every year; and it is the Website and the STOMP! newsletter that brings us all together.

But the story begins long before that, in the early 1960s, when the international folk dancers were looking for a place to call home.

In the 1970s land was found and building materials were collected but the project failed because of personal problems. VAC still has Alex Wilson’s original model.

The Pearl Street Studio became available in 1991, was purchased in 1998, and most of the VAC groups started dancing there.

The search for a larger, permanent dance space continued. Contra dancing was already popular when Jim Borzym came to Boulder in the mid-1980s and became a popular caller. With his enthusiasm for vintage dancing, he was looking for good dance space. Chuck Palmer was active in the Contra Dance community. Ingvar Sodal was a VAC board member determined to pursue possibilities beyond the Pearl Street Studio. Stan Wilkes, VAC President, Chuck, Jim and Ingvar – three engineers and a CPA – became the VAC team for a building search.

VAC became hopeful once again with the St. Julian Hotel’s civic space mandated by the City. Five years and more than $100,000 were spent in an effort to create Skyloft, a ballroom and two additional spaces atop the Hotel’s parking garage. Working with the City and a nonprofit that was to share the 37,000 square foot building, proved to be difficult and the entire project failed.

So in 2004 Ingvar, Chuck, Stan and Jim continued the search. An industrial building on East Arapahoe was up for sale. It seemed ideal with plenty of parking, tremendous amount of space with an excellent kitchen and spacious restrooms. The asking price was 3 million dollars. As the four deliberated, Chuck offered to provide the capital for buying the building!

Boulder Dance LLC was created to be the owner of this 31,000 square foot building with Chuck and VAC as the two partners in the LLC – Chuck owning 99% and VAC 1%. VAC rents the Avalon Ballroom and the adjacent area from Boulder Dance. The remaining approximately 2/3 of the building is used for industrial rental space, thereby providing income for Boulder Dance. The LLC Operating Agreement and the rental agreement between VAC and Boulder continued on back cover >>
VILLAGE ARTS COALITION MEMBER GROUPS

- American Vernacular Dance (AVD)
- Argentine Tango
- Arkansas Valley Music & Dance
- Blue Moon Dance Company
- Boulder Hungarian Workshop
- Boulder International Folk Dancers (BIFD)
- Boulder Israeli Dancers
- Boulder Scandinavian Dancers (BSD)
- Calico & Boots Square Dancers
- CMDance
- Celtic Steps School of Irish Dance
- Colorado Friends of Cajun/Zydeco Music & Dance (CFPZ)
- Colorado Friends of Old Time Music & Dance (CFOOTMAD)
- Colorado Morris Dancers
- Colorado Sacred Harp
- Columbines Square Dance Club
- CSU Scottish Arts Club
- Denver Area Folk Dancers (DAFD)
- Folk Dancers Investor Group
- Friends of Traditional Dance (FoTD)
- Hoofin’ High Country Cloggers
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- Planina: Songs of Eastern Europe
- Postoley Dance Ensemble
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- Scandinavian Dance Class
- Scootbacks Square Dance Club
- Scottish Country Dancers of Colorado
- Snowhawk Productions
- Storm Mountain Folk Dancers
- Storysmith
- Swingin’ Seven
- Tango Colorado
- Tom Masterson/Danceophile Studio
- Waltz Classes/Barbara Roach
- Westminster Old Time Community Dance
- Winter Solabration Society
- Watch Your Step

VILLAGE ARTS COALITION OFFICERS:
Larry Utter – President; Willard Crary – Vice-President; Deborah Howard – Treasurer; Susan Reisser – Secretary; Caroline Stepansan – STOMPI! Editor, 303.544.0881, jcvstep@infionline.net

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
For inclusion in the March/April STOMPI! issue, submissions are due by February 6th, 2012. 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
- Hoofin’ High Country Cloggers: Ken Horwege 303.364.2278
- Hora Romaneasca – Dances of Romania: Mihail 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
- Planina: Songs of East’n Europe: Julie Lancaster 303.733.1120
- Postoley Dance Ensemble: Dances from Eastern Europe: Tom Masterson 303.499.6363 www.postoley.org
- Scottish Country Dancers of Colorado: Bob Burnham, 303.431.6870 meinadeair@emailink.net
- Sherefe: Music of the Middle East & Eastern Europe: James Hoskins 303.939.8702
- Silk Road Middle Eastern Dance Theater: Natasha Cargill 303.772.4267, silkroad59@aol.com
- Storm Mountain Folk Dancers: Wendi Kiss 720.514.0544
- StorySmith: 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)

BOULDER

- AV - BALLROOM AT THE AVALON, 6185 Arapahoe Ave., Unit B
- CDC - COMMUNITY DANCE COLLECTIVE, 2020B 21st St.21st & Pearl, behind futon store
- DS - DANCEPHILE STUDIO, 250 31st Street,
- EBCC - EAST BOULDER COMM. CENTER, 5660 Sioux Drive
- GC - GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
- KaK5 - 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 & I-25)
- HIC - HERITAGE IRISH CENTER, 4946 S. Quebec
- HMC - HIGHLANDS MASONIC CENTER, 3550 N. Federal Blvd
- MC - MERCURY CAFE, 22nd & California
- SCC - SCHEITLER COMMUNITY CENTER, Berkeley Park
- SHM - SWALLOW HILL MUSIC ASSN

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
- FSCC - FORT COLLINS SENIOR CENTER, 1200 Raintree Drive
- TICO - CLUB TICO IN CITY PARK, 1599 City Park Dr; (North Shore of City Park Lake)

OTHER LOCATIONS

- CCC - CLEMENTS COMMUNITY CENTER
- OHF - ODD FELLOWS HALL
- OFH - ODD FELLOWS HALL
- SRC - SCHEITLER RECREATION CENTER
- WGH - WESTMINSTER GRANGE HALL
Dance allow VAC to receive all income from the dance spaces and Chuck receives tax benefits from the expenses. VAC applies this income to acquiring more shares in Boulder Dance LLC, which in turn uses this money to finish the ballroom and to build the additional dance spaces. VAC's ownership in Boulder Dance has already increased to 6%. Eventually VAC will become the sole owner of Boulder Dance.

**Avalon Ballroom**

The Avalon construction represents a remarkable project. With more than 15,000 hours of volunteer work tearing down cubicles and ceilings and constructing a floor, the Avalon Ballroom was built. With unfinished and rough decor, dance groups moved in immediately. We are all dancers – as long as there is good space, good floor, good music and good friends. The rest didn't matter. The Avalon Ballroom today is a lovely ballroom with an amazing dance floor.

Shown below is a schematic floor plan of the Avalon building with the current Ballroom Dance Floor, the Ballroom stage, the planned Sodal Dance Hall and the Alex Wilson Dance Studio. The Ballroom is 5,300 sq. ft. The Stage area is 740 sq. ft. and comfortably holds 20 musicians. Ceiling height is just over 13 ft.

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**Next Step**

The planned Sodal Dance Hall is over 3,300 sq. ft. with a danceable area of 63’ by 36’ and a food or sitting area on one side (350 sq. ft.) The longest wall will be partially lined with mirrors that can be covered with drapes. The ceiling height is almost 12 feet.

The planned Alex Wilson Studio is almost 1,000 sq. ft. with mirrors and a mounted ballet bar.

The Cushioned Dance Floor - For all the dance spaces is red oak tongue and groove, 2 layers of plywood supported by 3/4 inch thick rubber cushioning pucks spaced in a 16 inch rectangular grid with each puck individually leveled to within 1/8 inch by a stack of 1/8 inch thick linoleum.

The Ballroom has over 3,000 cushioning pucks. Sodal Hall will have over 2,100 pucks and Wilson Studio 600 pucks.

Sound Insulating Walls - Each dance floor area is sound insulated by double walls. With the doors shut, people within one dance area should not be able to hear the other dance areas.

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**Volunteer Community of Dancers**

Be part of this amazing volunteer effort and share the same vision that dancers had fifty years ago. The Avalon will not only be our dance home but it could grow and develop into the finest Ballroom in the West. Please join us in this exciting effort from actually building walls and floor to simpler tasks of clean-up, painting and decorating. Meet other community dancers and be part of a legacy - one that you will be proud of. What a sublime pleasure to dance on a floor and dance space that you helped to create and can feel some ownership through VAC membership.

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Drawings by: Steward Hartman
AMERICAN TRADITIONAL

Arkansas Valley Music & Dance
Contra Dances in Bueno Vista, Salida & Leadville.
Monthly old-time music jams; Classes in swing, waltz, & tango and more! Event schedule: www.avmad.org.


Stellar Days & Nights registration is open! Our 8th annual weekend: Feb. 23-26, 2016 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 calls before attending regular dances.

All welcome – come see why we say, “Square dancing is friendship set to music”. Contact info. – Dennis Boltih 303.827.3506 (h) or 970.631.2918 (mobile).

Lyons Old-Time Square Dance
First Saturdays: 2/4, 3/3, 4/7 and 10/27. Odd Fellows Hall, SW corner of 4th and High St, Lyons. No experience, partner or special shoes required! $7/adult, $4/children & seniors, $15/family.

January 7: 7-10pm. Old-time reelers, mixers, squares, Waltzes & clogging to live fiddle/banjo music. Pat Tognoni calls with Prairie Chickens! Snack potluck. All dances are taught by a live caller and are beginner and family-friendly! Dances earlier in the evening are easiest and become more complex as the evening progresses.

Feb. 4: Chris Kermiet calls with the River Rights String Band.

For more info: please contact (303)823-0816 or oldtimedances@musicinlyons.com

Scootbacks Square Dance Club
Lessons: Thursdays 7-9 pm at Glenn’s Den, 10178 Empire Drive, Lafayette. Free first lesson & refreshments. Class remains open for the first 3 sessions. Couples, singles, all ages. $5 per lesson. Beginner dances after 12 lessons. For more info: call Barb 303.666.8389 or June 303.661.9603.

Dances: 2nd, 4th, and 5th Fridays. 7:30 pm round dancing, 8-10 pm squares at Broomfield United Methodist Church (BUMC), 545 W. 10th Avenue, unless otherwise noted. We dance the Mainstream and Plus levels. For more info call: Steve & Janet Pitts 303.666.6524.

Hoofin’ High Country Cloggers: “Alive and Kickin’ Since 1979!”
We are always looking for experienced dancers for established performance troupe. Clogging performance experience desirable; Tap, Irish Step OK. Contact Ken Horwege, 303.364.2278, hoofinhigh@hotmail.com.

Community Dances by CFOOTMAD (Co. Friends of Old Time Music & Dance)
• 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, 4th Fridays 7:15 pm, Highlands Masonic Center.
• Zesty Contra Dance: For experienced dancers, no pre-dance instruction. CFOOTMAD Zesty dances Scheiter Com. Center in Berkeley Park, Lakewood.

FoTD (Friends of Traditional Dance)

• Jan. 7: Avenue X – Rick Smith calling
• Jan. 21: Eric & Rodney – Tina Fields calling
• Feb. 4: Purple Zephyr – Ed Hall calling
• Feb. 18: Eric & Rodney – Pat Tognoni call’g
• Mar. 3: Nor’easter – Paul Somlo calling
• Mar. 17: Gypsy Caravan – Viki Lawrence
• Mar. 31: Eric & Rodney – Helle Hill calling
• April 7: Meadowlark – Rick Smith calling
• April 21: Eric & Rodney – Tina Fields calling

Musicians’ Jams
Fourth Sunday each month 4-7pm, Denver. All levels of musicianship and interest in old time music are invited! Contact Patli Rickman–303.796.9049, patliodore@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
Come learn the graceful waltz with its lovely music. Classes are low key and humorous, yet focus on helping you become better a dancer. Learn a variety of steps in both cross-step waltz & rotary waltz, good leading & following techniques, and clues on listening to the music – to enjoy it more and find the beat more easily. Class is a combination of teaching, mixers, and open dancing so everyone gets to dance.

Intermediate classes: Sundays, Jan 15 & 29, Feb 5 & 26, 2-4 pm. Pearl St. Studio. $7. Beginner Level & Women Learning to Lead Dates have not been set yet.

For more info, to be added to our list, or for private lessons: contact Barbara broach3@juno.com or 303.442.0677.

CFOOTMAD Boulder Waltz Dance
Fifth Fridays of the month 7-11 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
Live music! Tango, waltz, fox trot, one-step, or dance cheek-to-cheek to 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 early swing of the 1930s. Dancing 2-5 pm second Sunday of the month, dance lesson incl. 1-2 pm. No partner needed. Refreshments. Dressy attire encouraged. $15 or $10 for CFOOTMAD members & students. Avalon Ballroom. Sponsored by CFOOTMAD.

Wednesday Waltz Etcetera at Avalon
Every 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday, enjoy an evening of sociable couples dancing presented by Frank Vernon & Jim X. Borzym. Traditional & contemporary dance music for Waltz, Cross-Step Waltz, Viennese Waltz, Swing, Fox Trot, One-Step, Two-Step, Blues, Tango, Polka, Schottische, Hambo, Pols, Salsa, Cha-Cha-Cha, and more.

Fundamentals are taught at 7 pm. Intermediate Teaching at 7:30 pm. Open dancing 8-10 pm, sometimes later. $7 admission. Avalon Ballroom, Boulder. Hosted by American Vernacular Dance. Info: Jim X. Borzym 303.449.5962 of CFOOTMAD. For email updates, send...
CAJUN - ZYDECO

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

Info: www.cfcz.org, or Dan Willing at 303.745.9577.

CELTIC & ENGLISH

Colorado Morris

Now includes three teams, all of which practice after performance season – that means beginners are encouraged. All three teams have danced at the International Festival. Practice details 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.maroonbellsorris.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 taffy coats and hats, you’ve watched Border. Practice: Thursdays 7:30-9 p.m; 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 Tommyknockers’ Morris currently range in age from 6-14. Beginners welcome any time! More info: contact Robin, 303.651.0909, squire@maroonbellsorris.org. www.maroonbellsorris.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 maroonbellsfores@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 welcome! Traditional 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 teamwork 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 ceili dances. Classes are held at the Knights of Columbus Hall: 1741 Walnut in Boulder.

ON GOING CLASSES & EVENTS

Tom Masterson’s Classes

Danceophile Studio
All classes are taught by Tom Masterson at Danceophile Studio, 250 31st St. Boulder.*

One-Evening BALLROOM Workshop
Sunday, Feb. 12, 6-9:30 pm. Everything you ever wanted to know about ballroom in one evening. A perfect Valentine’s gift! Basics of the graceful Waltz, upbeat Swing, and hot Latin Salsa. Incl. secrets of leading and following. No exp./partner needed. $75/couple or $40/person.

BALLROOM Dance Evenings
7:30–10 pm. First Wednesdays: Jan, Feb. 1, Mar, 7, April 4; Beginners instruction: 7:30–8:20. Dancing til 10 pm. Helpful hints all evening, great chance to practice. No exp./partner needed. Swing, Waltz, Salsa, Cha-Cha, Fox trot, Tango, Polka, Mixers + requests. $5.

Intro to Ballroom Dancing
Sundays-Feb. 26, Mar. 4, 11, 18; 8:30-4:45 pm. Salsa, Fox Trot, Waltz, Swing. Learn basics, secrets of leading & following, and the joy of dancing with a partner. No exp./partner needed. $50/person, $95/couple for 4-week class.

BALLROOM Level II
Sundays-Feb. 26, Mar. 4, 11, 18; 8:15-9:30 pm. A fun exploration of intermediate steps in Waltz, Swing, Latin, Some previous experience helpful. No partner necessary. $50/person, $95/couple for 4-week class.


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 & 27th, go S. on 27th 50 meters, turn left.

Dancing Classes 6:30 PM-9:00 PM
Adult Intermediate & Advanced Solo Dancing Classes 6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Adult Intermediate & Advanced Solo Dancing Classes 6:30 PM-9:00 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 irbs in a social setting with instructor, Molly Bennett. Thurs. evenings at 7ish at the Friendship Irish Dance Center, 1944/1946 South Quebec St., Denver. Call 303.750.3510 for more info.

English Country Dance

Generally the 3rd Saturday/month. check our website as dates may vary. 8–11 pm, Berkeley Community Church, 3701 West 50th Av, Denver (near Regis). These exciting & flirtatious dances are those 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 leading up to more elegant dances by the end of the evening. $10 adults; teens and students $5; family rate $25.

Info: www.cfotmad.org, 303.321.2262; for updates send your email to k1@indra.com.

Little London Assembly

English Country Dance

Monday afternoons at the Colorado Springs Senior Center, 1514 N Hancock, 1-3 pm. January 9, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 27 $21 for 6 week session

Monday evenings 7-9 pm, at the International Dance Club, 2422 Busch Avenue, $5 January 9, 23, Feb 13, 27

Irish Set Dance Class

Denver, time & place TBA. Pat McCullough: celticevents@ri.net, 303.777.0902

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. Info: Jamie MacKinnon, 303.451.7466, jmackinnon@comcast.net

Ft. Collins: Thursdays 7-9 pm, at the
Hawaiian Hula Classes
Folk Dance Lessons

### INTERNATIONAL

**Silk Road Belly Dance Classes**

**Longmont**: Mondays, 5:30 pm – Beginners, 6:30 pm – Intern., 7:30 pm – Performing; Silk Road Studio, 59th St. near Hygiene Rd.

**Lyons**: Wednesday, 6:30 pm – Beginners, (Starts 9/12) Mayama Studio, High St. behind Stone Cup.

**BFD Boulder Int’l Folk Dancers**
Friday nights at the Pearl Studio, Boulder. Lesson 7:30-8:30 pm, open dance 8:30-11. Oldies Oldies night on the 5th Fridays. $5.

**Jan. 1st, New Year’s Day Party**: 7:30 at the Avalon. Bring a treat to share and names of dances you’d like to request! $8/BFD members, $10/non-members, $5/students

**March 2-4, Annual Folk Dance Workshop**

**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

**Folkdancing 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 skating 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 chanting** has been added as a separate class from hula. Chanting 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, 702.771.9972, www.hulamaunakomohana.org

**Hawaiian, Israeli & Country Western Dance**

**Horan 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**

### 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

**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**: 7:51 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**
2nd Saturday every month, Pearl St. Studio. Live music at most dances. Sponsored by BSD (Boulder Scandinavian Dancers). Open dancing 8-10:30 pm. Everyone is welcome: dance or listen. $5. Info: Mike Palmer 303.442.7689 or michael.palmer@mho.com

**Weekly Scandinavian Dance Class**
Monday nights, Pearl Street Studio, Boulder. Teaching 7:30-8:30, followed by open dancing. We usually have live music–fiddle, nyckelharpa & button accordion. No partner nec. Hard-soled shoes req’d for smooth pivoting. $5. Info: nellinghaus@juno.com, 303.499.7262.

### SWING

**Scandinavian Dance Event, Avalon**
This year’s spring dance event will feature the well-known Swedish dancing couple Leif and Margareta Vrtnaanen, and the fiddlers Peter Westerlund and Åke Steinholz. Sessions begin on Friday evening, March 16 and continue until late Sunday afternoon, March 18. Cost $125, pre-registration is required. For registration forms or more info contact Sheila Morris spmorriss@ecentral.com

### SWING

**23Skidoo Events**
All events take place at the Mercury Cafe, Denver. The Mercury Cafe is completely non-smoking and provides a full restaurant, bar, coffee bar, and desserts. In all of our 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;
  7 pm: 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: Beginning 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
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: www.boulderswingdance.com or 303.941.3833 check 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 Time! Sundays, Jan. 15, 18, 22, 25:
6:50-8:10 pm. Intro to America’s most popular dance. Featuring the 4-count jitterbug swing. Emphasis on leading, following & communicating with a partner. No exp./partner needed. $50/person, or $95/couple for 4-weeks
SWING – Level II Four Sundays, Feb. 26, March 4, 11, 18:
6:50-8:10 pm. Explore of intermediate Swing steps including Charleston, Lindy patterns, classic dips; moves + techniques for great leading and following. No partner needed. $50/person, $95/couple for 4-weeks
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 or 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.

STORYSMITH®
Meet Dancer Irene Castle – Living History presentation by Susan Marie Frontczak.
Sat. Jan. 14, 2-3 pm, Canyon Theater, Boulder Public Library, 1001 Arapahoe Ave, Free! Suitable for ages 9 and up.
Susan Marie Frontczak, 303.442.4052, susannmarie@storysmith.org, www.storysmith.org.

“Give me a place to stand, & I will take you somewhere else.”

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.
Beyond Beginners: 8:15-9:15 pm $10 for one or both classes, $40/series of 5.
Tuesday Practicas are held 2 times a month: 7-8:30 pm, call to verify

Dance of the Heart (DoTH) Milongas
Tango Connection Classes on Mondays from 6:30-8 pm at the Avalon, Boulder. Cost $10/class. $18 for both. For more info and to confirm date: 303.938.0716 (Deb Sclar), www.danceoftheheart.com

Deb Sclar & Brian Dunn

LocoTango
Dance every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 6:30-10:30 pm at the Avalon, 6185 Arapahoe, Boulder. Snacks and wine, very casual, no partner necessary. Info: 303.718.4798 or halina@river.com (Halina).

Milonga Mercurio
Every Friday from 9:30 pm-2 am, Mercury Café. Beginning class-7 pm, Internm-8 pm. Info: 303.294.9281. (Marilyn Meginity)

Tango Colorado Practicas
Tuesdays, Turnverein, Denver. Beginners & Beyond Beginners classes 6:30-7:30 pm., practica and dance from 7-10:30 pm. Instructed by the best local Argentine tango teachers. TC Milongas usually occur on the first Saturday of the month. Info and calendar of area Argentine tango: www.tangocolorado.org, Tangoinfo@tangocolorado.org.
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- **8:00 PM Pikes Peak Trad. Dance - COSpgs**

- **7:00 PM FoTD Waltz Night - TICO**
- **7:00 PM Swing at the Avalon - AV**
- **7:00 PM Casa Tango Salida**
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I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to VAC for activities supporting local music & dance. ○ $25, ○ $50, ○ $100, ○ Other ______

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SPECIAL EVENTS

••• JANUARY 1, 2012 •••
BIFD's Annual New Year's Day Party
7:30 • The Avalon
Bring a treat to share, and the names of a few dances you would like to request!
$8/BIFD members, $10/non-mem. $5/students

••• JANUARY 14, 2012 •••
"Meet Dancer Irene Castle"
Living history presentation by Susan Marie Frontczak.
Saturday • 2-3 PM.
Vernon & Irene Castle shattered the lowlife reputation of Ragtime – by winning high-society approval with their elegant dancing style. They challenged the color barrier by hiring black musicians, set new directions in fashion, and broke ground in promoting animal rights.

Canyon Theater, Boulder Public Library • Free

••• JANUARY 14, 2012 •••
Stara Nova Godina - Old New Year!
7 pm • First Baptist Church, Boulder
Join Planina – Songs of Eastern Europe for a concert featuring songs of love, children, horses, mice, and welcoming back the light! Although Slavic countries now celebrate New Year’s Day on January 1st, January 14th marks the the new year in the Slavic Orthodox calendar.

$10 general admission; $8 students/seniors
www.planina.org • 303.329.6242

••• FEB. 23-26, 2012 •••
8th Annual – Stellar Days & Nights
Featuring music by The Latter Day Lizards, calling by Lisa Greenleaf along with other talent. Join us for contra, square, English, swing, waltz, singing, delicious food, nearby hot springs, wonderful community, and more!
Register at: www.stellardaysandnights.org.

••• MARCH 2-4, 2012 •••
BIFD’s Annual Folk Dance Workshop
Welcoming back Yves Moreau for a wonderful weekend of dance!
Teaching sessions: Friday night, Sat. morning and afternoon. Saturday Night Party with live music from Barblefish. Review session Sunday morning
For details contact:
Debby debbydancer@comcast.net, 303.692.8213

••• MARCH 16-18, 2012 •••
Scandinavian Dance Weekend – Avalon
This year’s spring dance event will feature the well-known Swedish dancing couple Leif and Margareta Virtanen, and the fiddlers Peter Westerlund and Ake Steinholz. Sessions begin on Friday evening and continue until late Sunday afternoon.
Pre-registration required, cost $125
For registration forms or more info contact: Sheila Morris at spmorriss@ecentral.com

••• APRIL 13-15, 2012 •••
Titanic Centennial Ragtime Dance Weekend with Richard Powers
For details visit:
www.mchartrand.com/titanic2012

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