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IGNITE Fusion

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IGNITE Fusion: Weekly Community Dance

*Join IGNITE Fusion for a community and consent focused night of music and dancing*

IGNITE Fusion is hosting weekly gatherings of dancers, both new and practiced, to the Majestic Ballroom in downtown Bellingham, every week on Thursdays at 8 p.m.

All are welcome at this weekly fusion dance, described by one of the hosts of IGNITE, Sean Keller, as “just having a conversation on the dance floor.”

Even if you’ve never danced before in your life, IGNITE has a place for you! Our weekly lesson begins at 8 p.m., in the downstairs lounge of the Majestic Ballroom - 1027 North Forest Street. A sliding scale of $5-$10 (with nobody turned away for lack of funds) will get you an hour lesson from someone incredibly passionate and excited about dancing. That lesson starts at 8 p.m., social dancing runs from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Fusion is a style of collaborative, partnered dance that focuses on creativity, personal groove and one’s own excitement! It’s a fiery, passionate style that is more of an amalgamation of all dance styles and techniques than it is any style of its own.

Someone who has primarily danced blues might find someone in the crowd who has only ever done tango before. Together, they will create their own style and that is the essence of fusion.

IGNITE is absolutely committed to making sure that all dancers, no matter their skill level, time spent dancing, or their identities, are heard and respected. IGNITE was founded in the idea of creating a venue with a culture of respect, consent, safety and accessibility, on and off the dance floor. You can find our code of conduct [here.](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H0JjI9RI308Fj6uI-DnIFcSOOSR1g9L7tBYSzc0JAy8/edit?fbclid=IwAR1693qwbjUauAeEBY_6jmN9uvkIK7q4bkDQQkZXppShKr2pNlYuK-IMaxs) There are always anonymous reporting options in the venue and we welcome all comments and concerns about how we can improve the space.

To that end, no person is EVER obligated to accept a dance and can refuse without explanation. This includes during a song.

You can always be assured that the people who host IGNITE want to be there as well and want to make sure you do too. Kaden Szcepaniak, another host of IGNITE said “It’s a very indescribable feeling, there’s always moments every Thursday where I’ll go up front and sit on the stage, and look out at all the people dancing, and sit in awe… I think, ‘look at all of these humans, having a really great experience and being so happy.’”

Fundamentally, IGNITE is a dance venue for fun, respectful, exciting, fiery, welcoming dancing! We welcome you to attend as we begin our 2nd year!

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