

## **Afternoon Dancing**

Good evening dancers from the Tuesday Advanced Class

From Feb 24<sup>th</sup> to May of 12<sup>th</sup> I will be teaching the Advanced Tuesday group and I have been thinking about changing it up a bit, to help dancers improve their observation skills.

I would like to introduce sending out a dance by email 4 or 5 days before the class each fortnight so that you can look at the dance instructions and YouTube, if there is one available. I would make it the last dance of the day and it would be briefed only.

Getting the dance ahead of time means you could look at each couple's track, note down any parts of the dance that need extra attention, for example, a change of pace, places where you might need to take special care to phrase well or is there a formation in this dance that you don't know as well as others, etc. It might be a dance you know, or maybe not, and will give you an opportunity to do your own homework before you come to the class, and therefore be able to dance it through with confidence, good phrasing, and covering, which should produce good teamwork.

I will make sure the dance is not a Brain Teaser. I'm looking at dances that have good flow to ensure that as long as you have done your homework the dance has the capacity to look good, with great team work on the day.

Really good Advanced Dancers have excellent observation skills, good phrasing, good covering, and work well together, but we don't always get to practice this at club when there are so many levels for our teachers to cope with. This really only happens at places like weekend schools, or Summer School, when you are in a class with dancers at a similar level. So, this last dance each session, will enable you to improve these skills should you take up the challenge to learn the dance ahead of time.

If you would rather watch and not participate that's fine too. You may find watching the process a couple of times may lead you into trying it out later. I am always looking at ways to improve dancers' skills and I'm hoping this will prove to be case with this group and with this concept.

Looking forward to working with you all at our first class on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>,

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