

National FastDance Association

4th Quarter Newsletter October-December 2023

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MEMBERSHIP 2024

Many of our affiliated Clubs, Events, Instructors & Deejays hit the ground running with their dance/music activities beginning the first of the year. We will begin sending out Member Club & Supporting Member forms as well as Music Licensing Agreements in mid-November and again in mid-December. We encourage all of our affiliates to complete the forms and return them to us prior to the first of the year so that you can receive our Confirmation certificates before all of your dance/music activities begin in 2024. If for some reason you've yet to renew your 2023 membership, we invite you to complete your [application for membership and licensing for 2023](#). There is an option on the application to deduct your 2022 music licensing credit, if applicable. We offer printable forms for you to mail in along with member dues and music licensing fees. We realize it can be difficult to estimate how many attendees you will have for 2024, but just do the best you can. We can always reconfigure the numbers at a later date. If you have attendee credit extended from 2023 and you just need to pay membership dues, you may do so by

completing the membership form and send it along with dues by mail. Our PayPal account has become a little more reliable lately. All signs point to 2024 being a banner year for our National FastDance community. Everyone is getting back to some serious dancing!!

Stay up to date on canceled events, share virtual classes, or just hang out with us on our [Facebook group](#). 😊

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LEADERSHIP



***Bill Maddox, Founder/President
Founder - National Boppers Hall of Fame
Founder - Club Savoy Inc., Jax, FL
Co-founder - Florida Boppers, Inc. (FBI)***

Honored by induction into the following:

- [National Living Legends of Dance](#)
- ***Florida Boppers, Inc.***
- ***Club Savoy Inc.***
- ***National Bopper's Hall of Fame***

Which Dance Styles Burn the Most Calories?

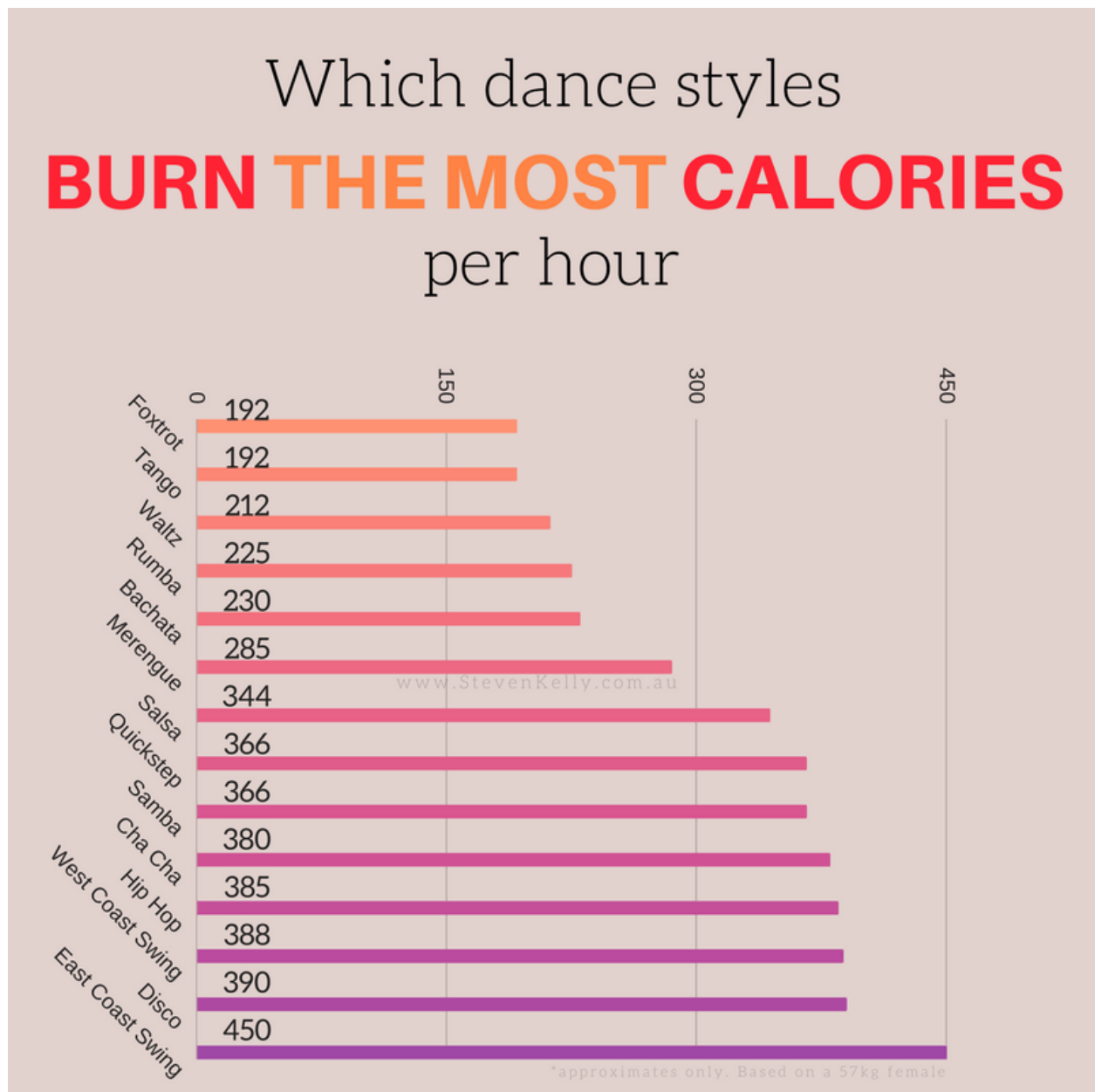


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MULTI-DAY EVENTS October - December 2023

(We still have numerous Events remaining for this year. For all remaining 2023 events and upcoming 2024 events, go to our Events page at www.fastdancers.com)

OCTOBER

10/5-10/8

Boogie by the Bay
San Francisco, CA
Andy Bowman

Hosted by The Next Generation
Swing Dance Club
andy@boogiebythebay.com
www.boogiebythebay.com

10/5-10/8

Windy City Line Dance Mania
Mark Cosenza
Rosemont, IL

mcosenza@countryedge.com
www.countryedge.com

10/6-10/8

Waltz Across Texas
Bob Wheatley
Houston, TX

cmp_wat@hotmail.com
www.waltzacrosstx.com

10/13-10/14

**Twin Cities Rebels
Masquerade Weekend**
Hosted by Twin Cities
Rebels Swing Dance Club
St. Paul, MN

Kathy Compo
twincities.rebels@yahoo.com
www.tcrebels.com

10/18-10/22

Shag-A-Rama
Hosted by Beach Shaggers
of Birmingham
Edgewater Beach, FL
Jim Hubbert

jimhubbert67@yahoo.com
www.beachshaggersclub.com

10/19-10/22

**Paradise Swing & Country
Dance Festival**
Irvine, CA

Ronnie Benedetta
ronniedancer@aol.com
www.paradisecountrydancefestival.com

10/20-10/21

Stepping Into Fall
Hilo, HI

Dean & Sandi Sumida
hilodance2018@gmail.com
No Website

10/20-10/22

Swustilicious
King of Prussia, PA
Stephanie Risser

sparklage@gmail.com
www.swushtilicious.com

10/20-10/22

I Heart Balboa
Hosted by RVA Swing
Richmond, VA
Erica Vess

rvaswing@gmail.com
www.rvaswing.blogspot.com

10/20-10/22

**American Lindy Hop
Championships**
New York, NY

Paulette Brockington
paulettebrockington@gmail.com

10/20-10/23
**Stompin' at the Bit
Line Dance Classic**
Gettysburg, PA
Martha Prazenica
stompinatthebit@gmail.com
www.stompinatthebit.com

10/21-10/22
MESS Fall Bash
Hosted by the Mountain
Empire Shag Society
Kingsport, TN
Larry Calhoun
bigfishdj@outlook.com
www.messdance.org

10/26-10/29
Swing City Chicago
Schaumburg, IL
April Prince
april@aprilprince.net
www.swingcitychicago.com

10/26-10/28
Swing Pittsburgh
Green Tree, PA
Jerry Kovach
jerry@swingpittsburgh.net
www.swingpittsburgh.com

10/26-10/29
Motor City Dance Classic
Troy, MI
Jason Miller
jasonm2576@sbcglobal.net
www.mcdcevent.com

10/26-10/29
Philly Fall Fest
Philadelphia, PA
Sharon Huggett-Milton
info@phillyfallfest.com
www.phillyfallfest.com

NOVEMBER

8/11/2-11/5
**Mountain Magic Swing
Dance Convention**
Lake Tahoe, NV
Michelle Kinkaid
michellekinkaid5678@gmail.com
www.michelledance.com

11/2-11/5
Dallas Dance Festival
Irving, TX
Tracy & Pam Butler
directors@dallasdancefestival.com
www.dallasdancefestival.com

11/2-11/5
New York State of Line
Ellenville, NY
Rosie Multari
rosiemultari@gmail.com
www.newyorkstateoffline.com

11/3-11/5
Tampa Bay Classic
Tampa Bay, FL
Drew Sinclair
tbc@floridadanceevents.com
www.floridadanceevents.com

11/9-11/13
**Sea To Sky Dance
Championships**
Seattle, WA
Michael Kielbasa
mkielbasa@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/seatoskyseattle

11/09-11/12
Westies on the Water
Guntersville, AL
Jennifer Nye
wotwprod@gmail.com
www.westiesonthewater.com

11/17-11/19
ACDA Nationals
Irving, TX
Judy Caudle
jcdancefun@hotmail.com
www.americancountrydanceassociation.com

11/17-11/19
Floor Filler
Westford, MA
Donna Shea
dshea.dldance@gmail.com
www.dldance.org

11/17-11/19
Hot Jazz Jamboree
Hosted by Community
Minded Dance
Aurora, CO
Caryn Carrasco
info@cmdance.org
www.cmdance.org

11/23-11/26
Cash Bash
Hosted by the Cleveland Akron
Swing & Hustle Club
Twinsburg, OH
Lori Wahl-Rousar
loriawahl@yahoo.com
www.cashdanceclub.org

11/22-11/26
**US Open Swing Dance
Championships**
Burbank, CA
Robert Royston
info@usopen.com
www.usopenswing.com

11/30-12/3
Las Vegas Dance Finale
Ft. Worth, TX
Tracy & Pam Butler
directors@lasvegasdancefinale.com
www.lasvegasdancefinale.com

11/30-12/3
The After Party
Irvine, CA
Chuck Brown
tapwcs@gmail.com
www.tapwcs.com

DECEMBER

12/7-12/10
Florida Line Dance Classic
Orlando, FL
Jason & Jennifer Cameron
jcdanceproductions@gmeil.com
www.jcdanceproductions.com

12/7-12/10
Christmas in Dixie
Birmingham, AL
Mary Hannah
mary@christmasindixiedance.com
www.christmasindixiedance.com

12/28/23-1/1/24
Countdown Swing Boston

Mansfield, MA
Kristen Shaw

kristen.maryrose.shaw@gmail.com
www.countdownswingboston.com

12/28/23-1/1/24

Floorplay New Year's Swing Vacation

Orlando, FL
April Prince

april@aprilprince.com
www.floorplayswingvacation.com

12/28/23-1/1/24

**International Swing Dance
Championships**

Houston, TX
Tena Morales-Armstrong

isdc@gmail.com
www.isdc.com

12/29/23-1/4/24

Spotlight New Years Celebration

Nashville, TN

The Magic Markers

dance@spotlightnewyears.com
www.spotlightnewyears.com

12/31/23-1/7/24

**UCWDC World Dance
Championships**

Dallas, TX
Tim Perez

director@ucwdcworlds.com
www.ucwdc.org

NEW MEMBERS

To view our complete club and supporting member directories,
visit fastdancers.com/club-members or fastdancers.com/club-supporters, respectively.

Charlottesville Swing Dance Society

Charlottesville, VA
Ed Guida

cvilleswingdance@gmail.com
www.cvilleswingdance.com

USA Dance #1010

Eugene, OR
Gary Coombs

gbcoombs4@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/usadanceeugene

Hank Welch

Cincinnati, OH
513-503-4886

Hosts/sponsors Social Dance
Mania Dance Event
8/24/-8/27/23
Hebron, KY

hank@socialdancemaniamania.com
www.socialdancemaniamania.com

Jeff Vizensky- Deejay

McHenry, IL
630-669-8173

djjamminjeff2002@yahoo.com

Midwest Dance & Fitness Center

Grain Valley, MO
Pris Young-Haase
816-506-3653

tedpris2017@gmail.com
www.midwest-dance.com

Fall Into Line Dance Event 2023

Sevierville, TN
9/21-9/23/23

Jamie Marshall
615-207-5207

thejamiemarshall@att.net
No Website

Scott Key- DeeJay
Evansville, IN
812-473-9957
sekey1002@gmail.com
No Website

Wendy Griffin- Dance Instructor
Hugo, MN
612-916-2743
wjgriffin@gmail.com
No Website

Evolutions DanceSport
Billings, MT
Summer Duvall
406-595-8424
info@evolutionsdancesport.com
www.evolutionsdancesport.com

LA Wranglers Dance Club
Los Angeles, CA
818-235-7730
Nicholas Keyanva
Hosts LA Wrangler Weekend
8/25-8/27/23
info@lawranglers.org
www.lawranglers.org

Birthday Bash 2023
11/3-11/4/23
Louisville, KY
Jamie Marshall
615-207-5207
thejamiemarshall@att.net
No Website

Pacific Swing Dance Foundation
Altadena, CA
Jason Swihart
626-363-0639
Hosts California Balboa Classic
1/13-1/16/23
finance@pacificswingdancefoundation.org
www.pacificswingdancefoundation.org

Steppin' Into Fall Dance Event
10/20-10/21/23
Hilo, HI
Dean Sumida
hilodance2018@gmail.com
No Website

**The Sundance Assoc. of Country-
Western Dancing**
San Francisco, CA
Hosts The Sundance Stompede
11/9-11/12/23
Ingu Yun
info@sundancesaloon.org
www.sundancwsaloon.org

The Importance (AND FAIRNESS) of Federal Music Copyright Laws

As Founder & Owner of the NFA, let me take this opportunity to get this issue off my chest! The NFA has about 200 social dance clubs affiliated with us. Nationally, there are THOUSANDS! We have about another 200 major multi-day events as affiliates. Again, there are THOUSANDS nationally. We have about 100 DeeJays and another 100+ Dance Instructors affiliated us. Again, nationally there are THOUSANDS of each. So many, in fact, that ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC do not directly provide them with music licenses. There's just too many!

Now, all of our over 400 affiliates properly, AND LEGALLY, secure music licenses at a tremendous discount through their NFA affiliation. They do the right and legal thing!! Over 350,000 dancers under our national music licensing umbrella puts us in a strong position when we annually negotiate with our reps. in order to secure the best rates possible for our affiliates. And over the years we have been very successful in keeping the rates very low.

But how much more successful would we be if we had not 400,000 but more like 4,000,000+ dancers under our nationwide music licensing umbrella? Why won't all these other THOUSANDS of entities properly and legally secure music licenses? Most of them are aware that they are in violation of Federal Music Copyright Laws. But, for some reason, they just don't care. They proceed in their endeavors to make thousands of dollars while others foot the licensing bill.

They believe that their efforts should pay off for themselves. They seem to care less if the Artists get their royalties. Most of them know and agree that the music licenses fees are ROYALTIES that go to the Artists that provide the music that we all love to listen and dance to. Without them, we have nothing! But all of these unlicensed entities don't care and won't care until they are caught. And sooner rather than later, they will be caught. Meanwhile, as far as they are concerned, the Artists be damned.

It's great that a small handful of entities have done the right thing. They've decided that the Artists should receive the royalties that they've earned. It's a downright shame that thousands of others have not and will not do the right thing.

The Editor

ANNUAL REPORTS TO ASCAP, BMI, AND SESAC

We have numerous affiliates who have dances and parties around the end of each year. It's a time for celebration, especially on New Year's Eve. This being the case, the NFA holds off on submitting our annual reports to ASCAP, BMI and SESAC in order to provide time for these activities and attendance to be reported to us. Our reports are usually formulated and sent in by mid-January of the new year.

2023 was a much better year than either 2021 or 2022 and from what we're seeing, 2024 looks like it will be a banner dance/music year for our many clubs and events. As usual, our reports have to include all of our affiliates, those who renewed their membership and properly reported all of their 2023 dance and music activities and those who, for some reason, failed to report.

As we've previously stated, we will begin sending out renewal forms to all of our affiliates in mid-November. Again, we strongly encourage you to complete and return the forms before the end of the year or near the beginning of the new year. This will ensure that we are able to get our Confirmation certificates to you before your 2024 dance/music activities begin.

All of this being said, as we enter the upcoming Holiday season, the NFA wishes all of our more than 400 affiliates a wonderful Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and, most of all a happy, prosperous, and safe upcoming New Year with loads of dance parties and activities to fill your dance calendar.

Dates and Details for 2024 Multi-Day Events

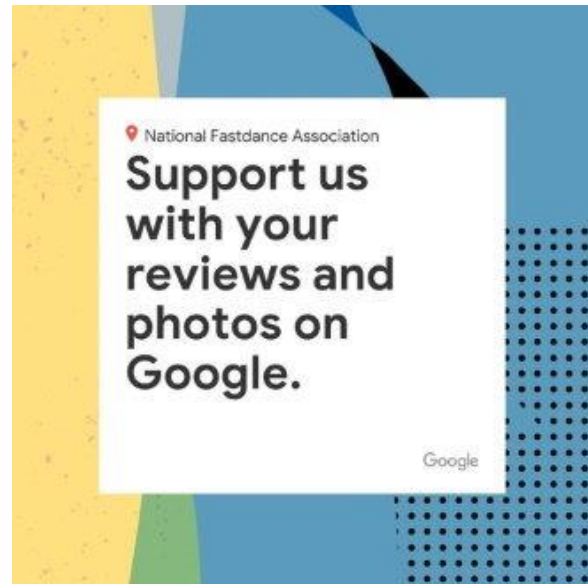
IMPORTANT: Please note that in order for your 2024 multi-day event(s) to be included on our website EVENTS page, you need to send all of the event details (dates, location, contact info., etc.) to us as soon as possible. Our events page is a valuable promotional tool as dancers all across America frequently use the information that we provide as a guide to what's going on within the national dance community.

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