

December, 2013



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## Dear Dance Friends,

Its been another exciting year of same-sex dancing. We sanctioned another competition and welcomed new members to NASSPDA. In partnership with our friends across the pond, NASSPDA and ESSDA joined with IAGLCWDC to form IFSSDA (International Federation of Same Sex Dance Association) which, all acronyms aside, carries our mission of promoting same sex dancing to international prominence. And it is our hope that other continents will form same sex dance associations and join the International Federation.

In more immediate news, NASSPDA and the organizing committee for Gay Games 9 Dancesport continue to work through the details of creating a memorable DanceSport event at Gay Games 9. Check for updates on FaceBook at 2014 Gay Games Dancesport.

Lastly, we'd like to remind and encourage members to: apply for scholarships (see details below), renew membership for 2014 (its easier than before), consider running in the upcoming Board election in March (go to NAASPDA.org for nomination details), and as always let us know how we're doing.

We are so grateful to all NASSPDA members, the contributions you make and the sense of community each of you bring to Our World of Dance.

Until Next Year....

Keep Dancing!

Sincerely,

*The NASSPDA Board of Directors*

*Lee Fox, Florida*

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## North American Championship SCHOLARSHIP

NASSPDA is committed to offering scholarships annually to the extent our funds permit. Inaugural scholarships were awarded to competitors at the 2013 North American Championship hosted by [April Follies](#), Apr 23, 2013. Awards are based on financial need, and recipients will receive (1) a \$200 USD stipend, (2) payment of their competition entry fees for the North American Championship, and (3) payment of their membership dues in NASSPDA for the year in which funds are awarded. We are pleased to announce that the Boston Open taking place October 11, 2014 has been granted the North American Championship. In 2014, NASSPDA will offer scholarships to participants in the Gay Games, as well as the Boston Open. The submission deadline for 2014 scholarships is January 29, 2014, and the application form and instructions are posted on the NASSPDA website at the links shown below.

[Scholarship Guidelines](#)

[Scholarship Application](#)

## Gay Games Community Spotlight

**Know of any Studios or Venues offering Dance classes to prepare for the Gay Games?  
Let us Know!**

# Want to dance in the 2014 Gay Games?

## Bay area is taking a *FORMATION TEAM*

A collaboration with SF at **VIMA** and East Bay with **Trip The Light Fantastic**

The 2014 Gay Games are in America, this wonderful opportunity to compete in the Gay Olympics happens every 4 years. 2010 they were in Germany and the next ones will be in the US. Dance Sport is one of the ways that you can participate and a formation team or performance group is a great way to dance with a group and be part of the fun. A new collaborative country and western team is just about to begin training. Its an exciting new joint project between the two award winning dance teams of *Vima Vice Squad* and *Trip the light Fantastic*. We would love this to be a huge Bay area team.

We are starting early so you can get on board now, you don't need a partner and can choose whether to lead or follow. The team will have a range of experience from absolute beginners to teachers and will be a very fun experience. The main song will be 'Mamas Broken Heart' by Miranda Lambert and the routine will include **country 2 step, line dancing, some country waltz and west coast swing.**

The aim is to perform at the **April Follies** same sex dance competition in Oakland on April 26th, 2014 and then the **Gay Games in Ohio August 9 to 16th, 2014.**

There will be SF and East Bay venues to learn the routines and also times when the two groups come together for joint practices. **The SF time will be on Tuesday eve from 8 to 9pm at Vima starting November 5th.**  
**The East Bay time will be on Tuesday eve at 8:30pm in Hall 1 at Lake Merritt Dance Center, Oakland.**

### What is the commitment?

We are looking at an overall 10 month commitment with some breaks in the time over the period from October 2013 to August 2014 with the goals of the April Follies, in April, a local same sex dance competition, then the Gay Games, August 9-16, 2014. There would be additional performances prior to competitions to get our performance energies going. We would have the group lesson once a week and the last months prior to competitions possibly group lesson will extend to 90 mins or add an additional weekly practice.

### Do you need a partner?

No experience or partner is required to join. Everyone is welcome. We don't expect people to bring a partner, and the aim is to have enough leads and follows for it to work. If someone does bring a partner we would try to let them dance together but height and dance levels may influence that. Do let us know if you have other questions and we would be happy to answer them. These groups are always a fun experience that increases your dance and performance abilities.

Do let us know in advance and as soon as possible if you plan on attending.

### Contact info:

For San Francisco: You can contact VIMA at 415 - 977 0203 or [vima@vimadance.com](mailto:vima@vimadance.com)  
For East Bay: You can contact Zoe at 510 - 430 8820 or [zoe@triplightfantastic.org](mailto:zoe@triplightfantastic.org).

### Website:

[www.vimadance.com](http://www.vimadance.com)  
[www.triplightfantastic.org](http://www.triplightfantastic.org)

**Cost:** \$52 for each 4 weekly hour long, class increasing pro rate for the 90 minute classes. Costume costs are covered by individuals.

## Creating Community

# Outdance

*Dance Calendar For The LGBTQ Community*

Dancers, teachers, and event organizers are encouraged to visit and use Outdance! It is a website devoted solely to providing a calendar of events for the same-sex partner dance community. Anyone can post an event for free. You can update or edit your events whenever you like. You can customize

your website by geographic area, dance styles, and/or type of event. This website was created for YOU! Please make use of it. The intent is to provide one place where dancers can find information about where and when to dance!

## Upcoming Competition

### Dancing In The River City

#### **Dancing in the River City!**

**"Cruising Around The World" January 19, 2014!! All aboard for our sixth year of hosting Dancing In The River City an event for same-sex and reverse-role dancers. In 2009, ballroom dance brought us together from all backgrounds, regardless of race, gender, religion, physical ability or dance level. Dance is the glue and inspiration for organizers in the Sacramento area to dream of a dance floor filled with same-sex dancers from all over the world supporting each other, laughing, sometimes crying, but all striving for new pinnacles in personal dance achievement. Mostly, Dancing In The River City came about because the organizers wanted to share in the transformation that can happen when an average person finds a passion for dance.**

**Our daytime competition features many styles of dance, but will be awarding California State Championship titles under the auspices of North American Same-Sex Partner Dance Association (NASSPDA) in International Standard and Latin and American Smooth and Rhythm, Show Dance, and Formation Teams. Same-sex and Reverse-role dancers with titles from all over the world will grace our dance floor defending titles or rising to new dance heights. Also included in the day's competition are heats in Argentine Tango, Salsa, Hustle, West Coast Swing, Country Western 2-Step, Country Western Waltz and Country Line Dance.**

**Following the day's dancing will be our themed evening show, "Cruising Around The World". Our show line-up features professional dancers dancing original dance numbers and open social dancing. Numerous door prizes will be awarded and an original hand-crafted quilt will be raffled during the show. Tickets for the raffle may be purchased throughout the day and evening. The winner of the raffle does not have to be present to win. Greetings!**

## Upcoming Events

January 19, 2014 Dancing in the the River City, Sacramento. California Championship.  
Sanctioned by NASSPDA [More Information](#)

March 29, 2014 Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge

April 25, 2014 April Follies, Oakland. USA Championship. Sanctioned by NASSPDA  
[Visit their website](#)

August 9-16, 2014 Gay Games IX, Cleveland + Akron. World Championship.  
 Sanctioned by IFSSDA ([How hot is this?!](#))

October 11, 2014 Boston Open. North American Championship. Sanctioned by NASSPDA  
[2014 Details Coming Soon](#)

Check our [links](#) for classes and events in your area, and send updates and additions to  
[newsletter@nasspda.org](mailto:newsletter@nasspda.org).

STILL GROWING!! [outdance.org](http://outdance.org) Check. It. Out!

## Our Mission

The North American Same-Sex Partner Dance Association (NASSPDA) is a membership organization committed to the promotion and expansion of social and competitive same-sex partner dancing, which includes Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Country Western, and other partner dances. NASSPDA acknowledges and celebrates its origins in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.



Winter & Auriel  
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<http://www.nasspda.org/about/page/7/30>

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