

REPORT FOR THE



BY Carol Craven

I'm home from the Florida Line Dance Classic in Orlando. I had such a good time. This was originally the Tampa event and got moved to Orlando a little later in the year and closer to Christmas. The hotel has been remodeled extensively and what an improvement! The rooms are very nice. They have been remodeling from the top floors down and they are on floor three now so by the time FUN IN THE SUN arrives the lobby and the bottom floors will be finished. There are also nice restaurants in the hotel itself as well as a coffee shop with salads, nice sandwiches, fruit, and healthy as well and sinful things to eat. Hopefully next year you will plan a family vacation around the Orlando location. All the parks are open and decorated and the hotels are playing holiday music and it is just very festive. This location is also close to MANY restaurants of all descriptions. Most are within a short walk, Uber, or Lyft so you have access to whatever type of restaurant you would enjoy. There is a beautiful pool with hammocks near the big pond on the property and firepits by the pool for the evenings along with lots of tables and chairs to relax and visit with your friends. You might also spot an alligator in the pond from time to time. The pool is always a main attraction for people coming to this event as well as Fun in the Sun. Transportation is very easy from the airport and there is a free shuttle that takes you back and forth. If you have never come to Orlando, this is a great time to plan for next year. The rates, especially for prime season in Florida, are very good. Here are just a FEW things to do besides dance that Jason and Jennifer posted on their site:

<http://www.jcdanceproductions.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Things-to-do.pdf>

All the instructors were out dancing and having fun with us all weekend and there were some very good dances taught. I hope you will share the beginner dances you liked so I can share them. I didn't take any beginner classes and a few were mentioned in my little survey but I saw some really cute ones (including ones that were in the choreography competition.)

Here is the list of instructors who were teaching this year:

Rachael McEnaney White (UK/FL)
Scott Blevins (IN)
Jo Thompson Szymanski (CO)
Will Craig (NC)
Joey Warren (WV)
John Robinson (IN)
Jamie Marshall (TN)
Rosie Multari (NY)
Ira Weisburd (FL)
Frank Trace (OH)
Trevor Thornton (FL)
Janis Graves (FL)
Marilyn McNeal (FL)
Sandy Albano (FL)
Lindy Bowers (FL)
Lisa Johns Grose (FL)
Arline Winerman (FL)
and Gemma Ridyrd – the WINNER of the World Dance Masters “Country” Choreography Division.

DJS WERE:

Louis St. George (KY)
JP Potter (CA)
Olivia Ray (VA)
(and they played lots of old and new favorites. The floor was full most of the time during the evening dances.

Here is the list of dances taught:

FRIDAY SCHEDULE: <http://www.jcdanceproductions.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/FLDCFriday3.pdf>

SATURDAY SCHEDULE: <http://www.jcdanceproductions.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/FLDCSaturday.pdf>

SUNDAY SCHEDULE: <http://www.jcdanceproductions.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/FLDCSunday.pdf>

I did a short survey of some attendees while we were waiting to get into the ballroom or were in the ballroom on Saturday night and asked what their favorite dances of the weekend were. Keep in mind that there were dances being taught on Sunday so not all of them are reflected here:

SENTIMENTAL, by Rachael McEnaney (and old classic and really one of my favorite dances of hers ever.)

BEAUTIFUL WONDERFUL, Rushton and Andersen (this one has been winning the survey and is a great dance)

EVERYBODY'S GROOVIN', Jo Thompson (played a lot)

PART-TIME GIRLFRIEND, Winner by the US team in Chicago (Joey, Scott, Guyton)

OH, MAMA HEY, Jo Thompson and Scott Blevins

HOT DAMN, Rachael McEnaney and Scott Blevins

SHOULD BE LOVED, Rachael McEnaney

THAT CEILING FEELING, by Rachael McEnaney

IF YOU EVER, Joey Warren and Oswald

3 RULES, Snooke & Richard

I WAS WRONG, Neville Fitzgerald and Julie Harris

MY REASON, Verdonk, Camps, Alart

THE MEANING OF LIFE, Gemma Ridyard

HOW DID YOU LOVE, Trevor Thornton

I LEFT ON SUNDAY MORNING but I saw ALL KATCHI ALL NIGHT LONG by Kerry Maus being danced at night and the floor was full. Very cute dance.

I wanted to get more feedback on beginner dances so please share your favorites with me. The ones that were mentioned in my short little survey were:

SWEET CAROLINE (This dance is doing well everywhere), Bailey

BABYLON, Whitehouse

HOOK ME UP, John Robinson

JUST A TWO STEPPIN', Szymanski and Gifford

CUBAN RHYTHM, Frank Trace

FLATT OUT DANCE, Robinson, Ellis, & Willis

LA VITA BELLA, Ira Weisburd

I WON'T BACK DOWN, Rachael McEnaney-White

MISS MARIANNE, Frank Trace

HEY, Ira Weisburd

LONELY DRUM, Mitchell

GOT A HOLE IN MY POCKET, Rosie Multari (this is a cute easy contra dance), Multari & Szymanski

MONEY MAKER, Will Craig

I'M FREE

HANDCLAPPIN, Paquette & Warden)

HERE ARE THE DANCES AND VIDEOS THAT STACY GATHERED FROM THE EVENT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EASILY CHECK OUT SOME OR ALL OF THEM. There were some really cute beginner dances for those of you always looking for good beginner dances:
<http://www.worldlinedancenewsletter.com/stacyj/2017-fldc-videos.pdf>

You can check out a similar list of dances with videos from almost every event if you go to the WORLD LINE DANCE NEWSLETTER site and click on the link below. Stacy gathers them after every event. She also posts the playlists at the same link:
<http://www.worldlinedancenewsletter.com/event-playlists.html>

USLDCC CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION:

Subject: USLDCC Results from Florida Line Dance Classic (Orlando, FL)
From: JC DANCE PRODUCTIONS

Congratulations to ALL the USLDCC competitors at the Florida Line Dance Classic. Here is a list of the top three in each division. Be sure and check out these dances.

Newcomer / Novice

- 1st - Christopher Gonzalez - K is for Kicks
- 2nd - Kelly Cavallaro - Be M-Mine
- 3rd - Kerry Maus - Around This Town

Intermediate / Advanced

- 1st - Bradley Mather - My Heart is in Havana
- 2nd - Anthony Gordon - And One
- 3rd - Kelly Cavallaro - Magnetic

Phrased

- 1st - Kerry Maus - All Katchi, All Night Long
- 2nd - Olivia Wagner - Lightning and the Thunder
- 3rd - Candee Seger - Wanna Burn Like Willie

USLDCC INFORMATION: (United States Line Dance Choreography Competition)

The finals of the USLDCC will be held at the Boston Event so that should be exciting! There are some good contenders this year. If you are interested in entering one of the events that sponsor the USLDCC COMPETITION, here is everything you need to know. Someone is going to be getting a teaching spot at the WORLD DANCE MASTERS in England this year and next year it could be YOU! Find out who can and cannot qualify to enter and what the rules are at this link as well as other information. Even if you teach a class, that alone does not disqualify you so check it out.

"Amateur, as defined by the USLDCC, is an individual who has never received any form of compensation (i.e. monies, accommodations, or travel fees) for teaching their own original choreography or co-choreography. This does not include "volunteering" as an instructor at workshops/events or teaching in the individual private class.

We have six qualifying events for 2017-2018:

- [Line Dance Showdown \(Quincy, MA\)](#)
- [Line Dance Marathon \(Raleigh, NC\)](#)
- [Fun in the Sun \(Orlando, FL\)](#)
- [Hotlanta Line Dance Jam \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)
- [Florida Line Dance Classic for 2017 *Formerly Tampa Bay \(Orlando, FL\)](#)
- [Big Bang Dance Classic \(Charlotte, NC\)](#)

Each year, we will have a "rotating" Championship. This will allow each event the opportunity to host the Championships. Example: The USLDCC competition cycle for 2017-2018 will begin with the 2017 Line Dance Showdown and end with the 2018 Line Dance Showdown. The 2018 year's competition will begin with the 2018 Line Dance Marathon and end with the 2019 Line Dance Marathon, and so on."

<https://usldcc.com/>

PRO-AM:

Arline Winerman ran the PRO-AM Competition this year and, as always, this is fun to watch. She does a great job with it. If you would like to do it next year, let me know and I'll get you in touch with her.

Everyone competes against themselves so everyone is a winner and judged on their personal performance. They win a Gold, Silver, or Bronze medal and all of them did a great job. You should thank about encouraging your students to do it next year. They can invite any instructor to dance with them as the "pro" and that includes your regular instructor or someone teaching at the event. If you have more than one friend who wants to do it, they can dance with a "pro" as a group and each contestant will be judged individually. This is a good way to get some feedback in order to improve your dancing or to tell you, you are doing a good job, and the entire thing is a positive experience for the dancers.

Congratulations to everyone who entered this year and for Arline doing such a good job giving people the encouragement to step out of their comfort zone and JUST DO IT! I saw Big Jim Stankiewicz dance with Arline and it was great! I missed most of the competition but was able to see the end of that one.

Thanks to the following event directors for donating a pass to these events: I even won one this year and I NEVER win!

- Big Bang Dance Classic
- Line Dance Showdown
- Fort Wayne Dance For All
- Line Dance Marathon
- Fun In The Sun
- Hotlanta Line Dance Jam
- Windy City Line Dance Mania
- Florida Line Dance Classic

It was fun watching Christopher Gonzalez win the \$400 50/50 and I'm SURE he will be using it for a future dance event somewhere!

The show on Saturday night was just the right length and the instructor routine was choreographed by Jamie Marshall.

The highlight of the evening festivities for me was the string of lights led by Joey Warren as "the plug." LOL. He got to lead them all over the hotel and the ballroom whether they wanted to go or not. Here is a little video. It was really hilarious. The picture is Joey, Jamie, Melissa, Jen, and Cody.

HERE IS A LITTLE VIDEO THAT JODI HARMON DID OF THEM IN ACTION. SO FUNNY

[One loose bulb](#)

The show included:

- Giving Youth Dance Team (2 routines)
- Jo Szymanski and John Robinson Dance and a little history
- Gemma Ridyard / Frozen Routine danced beautifully
- Instructor Routine choreographed by Jamie

If you would like to order the official videos from the event (individual dances done by the instructors and you can add the show if you would like). Kelly also does the live feeds from some of the events and we REALLY appreciate it when it's an event we may have to miss!

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You can order photography from Kellie Christine Photography at this link:

<http://www.kelliechristine.com/>

Mark your calendars for NEXT YEAR'S FLORIDA LINE DANCE CLASSIC in Orlando and bring the entire family. All the parks and shops and hotels are decked out for the holidays. Mickey Mouse will be happy to see you and so will I!

December 6 – 9, 2018
December 5 – 8, 2019

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO JCDANCEPRODUCTIONS.COM and check out their other events while you're at it.

Thanks for reading the report. Hope I didn't miss anything or anyone. Hope to see you on the dance floor somewhere sometime!

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Stacy Garcia, Webmaster of www.worldlinedancenewsletter.com

REPORTS FROM OTHERS

Subject: FL Line Dance Classic, Orlando FL Dec 2-5, 2017

From: Brenda

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This was my first experience at a line dance workshop, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. JC Dance Productions does a great job organizing the event, and the instructors from various places in the world, bring their amazing personalities and talent teaching beginner to advanced dances. Between the JC Dance Productions staff and instructors, they really try to make it a great experience for everyone, no matter what your dance level. I was especially impressed with the time and attention that some of the instructors took with beginner dancers. I'm a local instructor in Orlando and am looking forward to teaching many of the dance's I learned to my class in the coming weeks. I'm definitely planning to attend next year, and hope to encourage more local dancers to attend as well.

SUBJECT: FLORIDA LINE DANCE CLASSIC REPORT

FROM: JODI HARMON

Jennifer Cameron, thank you for yet another fantastically fun dance weekend, The Florida Line Dance Classic, a/k/a Not Tampa!

Random thoughts for those who are thinking about coming next year: DO IT!

HOTEL:

Recently remodeled, ultra-modern, impeccably clean hotel, great restaurant and beautiful pool, hot tub, lake, lounge area.

Extremely professional and attentive staff. I had a minor issue with the AC/heat in my room. They came right up and fixed it within minutes, sent an apology card and 5,000 Marriott reward points the next day, and then I also got an apology email from the Director of Operations!

COMPETITIONS:

All I can say is I would never want to be a judge. There were so many great dances, I wish they could all win. Jamie Basham Marshall's reaction to Betsy Kuhn Courant's "You're a Mean One" was priceless!

WINTER WONDERLAND THEME NIGHT:

The string of Christmas lights led by Joey Warren -- so hilarious!

FAVORITE DANCES/WORKSHOPS:

Oh Mama Hey – Jo Thompson Szymanski

If You Ever – Joey Warren

Part-time Girlfriend – Scott Blevins

Honorable mention (because I don't attend morning workshops but I am so moved by this dance):

Jonno Liberman's Best Mistakes

PERSONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Dancing till 4:30 a.m. and then hanging out at the hot tub with the girls till 6 a.m. (Funny that the sign said the hot tub OPENS at 6 a.m.)

Rachael McEnaney-White, I didn't realize how much I missed you and your dances until I saw you! xoxo

The talented team of young dancers that performed in the show. (I hope they get free passes to keep them coming back and bring friends when they grow up.)

Young Olivia! (Debi Dillow's talented granddaughter)

Dancing the floor away: Jp Potter, in the two years I have been dancing and ALWAYS dance the floor away, that was THE BEST. My cheeks hurt from laughing so hard at the dances you picked (most challenging to do in a small-and-getting-smaller space).

SATURDAY NIGHT SHOW:

Gemma's solo performance was simply stunning. Such grace, balance and flexibility!

WISH LIST:

I wish the choreographers joined us for the Saturday night dinner.

I wish more of the choreographers danced late night as they do at other events.

I wish more of the choreographers had solos in the show.

(As you can see, I can NEVER get enough of the choreographers!)

Here is a link to my video album: <https://vimeo.com/album/4884204>

Sign me up for next year, Jen!

Subject: 2017 FLORIDA LINE DANCE CLASSIC

From: Ira Weisburd (dancewithira@comcast.net)

Back from another great event, I want to thank Jennifer Cameron for inviting me back on her staff. It was a pleasure once again teaching alongside some of the finest choreographers and instructors. I think moving the event from Tampa to Orlando was a move in the right direction. For many Floridians, it is more centrally located and Orlando offers so much more to attract dancers from other states and even overseas. The Marriott is a beautiful hotel easily accessible from the airport. December is also a beautiful time of year to be in Florida. The weather this weekend was picture perfect. I want to thank everyone that came to my workshops. I was happy to have large beginner classes on Saturday and Sunday. I received excellent feedback from those who attended. The first two dances (La Vita Bella & Hey) are world premieres here in Florida. If you would like to teach either of these dances before I publish them, email me at dancewithira@comcast.net Amarillo By Morning is already a huge hit all over Europe, Asia, Australia and parts of the USA so you might want to take a look at it. Ya Got Class is another dance that has been taught around the world in Europe, Asia, Australia and the USA.

Here are the videos that were taken at the workshops on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

LA VITA BELLA: <https://youtu.be/syHvsw8m21k>

HEY: <https://youtu.be/GLE-L5azUKE>

YA GOT CLASS: <https://youtu.be/E5ZLXBhxfaY>

AMARILLO BY MORNING: <https://youtu.be/wr41F8yBP1q>