

Street Swing Partner Dance

Intro to Street Swing
together and apart, 'round and 'round, and away we go

The Play Circle – Why (Purpose), What (Principles), How (Practice)*
Connecting dance and daily life, swing and the street.

Why Purpose

Engage life as play.

Play is defined as **imaginative interaction**.

Play is an attitude rather than an activity.

Emphasize process over performance.

What Principles

Swing In the midst of life filled with multiple options, discover **connections**.

For dance, **incorporate** different styles.

Street In the midst of life defined by change increasing exponentially, look beyond technical solutions to **adaptive** solutions.

For dance, employ **improvisation**.

Partner In the midst of life characterized by changing roles, recognize **interdependence** and influence the interaction.

For dance, engage in greater **mutuality**.

Dance In the midst of life bombarded with competing messages, tune into the rhythms of life and **interpret** accordingly.

For dance, let the music **guide** you on what to do.

How Practice

Arthur Murray meets Contra Folk in the Google Age.

Arthur Murray – Stride and glide through life centered and collected.

Contra Folk – Embrace natural rhythms of life.

Yin and Yang

Circle of existence

Life as a journey

Google Age – Intuitive

Live your life with imagination and improvisation.

Recapture the spirit of Jazz Dance in the Ragtime Era for the Google Age.

*Adaptation of [Simon Sinek - The Golden Circle - TedTalks 2009 - YouTube](#)

Prose Poetry 14

International

norway

The dancers finished their demonstration
of traditional folk dancing
in native costume.

Then the band put their fiddles away,
and a disc jockey turned on swing music
as others joined them for partner dancing.

[Norwegian Folkdancing - YouTube](#)

Four samples showing Norwegian Folkdancing at Andersnatten 2.2.2013.

Performers: Audun Grüner-Hegge and Anbjørg Myhra Bergwitz.

Music: Farande Fant v/Harald Velsand

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BihYMeir2YM>

[Images for Norwegian Folk Dancing - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qabJ4zE7Uz4> Norwegian Folk Dance – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXwMRqJPco8> Norwegian Folk Dance – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvuRuoxQ7vo> Norway Folk Dance – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ToA1GrWu7Pk> Norwegian Folk Dance – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ePQR7LGVJY> Norwegian folk dance for weddings – YouTube

[Images for Norwegian folk dance for weddings – YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8SS4jYsG6g> Norwegian Folk Dance-Hat Dance – YouTube

[Images for Norwegian Folk Dance-Hat Dance - YouTube](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rxr453fD_i4 Norwegian Folk Dance Hallingdans – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kvylQrgOE> Hallingdans – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BXbL0m6iq8> Traditional Norwegian Dancing – YouTube

[Images for Traditional Norwegian Dancing – YouTube](#)



happy danes

A sunny day near the summer solstice,
and the Danes were basking in the sunlight.
Banners in the city square of Copenhagen
extolled the beauty of jazz music.

Danish jazz - Wikipedia

The organization JazzDanmark,^[2] funded by the Danish government, works to promote jazz in Denmark and Danish jazz abroad.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danish_jazz

[Images for danish jazz](#)

Why Denmark Is the Happiest Country - Live Science

Perhaps most importantly, however, they value a cultural construct called "hygge" ([pronounced](#) hugə).

The Oxford dictionary added the word in [June 2017](#), and it refers to high-quality social interactions. Hygge can be used as a noun, adjective or verb (to hygge oneself), and events and places can also be hyggelige (hygge-like).

Hygge is sometimes [translated](#) as "cozy," but a better definition of hygge is "intentional intimacy," which can happen when you have safe, balanced and harmonious shared experiences. A cup of coffee with a friend in front of a fireplace might qualify, as could a summer picnic in the park.

<https://www.livescience.com/62150-why-denmark-is-happiest-country.html>

[Images for Why Denmark Is the Happiest Country](#)



Copenhagen Jazz Festival

mexico

With the music playing in the background,
a man approached me to ask
where I came from.

When I told him I came from Northwest Wisconsin,
he told me he routinely traveled to
St. Paul, Minnesota on business.

Quebradita mexican dancing - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fxs3sKtjl_A

[Images for Quebradita mexican dancing - YouTube](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_vuwWxeK-I Quebradita Highlights – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UpJ9rC0w1Ek> Rueda de Quebradita 2 at club Destruktos 5th Anniversario – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uIF8MrZ2ptA> New Quebradita Mix# 1 2019 – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztDu2KCRoos> XV Años de Karen - Coreografía (Quebradita) – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArSRACacosg> 1º Lugar Quebradita- Así se Baila Banda Oaxaca 2014-Winnie y Desi
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLvBiNx-UpE> Club Mac daddy's-Cassandra y Juan-Avansados 3competencia de filosos studios dance academy – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zv0UDBIR7Gs> Evolucionando la quebradita competencia 2/club los pelbes manos/Camote y chapizz - YouTube
<https://www.facebook.com/matadornetwork/videos/quebradita-a-dance-form-like-youve-never-seen-before/10156518634034394/>
<https://www.facebook.com/515550968481441/videos/la-%C3%A9poca-de-la-quebradita-asi-se-bailaba-en-los-90-que-a-%C3%B1os-by-perrones-banderos/1212186312151233/>
<https://www.facebook.com/515550968481441/videos/quebradita-90s/1495486413821220/>
 Images for videos/quebradita

Quebradita - WikiVisually

A *quebradita* (Spanish: "Little break", referring to the breaking of a wild horse and a female dancer's back bends) is a [Mexican](#) dancing style. It is usually performed to a modified form of [Sinaloan banda music](#), and often the word "*quebradita*" can also refer to the music style.^[1]

In the *quebradita* there is a male dancer and a female dancer. The male dancer lowers the female dancer backwards almost to the point where she touches the floor. Then the male dancer quickly pulls her up. This is what the "little break" refers to.^[2] Compared to the *brinquito* or *caballito* dance styles, which use athletic, trotting steps, *quebraditas* emphasize acrobatics.^[3] The musical instruments from popular *quebradita* groups are electric guitars and instruments with synthesizers.^[4]

<https://wikivisually.com/wiki/Quebradita>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quebradita>
 Images for Quebradita



columbia

Police stood at the door
 of the public establishment
 in order to check identification,
 and armed guards paced
 around the perimeter.
 Needless to say, I kept a low profile
 if that's possible for a lone gringo
 in a Latin American country.
 When I returned home, I read
 the travel guide more closely to learn that
 the country was the most dangerous
 in the Southern Hemisphere and that
 foreigners were routinely
 kidnapped and held for ransom.

Kidnappings in Colombia - Wikipedia

Kidnappings in Colombia refers to the practice of kidnapping in the Republic of Colombia. This criminal practice was first introduced in modern Colombian history during the early 1970s by the guerrilla movements and, later, also by criminal groups. With the release of Colombian presidential candidate [Ingrid Betancourt](#) on July 2, 2008 this practice gained worldwide notoriety.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kidnappings_in_Colombia
 Images for Kidnappings in Colombia

XITLALI- CUMBIA PARTNER DANCE - YouTube

BEAUTIFUL INTERNATIONAL DANCER XITLALI DANCING WITH FRIEND IGNACIO TO A CUMBIA FROM JORGE MEZA.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nzXMKByUnk>

[Images for XITLALI- CUMBIA PARTNER DANCE - YouTube](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfua_igYdQ4 Cumbia Couple – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SzOI8jcUxM> Sexy Cumbia Dance – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaTOJ8Btkcg> cumbia couples - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLTqXElaUos> How to do Cumbia Dancing : How to Do Partner Cumbia Dance Step Turns

[Images for How to do Cumbia Dancing - YouTube](#)



peru

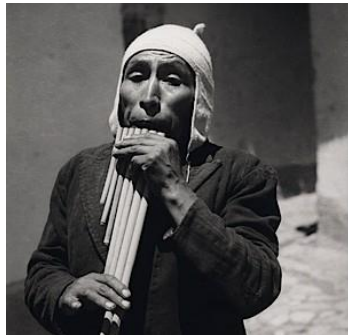
Street musicians can be heard playing a certain plaintive melody throughout the country.

[Awesome Peru Pan Flute Song - YouTube](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wp9aQwP-j8M>

[Images for Awesome Peru Pan Flute Song - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5WKgLTUNPg> INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PERU - PAN PIPE FLUTE - PHOTOS FROM CUSCO, PERU - YouTube



[Traditional peruvian dance from Piura - Peru - YouTube](#)

One of the best places in Peru for surfing are the beaches in Piura Peru. They also offer the traveler the opportunity to appreciate performances on the traditional peruvian dances. Here these young peruvian dancers on a demonstration of the traditional "Marinera Piurana"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UxSqRTY_e-A

[Images for Traditional peruvian dance from Piura – Peru - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P680w2FYHb8> Traditional Peruvian Dancers - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bd1mtuWnfzk> Peruvian Dance in Lima. Dec. 2014. - YouTube

cuba

If there are any people who know how to dance, it has to be the people ninety miles from Miami, for this island is the birthplace of many dances.

[Cuban Mambo danced by professional dancers - YouTube](#)

This is a beautiful and flirty piece. The dancers from Conjunto Folklorico Nacional are dancing here traditional Cuban Mambo in Havana Cuba.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oqc1bAwMsrU>

[Images for Cuban Mambo dance - YouTube](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_kc0zjakUQ Cuban Mambo Dancers in Santa Clara CUBA - My Trip to CUBA - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0ux-wCs6n4> Cuban Mambo with Baila Habana - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=li4Ti3TUuKY> CUBALCANICA-Cuban group-MAMBO - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=48w9RAMRNuo> Mambo con Yasser et Soila - Festival Bailar Cuba 2010 Dampierre Nevoy - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25IAKLUCe8o> Leonardo Martinez Moya: il mambo Cubano – YouTube

Dance in Cuba - Wikipedia

Cuban dance is a distinctive style known throughout Latin America and the wider world. Traditional Cuban music has its roots in African culture. Cuba is the birthplace of multiple dance forms, including Cha-cha, Son, Danzon, Danonete, Mambo, Rumba, Salsa, Bolero, and others.^[1] **Danzón** is the official musical genre and dance of **Cuba**.^[2]

It is also an active musical form in **Mexico** and is still beloved in **Puerto Rico**. The danzón evolved from the Cuban *contradanza* (also known as the *habanera*). In Cuba, these dances were influenced by African rhythmic and dance styles and so became a genuine fusion of European and African influences.^[3]

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dance_in_Cuba

[Images for Dance in Cuba](#)



Cuban Salsa Dance Styling - Havana, Cuba - YouTube

Features seven remarkable Cuban dance couples (professional and amateur) who dance together

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wb35M43Kcnds>

[Images for Cuban Salsa Dance Styling – Havana, Cuba - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4e7VcnWCT0> Salsa Cubana Styling II - Havana, Cuba - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6aNm4WS7X4> AMAZING CUBAN COUPLE DANCING SALSA I CUBA – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RlrNPBfOowg> SALSA - baila Cuban style - Exciting Salsa ! – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMm3lt5xkF4> Cuban Salsa with Baila Habana – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3oslPrc7tM> Mueve La Cintura DVD - Cuban Salsa Dance - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yX2WnBKMTa> Mueve La Cintura DVD - HD video clip – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHhNSZtutRo> CUBA - RUMBA - SALSA - CHACHA – AFRO LATINO – MAMBE – BACHATA – LATINO MUSIC – AFRICAN MUSIC TV -YouTube



dance quote

Music is so essential to the Cuban character that you can't disentangle it from the history of the nation. The history of Cuban music is one of cultural collisions, of voluntary and forced migrations, of religions and revolutions.

Ned Sublette

[Best Salsa Quotes - Scribd](#)

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/26199394/Best-Salsa-Quotes>

[Images for Music is so essential to the Cuban character](#)