

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 15

Birthdays

woman's 60th birthday

[Invite]

Here is the info on the dance party

I have planned for this summer.

I have also attached an invite

you can print out and

post in a safe place

so you don't forget.

Any questions, contact me.

If there is someone I have forgotten,

please give me their name and email

so I can contact them.

Hopefully the snow will be gone by then.

[Reply]

I'll put the date on my calendar.

[Response]

Great! It should be a fun night, food, family, friends and dancing.

Doesn't get any better than that!

[Elks.org: Lodge #2862 Contact Us](#)

Elks USA

Local Lodges Online – Eau Claire, WI 0402

<http://www.elks.org/loдges/ContactUs.cfm?LodgeNumber=0402>

[Images for Elks Lodge Eau Claire, WI](#)

[Happy Birthday Polka - YouTube](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0o57TFGUNE>
[Images for Happy Birthday Polka - YouTube](#)

happy birthday dance

The birthday girl asked me,
"Are you ready to dance?"
I replied, "I don't have my
dance shoes on yet."
She exhorted, "Let's get going!"
I remembered that she liked
to move quickly around the floor
with a few extra moves added in.
Afterwards, friends of hers
from out of town asked,
"What was that?"

[Happy Birthday Dance Greetings \(Charlie Chaplin\) - YouTube](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7y0gomZ6cM>
[Images for Happy Birthday Dance Greetings \(Charlie Chaplin\) - YouTube](#)

[Happy Birthday Dance - YouTube](#)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjQFYc_vkN8
[Images for Happy Birthday Dance - YouTube](#)

[Happy Birthday, Dancing Cow Style! - YouTube](#)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJRucefFIWQ>
[Images for Happy Birthday, Dancing Cow Style! - YouTube](#)

[Happy Birthday \(Funny Dancing\) - YouTube](#)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uANs-Cn7uCW>
[Images for Happy Birthday \(Funny Dancing\) - YouTube](#)

[Happy birthday monkey dances - YouTube](#)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QguPS_iwgDg
[Images for Happy birthday monkey dances - YouTube](#)



laughter quote

I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death.

[Robert Fulghum - Wikiquote](#)
http://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Robert_Fulghum
[Images for I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge.](#)

one last dance

It was supposed to be a 60th birthday party and it was,
but it also turned out to be a farewell as the word got out
that her house had sold, and she was moving south.

[Adios, Au Revoir, Auf Wiedersehn - YouTube](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jg18dTctciE>
[Images for Adios, Au Revoir, Auf Wiedersehen - YouTube](#)

dance quote

She danced the dance of Flames and Fire, she danced the dance of swords and spears, she danced the dance of stars and the dance of space, and then she danced the dance of flowers in the wind.

Khalil Gibran, *The Wanderer*



Khalil Gibran

<http://www.bdancer.com/med-guide/culture/gibran.html>

[Images for She danced the dance of Flames and Fire](#)

she's back

The last time I'd seen her
was at her 60th birthday
and farewell party before
she moved to Texas.

But there she was at Sammy's
in Eau Claire one night and
at the Labor Temple
the next night.

I told her, "It's not often
I get to dance with a
woman from Dallas, so
I'm making the most of it."

She related that
she had been learning
the Texas two-step and
the progressive two-step.
"You'd like it," she added.

[Sammy's Lovers Stories | Sammy's Pizza](#)

Sammy's Pizza and Restaurant

What's Your Sammy's Story?

<http://mysammys.com/sammys-stories/>

[Images for Sammy's Lovers Stories | Sammy's Pizza images](#)

[40 Fingers: HOME](#)

<https://40fingersband.com/>

<https://40fingersband.com/sample-songlist>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3D9qOD5kjGk> 40 Fingers - Roll Over Beethoven - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 2T89sfNOWA> 40 FINGERS - When Will I Be Loved - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZkc2gMIGVY> 40 FINGERS, China Grove - YouTube

<https://starspiritadventures.com/2017/06/16/check-out-the-40-fingers-band-of-eau-claire-wisconsin/>

[Brickhouse Pub & Grub - Eau Claire, WI - Volume One Magazine](#)

Bonnie's Labor Temple

http://volumeone.org/bars/eau_claire-wi/71/2371_Bonnies_Labor_Temple_bar

[Images for Brickhouse Pub & Grub - Bonnie's Labor Temple](#)

[Singles Connection Halloween Dance - Volume One Magazine](#)

Halloween dance at the Brick House Labor Temple. Dance lessons at 7pm. Dance 8pm-midnight featuring Black Sheep band. Prizes for best costumes.

http://volumeone.org/events/2013/10/19/89288_singles_connection_halloween_dance

[Images for Singles Connection Halloween Dance](#)

[Black Sheep Band Calendar - Black Sheep Entertainment](#)

<http://www.bseproductions.com/bsbcalendar.html>

[Images for Black Sheep Band Calendar - Black Sheep Entertainment](#)

[TEXAS TWO STEP \(Western Partner Dance \) - YouTube](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_H1x2MpeEk

[Images for TEXAS TWO STEP \(Western Partner Dance \) - YouTube](#)

surprise birthday party

A large group congregated in
Mario's Keller Bar and then

stood in the gathering area
with a cake and lit candles.
When the young couple
came down the stairs from
Gasthof zur Gemutlichkeit,
they wished her a Happy Birthday,
after which the band played
a happy birthday polka.

[Gasthof zur Gemutlichkeit / Marios Keller Bar - Minneapolis, MN](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gasthof-zur-Gemutlichkeit-Marios-Keller-Bar/114350028642865)
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gasthof-zur-Gemutlichkeit-Marios-Keller-Bar/114350028642865>
[Images for Gasthof zur Gemutlichkeit / Marios Keller Bar – Minneapolis, MN](#)

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0o57TFGUNE&list=RDx0o57TFGUNE&start_radio=1&t=41 Mix – Happy Birthday Polka
[Images for Happy Birthday Polka - YouTube](#)

birthday girl

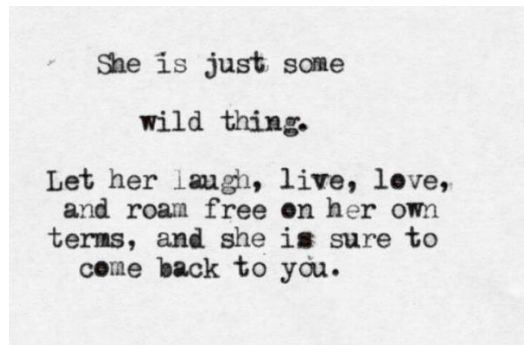
The woman who recently turned 30
drank beer out of a boot and
danced in the center of the floor
while the band played Wild Thing.

[Mario's Keller Bar Minneapolis, 55418 - Reviews at Voice Places](#)
City Pages' Description
Located beneath German pub and eatery Gasthof zur Gemutlichkeit (we'll let you translate), Mario's Keller Bar offers music, dancing and giant boots of beer in a sprawling subterranean setting. Watch college hordes, bachelorette throngs and lively baby boomers crowd the dance floor and bar to get their Deutsch on. Look for live polka bands Friday and Saturday nights from 7 until 11, with DJs following until close.
<http://www.voiceplaces.com/minneapolis-st-paul/mario-s-keller-bar-2517594-l>
[Images for Mario's Keller Bar offers music, dancing and giant boots of beer](#)

Bill Koncar

The Bill Koncar Band plays a variety of music including polkas, waltzes, fox trots, swing, Latin rhythms, (including rhumbas, cha chas, tangos & sambas), and class rock & pop tunes.
<http://www.billkoncar.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/BillKoncarBand>
[Images for BillKoncarBand](#)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RL30lzmq46I> Beautiful Accordion Music...!! - RoseAnn Polka!! - The Bill Koncar Band
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrvr_p4WR-0 Lichtensteiner Polka - Bill Koncar - Kaiserlich Bomischen - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QdCyheE57k> Blue Skirt Waltz - Beautiful Accordion Music!! - Bill Koncar Band!!!
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gd32dNI_FVc My Darling Ann Waltz - Bill Koncar - Accordion Musik - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fJC81eBHyE> Just Because Polka - Bill Koncar - Karaoke (Sing along!!) - YouTube

[The Troggs - Wild Thing - YouTube](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hce74cEAAaE>
[Images for Troggs - Wild Thing](#)



Quote by Robert M. Drake

coming of age

She and her friends celebrated
her 21st birthday to the music of the band.
The band played Happy Birthday for her
as well as some of her requests.

Entertainment | Turtle Lake - St. Croix Casino

January 22, 2016 Rock-a-Billy Revue at 8:00pm

<http://turtlelake.stcroixcasino.com/entertainment-info/>

[Images for Entertainment | Turtle Lake - St. Croix Casino](#)

dramatic entrance

The dance instructor told the class that
the band leader turned another year older and that
the class was going to serenade him when
he came through the door. At 8:57pm
he came through the door
and was met by the singing of

*Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you...*

Bad Companions

The Bad Companions are a long standing (and popular!) Minneapolis based roots-rock quartet. We're two guitars, stand-up bass and drums, with great vocals, horns on special occasions, a strong original catalog and a set list as long as your arm drawn from the swingin' heyday of American rock-a-billy, r & b, country and blues.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Bad-Companions-290538937645193/>

<http://www.prx.org/pieces/90230-centerstage-minnesota-with-charlie-pulkrabek-year>

[Images for the bad companions band – rockabilly, '50s and swing](#)

Shannon and Bill Butler

Dance performance and instruction

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

[Images for shannon and bill butler](#)

dance lesson

The birthday girl
sponsored a dance lesson
before the dance and
served cupcakes
during the dance.

Minneapolis Eagles #34

Eagles #34 Minneapolis, MN – live music

<http://www.minneapolis eagles34.org/live%20music.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/MondayNightCajunDance?ref=stream&filter=2>

[Images for Minneapolis Eagles #34](#)

Swingin' on a Star - Home | Facebook

Genre - Swing

Influences - Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald, George Gershwin, Cole Porter

<https://www.facebook.com/SwinginOnAStarBand/>

<https://www.dorothydoring.com/products.html>

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

[Images for shannon and bill butler](#)

Collegiate shag - Wikipedia

The *Collegiate Shag* (or "Shag") is a **partner dance** done primarily to up-tempo swing and pre-swing jazz music (185-250+ **beats per minute**). It belongs to the **swing** family of American **vernacular dances** that arose in the 1920s and 30s. It is believed that the dance originated within the African American community^[1] of the Carolinas in the 1920s,^{[2][3]} later spreading across the United States during the 1930s. Because the basic step takes up such a small space, the Shag can also be danced to fast music (over 300 beats per minute). The shag is still danced today by swing dance enthusiasts worldwide.

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

[Images for collegiate shag](#)

Collegiate Shag Basic - Practice Collegiate Shag – Dancing Fast - YouTube

How to Dance Collegiate Shag Fast is really only about a few things, your efficiency, how you're thinking about your movements and practice! So, are you ready to Practice Collegiate Shag with me? Fast? This video goes through different beats per minute practice rounds to help you build up to that next level. I'm doing this solo and you can do it with me, anywhere. So, go ahead and practice shag with me! Dance all of them or skip to the speed you want to practice. To keep

it easy, we are doing the Collegiate Shag Basic only which is a 6-count but we are doing different variations of the shag basic throughout the song.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZiKe04k_iw

[Images for Collegiate Shag Basic - Practice Collegiate Shag – Dancing Fast - YouTube](#)



Creative Birthday Cupcakes - Better Homes and Gardens

These inspired cupcake ideas will make your birthday celebration even sweeter. Whether you prefer chocolate cupcakes, vanilla cupcakes, or a more sophisticated take on the popular birthday dessert, this collection includes some of our favorites.

<https://www.bhg.com/recipes/desserts/cupcakes/creative-birthday-cupcakes/>

[Images for Creative Birthday Cupcakes - Better Homes and Gardens](#)

pass it on

A woman came around the circle
in the lesson and identified herself
as the mother of a younger woman
I danced with on previous occasions.
She said she learned to dance
from her mother and now
her daughter was learning to dance.
Later, she said, "Thanks for the dance.
You made my birthday!" I replied,
"Happy birthday! You're a sweetheart!"

Famous Dave's Music Events | Live Blues Music | Blues Club

http://www.famousdavesbluesclub.com/music_events.html

[Images for Famous Dave's Music Events | Live Blues Music | Blues Club](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bour6NzvnNU> Famous Daves - YouTube

Riverside Ent. | Riverside Swing Band

Get ready to party. This vintage swing band is heating things up, performing at weddings, festivals, car shows, and sock hops all over the Midwest. Trumpet, saxophone, trombone, guitar, upright bass, drums, and 4 vocals make these cats unforgettable. Check our calendar for monthly swing dances and Lee's and Famous Dave's Blues Club.

<https://www.riversideentertainmentmn.com/riverside-swing-band>

[Images for Riverside Ent. | Riverside Swing Band](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/riversideswingband/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5N0uFzC_HM Riverside Swing Band - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljUlsDTbU9w> Heidi Halvorson and the Riverside Swing Band "Is You Is Or Is You Ain't @ Lee's Liquor Lounge - YouTube

