

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 6

Chantilly Lace

he wouldn't dance

She went with him for 20 years and

often asked him to dance, but

he only wanted to hunt.

She finally broke up with him and

started dancing at Lee's.

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[Dan Lund - Becky Thompson and Old School](#)

Dan Lund & Buffaloaf - rockabilly, classic country, '50s rock 'n' roll

<http://www.beckythompsonandoldschool.com/danbio.html>

[Images for Dan Lund - Becky Thompson and Old School](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfCCzk8-cok> jackson2 – YouTube. Dan Lund & Buffaloaf at Lee's Liquor Lounge, Minneapolis MN 11/12/12.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxEBWC7Jy5g> Guitar Boogie Shuffle – YouTube. Brandon Petron sitting in with Dan Lund's guitar and Buffaloaf at Lee's Liquor Lounge 2012.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKqXXw-p9qs> Rock This Town – YouTube. Brandon Petron sitting in with Dan Lund's guitar and Buffaloaf at Lee's Liquor Lounge. Minneapolis. 2012.



woman in black

"Boy, don't you look foxy,"
I remarked as I asked her to dance.
She had asked me to dance
a few weeks earlier and then related
that she had broken up with her boyfriend
of 20 years because he wouldn't dance.
She had been coming to Lee's
two to three times a week since then.
She grew up German Catholic
doing the shuffle polka, but now, as
she was gaining confidence
on the dance floor,
her appearance was also changing
so that she showed up
in a black dress above the knees
with a silver zipper up the front
as well as with a new hairdo
aided by hair gel.

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back in the swing

The last time I had danced with her
was back in the summer at Lee's, but
then life got busy, and I didn't go.
But there she was at the Withrow.
With a big smile on her face, she said
"Good to see you!", and we picked up
where we had left off
traveling around the floor and
stopping to twirl and twirl some more.
When the night ended, she related,
"My girlfriend told me I needed to go dance
with you and have you twirl me around."

[Withrow Ballroom & Event Center - Withrow, MN - Events - Facebook](#)
Withrow Ballroom & Event Center

See you tonight for a Rockin' Halloween Bash and Costume Contest with The Rockin' Hollywoods! 8 pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/WithrowBallroom>
[Images for Withrow Ballroom & Event Center](#)

[The Rockin' Hollywoods - Home Page](#)

The Rockin' Hollywoods – '50s–'60s rock 'n' roll
<http://rockinhollywoods.com/>
[Images for The Rockin' Hollywoods – '50s–'60s rock 'n' roll](#)



foxy lady

She probably told me her name when I first met her, but I couldn't remember it and so, when I met her again wearing a sleeveless, low-cut t-shirt and black slacks, I addressed her simply as the "foxy lady."

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dance lessons

"So, how are those dance lessons coming?" I asked her knowing she was trying to learn Lindy Hop on Thursday evenings. "Not so good," she replied. "How's that?" I asked. "Many of the dancers are impatient. Some are downright mean," she explained. "I'm sorry to hear that," I replied. Then I smiled and stated, "Dance is play!" From there, we flew around the floor, and when she spun around on her own, I complimented her, "You look like a ballerina!"

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All Creative Acts Are Forms of Play

the girl just wants to dance

She wanted to learn the Lindy Hop in order to dance with the younger men, but she couldn't quite catch on, so she took a private lesson where the instructor introduced her to music theory and put masking tape on the floor for the steps. She didn't go back for any private lessons and gave up on the group lessons.

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[Dance the Lindy Hop – Follower's Basic Footwork – Monkeysee Videos](#)

Avid Lindy Hopper Teresa Egan demonstrates the Follower's Basic Footwork.

<https://monkeysee.com/dance-the-lindy-hop-followers-basic-footwork/>

[Images for Dance the Lindy Hop – Follower's Basic Footwork](#)

[Introduction to Music Theory - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tH-VYU5Pz34>

[Images for Introduction to Music Theory - YouTube](#)

anne lamott quote

Don't look at your feet to see if you are doing it right. Just dance.

[Anne Lamott Quotes \(Author of *Bird by Bird*\) - Goodreads](#)

http://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/7113.Anne_Lamott?page=3

[Images for Don't look at your feet to see if you are doing it right. Just dance.](#)

tale of two leads

"Nice shoes," I said to her.

"Thanks. I got these on sale for fifteen bucks at Macy's and then had the cobbler put on suede bottoms," she replied as she raised her shoes to show me the bottoms.

Then she told me about swing dancing the previous Saturday.

"A guy lectured me on my dancing so that I almost walked off the floor. When I drove home, I almost broke down in tears," she recounted.

Later that Monday evening, she related, "After one of our dance numbers, a woman came up to me and asked if we were dance instructors." We danced together the last several numbers of the night at the end of which she said, "Great evening!"

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[Images for Lee's Liquor Lounge](#)

[Dale Watson Band @ Lee's Liquor Lounge, Minneapolis - YouTube](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUEYFC9CM-o>

[Images for Dale Watson Band @ Lee's Liquor Lounge, Minneapolis - YouTube](#)

[Dale Watson official website - theconneXtion.com](#)

Dale Watson – country music, Texas Country, Ameripolitan

<http://www.theconnexion.com/dalewatson/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOF_LBj6jv0 Louie's Lee's Liquor Lounge - YouTube

[Images for dale watson lee's liquor lounge](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyBUiSE0uR8> Dale Watson at Lee's Liquor Lounge - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYIZNx79G1o> Dale Watson (Whiskey or God) @ Lee's Liquor Lounge Minneapolis, Mn 5/8/18 – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOsA21Z4GM4> Dale Watson (Real Country Song) @ Lee's Liquor Lounge Minneapolis, Mn 5/8/18 - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fuSuX9LPzs> Dale Watson~Keys In The Mailbox (feat. Nate Duncan) (live) - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DjZ4pPvnbw> Dale Watson~Fools Rush In/Louie's Lee's Liquor Lounge (live) – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TEGCHXqQVJc> Dale Watson~Louie's Lee's Liquor Lounge (live) – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJTPdUS4qgY> Dale Watson @ Last Night of Lee's Liquor Lounge Minneapolis, MN 5-14-19 - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFPVg74Mr6c> Dale Watson~Honky Tonkers Don't Cry (live) – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMR7Z6-BxOE> Dale Watson~Hey Brown Bottle (live) - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmpJpZuC42I> Dale Watson @ Last Night of Lee's Liquor Lounge Minneapolis, MN 5-14-19 - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tGut3dPCwM> Dale Watson Sings The Last Song At Lee's Liquor Lounge - YouTube

Macy's in Minneapolis, MN

Macy's, established in 1858, is the Great American Department Store - an iconic retailing brand over 740 stores operating coast-to-coast and online. Macy's in Minneapolis offers a first class selection top fashion brands including Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein, Clinique, Estee Lauder & Levis. In addition to shoes and clothing, Macy's has a wide variety of housewares, gifts and furniture. Plan your visit today.

<http://l.macys.com/minneapolis-mn>

[Images for Macy's in Minneapolis, MN](#)

the girl likes to twirl

Earlier in the evening at another venue
the dance instructor advised the leads
to give turns to the followers
at a two-to-one ratio
in order to keep them satisfied.
I kept this advice in mind with
one woman only to discover
she threw in a few more
spins besides.

Shannon and Bill Butler

Dance Performance and Instruction

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

[Images for Shannon and Bill Butler Dance Performance and Instruction](#)

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

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my gal is red hot

Lee's had the air conditioning on
so that some complained that
it actually felt cold inside, but,
when I danced with her
during the first set,
she got warmed up.
By the last song
of the first set
she was ready
to rip it up.

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[Images for Lee's Liquor Lounge](#)

Billy Lee Riley - Red Hot (1957) - YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nxt_7sD9znM
[Images for Billy Lee Riley - Red Hot \(1957\) - YouTube](#)



black dress

A woman friend asked her
if the dress she was going to wear
to the dance was long and flowing.
She replied that the dress
she was going to wear was more like
what Marilyn Monroe might wear.

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Marilyn Monroe - Wikipedia

Marilyn Monroe^{[2][3]} (born Norma Jeane Mortenson; June 1, 1926 – August 5, 1962)^[4] was an American actress, model, and singer, who became a major [sex symbol](#), starring in a number of commercially successful motion pictures during the 1950s and early 1960s.^[5]

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marilyn_Monroe
[Images for marilyn monroe](#)



hot, hot, hot

It didn't matter that it was
mid-November as she left Lee's
to go to her automobile
in her sleeveless,
low-cut dress.

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day and night

She described her day job
at a financial institution as
"sit and click."
She danced her night life
at Lee's Liquor Lounge
to honky-tonk music.

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Top 10 Reasons Every Nerdy Person Should Learn to Dance

So why do **nerdy people** flock to lindy hop? I'll tell you why. And perhaps you'll be moved to give it a try, too.

5. Meet thousands of other people just like you. Literally.

A huge proportion of lindy hoppers fit into some definition of "nerd." We are: Programmers, nurses, designers, **physicists**, teachers, engineers, admin assistants, baristas with dormant college degrees... About half of us work in IT. We seem to have a strong liberal streak. And we are opinionated because we care about things.

<http://rebeccabrightly.com/top-10-reasons-nerdy-person-learn-dance/>
[Images for Reasons Every Nerdy Person Should Learn to Dance](#)



missing each other

She came sometimes on Mondays
and sometimes on Wednesdays.
That week she came on Monday, and
I came on Wednesday.
Another woman who came
both nights related,
"She asked about you."

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move to the music

She moved to the music
even while sitting down
on a chair at a table
when she didn't have
anybody to dance with, and
even more so while dancing
on the dance floor
when she had
somebody to dance with.

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SLY & FAMILY STONE Dance to the Music - YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_LwJCxR7F4
[Images for SLY & FAMILY STONE Dance to the Music - YouTube](#)

Music - the other non-addictive, mood-altering non-substance

perpetual motion

Even during the slow songs
she couldn't slow down so
I put my arms on each of her sides
and turned her this way and that.

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Do What You Love Love What You Do

watch out

Normally the two of us
liked to glide around the floor, but
with all the elbows and feet
flying in every which direction,
we preferred a corner
with my back to the action.

[Swing Page - Wabasha Street Caves](#)

Come on down and join the fun on Thursdays at the Wabasha Street Caves Swing night. Some of our regular bands are The Moonlight Serenaders, The Minnesota Jazz Orchestra, Beasley's Big Band, Swing Beat, and others!

<http://www.wabashastreetcaves.com/swing.html>
[Images for Swing Page - Wabasha Street Caves](#)

cave dancers

She confessed a fear of closed spaces, but
relaxed as the night wore on in dancing
at the Wabasha Street Caves.

crossing the border

She and I danced the night before at the Wabasha Street Caves in St. Paul to The Moonlight Serenaders, so I was pleasantly surprised she could come the next night to the Cricket Bar and Grill in Wisconsin to dance to the music of the Whitesidewalls.

[Cricket's Bar, Grill & Events: Entertainment](#)
<http://www.cricketsbarandgrill.com/entertainment.htm>
[Images for Cricket's Bar, Grill & Events: Entertainment](#)

[The Whitesidewalls](#)

The Whitesidewalls Rock 'n' Roll Revue

The upper Midwest's premier doo-wop, rockabilly, and rock and roll band

<http://www.whitesidewalls.com/>
[Images for Whitesidewalls Rock 'n' Roll Revue](#)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnCRb_rSoV0 Whitesidewalls American Rock and Roll sampler - YouTube



chantilly lace

She wore black tights and
a black outfit with fringe
above the knee.
For the rest of the evening
I didn't address her by name but
by the name of a song
from long ago.

Cricket's Bar, Grill & Events: Entertainment
<http://www.cricketsbarandgrill.com/entertainment.htm>
Images for Cricket's Bar, Grill & Events: Entertainment

Big Bopper - Chantilly Lace (1958) [High Quality Sound] - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbNV-bXannM>
Images for Big Bopper - Chantilly Lace - YouTube



show time

When the rock 'n' roll group
takes the stage, they don't simply
announce the songs and play them.
They do more than that
and then some!

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shy girl

She professed to being a shy girl
growing up, but you'd never know it
seeing her fly around the dance floor
during the break between sets.

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Images for Cricket's Bar, Grill & Events: Entertainment

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4. Being a dancer gives you an enormous boost in confidence.

Most people are scared of death of dancing in public. They need alcohol or safety in numbers. As a dancer, you just need some good music. Whenever I feel anxious around a group of people, I simply imagine them all running for the hills if a disco ball suddenly descended from the ceiling.

<http://rebeccabrightly.com/top-10-reasons-nerdy-person-learn-dance/>

[Images for Reasons Every Nerdy Person Should Learn to Dance](#)

When You Feel Sad Dance

carrying packs

Her mother bought a small
wrist wallet for her
key, cash, and license.

I brought a large backpack
filled with three pairs of dance shoes
and numerous other items.

At the end of the night, when
I attempted to stuff my face towel
into one of the pockets, she said,
"You know even women
clean out their purses
every once in a while."

Cricket's Bar, Grill & Events: Entertainment

<http://www.cricketsbarandgrill.com/entertainment.htm>

[Images for Cricket's Bar, Grill & Events: Entertainment](#)



rendezvous that didn't happen

[Received]

Lowell –

*Just wondering if you thought
you might be dancing at*

Mario Keller's on Friday night.

*I'm going to have a big day at work as
several people are going to be out so
the skeleton crew will be processing a lot of work.*

*However, dancing after that may be
just the ticket to happiness!*

The roads have been terrible so

I hope you have been safe.

Twirly Girl

[Sent]

*Weather permitting,
I plan on being there.*

*Weather prohibiting,
I will not make it.*

*Otherwise,
after a while
crocodile
Turning Guy*

[Received]

*Was in here at 6:30 this AM.
Already know that I won't be there.
Will rest up for a future time.
Enjoy!*



if not for her

It was the first cold snap of the winter, and a handful of men came to dance, but, unfortunately, only one woman. Fortunately, I danced with her before and she with me. She danced with me a few numbers and then sat down to give other men a chance to ask her, but none did, so she came to dance with me again. She danced a few more numbers and then sat down to rest while I continued to dance solo around an empty floor. We kept up the routine for the rest of the night. Later on, the Lindy Hoppers showed up, and they danced a few numbers and sat down to rest and talk and then got up again to dance.

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[Ross Kleiner & The Thrill \(Official Music Page\) | Facebook](#)

Ross Kleiner and The Thrill - rockabilly

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ross-Kleiner-The-Thrill-Official-Music-Page/159563414093002>

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ms75DwKWISk> Ross Kleiner & The Thrill @ Lee's Liquor Lounge – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6aEekGEE8> Ross Kleiner & The Thrill - Shake Your Hips - Slim Harpo – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GljCqmbXkgE> Ross Kleiner & The Thrill – YouTube

[Images for Ross Kleiner & The Thrill @ Lee's Liquor Lounge](#)



e-mail messages

[Before dance]

Oh hey, I am planning on being there tonight, so that's a plan.

See you at Lee's.

Same Bat Time – Same Bat Station

[After dance]

Thanks for the dances last night! I thought it was a great night with everyone hitting the dance floor and mingling well. As you know, that does not always happen there. Happy Christmas



Urban Dictionary: same bat-time, same bat-channel

1. Same bat-time, same bat-channel

At the end of the 1960s live-action (adam-west) batman tv show, an announcer would tease the forthcoming episode (that resolved any cliffhangers) with the comment: TUNE IN NEXT WEEK. SAME BAT-TIME, SAME BAT-CHANNEL.

Nowadays it is used to affectionately tell someone that you will see them soon, particularly at a regular-time/place.

<http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=same%20bat-time%2C%20same%20bat-channel>

[Images for same bat-time, same bat-channel](#)

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The Bad Companions - Home | Facebook

The Bad Companions – rockabilly, '50s and swing

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

Images for The Bad Companions – rockabilly, '50s and swing band

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

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

The Bad Companions – YouTube. Dancing to The Bad Companions band

at Lee's 9-24-2014.

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

The Bad Companions - Drink Drank Drunk! @ Lee's Liquor Lounge 10-7-

2015 - YouTube

father figure

Moisture welled up in her eyes as she spoke appreciatively of how the owner kept the place going long after retirement age when he could have sold out and of how he came in early to set up and came in late to clean up.

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muscle t-shirt

She found a way to sew on

pieces of cloth on the front
and the back with the name of
her favorite establishment.

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autograph

A pair of white shoes
purchased for \$3.99
had served me well, but
it occurred to me that
the shoes would make
a good autograph collection, so
I asked her to sign one
of the shoes.
"Thanks for the twirls,"
she wrote and
signed her name.

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<http://www.leesliquorlounge.com/>
[Images for Lee's Liquor Lounge](#)

Trailer Trash - Home | Facebook

Trailer Trash – classic country, honky-tonk
<https://www.facebook.com/trailertrashmusic/>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8d3439r8d0> Trailer Trash - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9F6rEYrlc> Trailer Trash, "Ring Of Fire" - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6B6KJ1dXPe0> Trailer Trash – "I've Shopped Everywhere" - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nzx3TiYpkIq> Trailer Trash: The Walk Away From You – YouTube
[Images for Trailer Trash country band](#)

twirly girl

She asked me to dance so she could twirl.
She expressed disappointment when
the band leader announced a slow song as
she didn't want to sway, she wanted to twirl, so
we found an open spot for her to twirl.
Slow songs or fast songs,
I led her into twirls, whereas
she figured out other twirls on her own.

[American Legion Minneapolis/Richfield Post 435: HOME](http://mnlegion435.org/)
<http://mnlegion435.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/MNLegion435/>
[Images for American Legion Minneapolis/Richfield Post 435](#)

Lena & The LoveKills - Home | Facebook

Lena and the LoveKills - rockabilly
<https://www.facebook.com/LenaandtheLoveKills/>
[Images for Lena and the LoveKills rockabilly band](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZ8E6xCds54> Lena and the LoveKills - Running Out of Time (Rhythm Shakers cover)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLjUFcmXLyM> Lena and the LoveKills - Liquor Store (Devil Doll cover) – YouTube

