

12th Annual JG2 Line Dance Marathon 2005

I arrived at the Sheraton Hotel Thursday around 2pm. There were already people in line getting their registrations, wandering about and getting checked in. The staff at the hotel were very friendly and hospitable.

New this year, were dance lessons on Thursday, which is great because I had the opportunity to learn dances I've been wanting to learn for quite some time. The dance lessons started at 3pm and ended at 7pm. There was also open dancing going on at same time for those who prefer not to take lessons on their first day of the event. ALL of the instructors were very good, patient and willing to go over dances as much as needed!

THURSDAY:

Guyton Mundy - I learned Invitation To Party (aka: Foo-Foo) choreographed by Michele Perron. This is a fun and funky dance.

Scott Blevins – **Envious** Choreo. by Crazy Chris who was in the class and showed us his monkey move.

I also learned Paralyzed (choreographed by Charyle Hartje & Gary Clayton) from Michael Barr. Had some pretty cool steps in the dance!

After this class, I took off to open dancing and danced until 2am! Which was early for me! LOL

FRIDAY:

I got up early, grabbed my coffee and headed for the Previews. I just love watching the preview of dances!

Joey Warren – Young At Heart – The music is smooth & funky. Good dance. I enjoyed the lesson.

Braken Ellis – Element – Funk is in, really liked this one also.

Guyton Mundy – Float – Excellent dance. Some of the arm movements in this dance reminded me of some of his other dances such as Whatever You Want, Natural Selection, & What Dat About.

JP Potter – Funky Fresh – Great dance -- needless to say I forgot the dance in open because I was too busy listening to the music. I just love the music to this dance! LOL The music is One, Two Step by Ciara Feat. Missy Elliot

Pepper Siquieros (& John Robinson) – Sizzlin' Hot – GREAT dance! This dance goes PERFECT to Burn by Kulay!!! This is another funky, fun dance!

Donna Caudill – Catch Your Breath - The name speaks for itself. This reminded me of aerobics! If you're into aerobics then I suggest this dance. I also learned Keep Up by Junior Willis awhile back to the same song—this one is easier. This would be a good split floor dance.

JP Potter – Twisted - Was going to take this class but I was too hungry to dance anymore!

After dinner and a relaxing bubble bath, I went back to open dancing until 2:30am.

SATURDAY:

Now this morning required 2 large cups of coffee to get going! And once again headed for the preview of dances.

Scott Blevins – Freaks To the Floor – GREAT dance! NOT hard... I was almost able to pick this one up off the floor during open dancing. This dance had filled the floor and was played all weekend.

Guyton Mundy – Ah Ah-Ah – very good dance – not too hard. 32 counts NO tags. Oh, and there were actually NO arm movements!

Joey Warren (& Junior Willis) – **Double J Switch** - Joey had the MOST people in his class—he had ABOUT 138. This is an Awesome dance. There is another dance to the same song, Switch by Will Smith, called Switch-A-Roo. I like them both.

Junior Willis (& John Robinson) Hot Thang – easy dance to funky music. You can even put in some variations in this dance if you want. As always the female students seem to really enjoy the instructor. LOL

Guyton Mundy – Playa – Cool, fun dance. I love the music and the dance. This dance has some awesome moves in it!!

Scott Blevins – Replay – very good dance. This has a couple tags in it but they are not hard to miss.

Dances I saw in open that I liked:

Taking Time – by Lynne Flanders to song by Montgomery Gentry called Gone. This is an easy beginner dance. I highly recommend this to your beginners.

Sway – by Carl Sullivan – This dance is a cha and seems to go very well to the music. Kool Wid A K – Masters In Line

No More – Amanda D – I had the opportunity to learn this dance thanks to Zac. I just love this dance!

Smooth Criminal

Dance All Night by Roy H.

Dances I heard great things about:

My Number One by Liz Clarke & Johnny 2-Step – Fun dance!

Mega Sexxy by Maurice Rowe – This one I went out on the floor and picked it up.

My Father's Waltz Choreo. by Maurice Rowe & Melissa Daum - pretty

Bittersweet by Maurice Rowe & Melissa Daum - If you liked The Way or X-Rated, then you would like this dance!



Stickin' With It by Maurice Rowe - This is to country music!

Walkin' In the Shadows - Kathy Brown - A Good easy-intermediate dance.

One Sweet Chicita – Kathy Brown – Fun dance, good music.

Par Ti Cha - Kathy Brown - This is a fun cha.

Gordita Linda – Max Perry – Track 12 salsa, good aerobics!

Shake Yourself Loose - Kathy Hunyadi

Takin' It Easy – Nancy Morgan - All She Ever Wants Is More (Dance Mix) by Ray Kennedy

Rich Girl – Barry Durand – This is a phrased dance but it's an easy phrased dance!

Body & Soul – Barry Durand – This is a nice waltz

My Significant Other – Michael Thompson – Nice dance, great instructor. Soon to begin his career as a 7th Grade teacher of Life Science.

Crabbuckit - Gerard Murphy - Cute dance

The show was fantastic and I was so amazed by the Step In Time group. Max Perry & Kathy Hunyadi performed together beautifully. Guyton Mundy was as always his extremely talented self. Liz Clarke, Johnny 2-Step, and another lady (sorry, I don't know your name!) were very entertaining. Brian B. what can I say, Superstar.

Then after the show there was open dancing until midnight, when it was time for the Sleepy Time Nursery Rhyme Parade. We had 3 blind mice times 5, Little Red Riding Hood, Little Bo Peep, Cinderella, Rapunzel, Wizard Of Oz, Jack In the Beanstalk, Mary Had A Little Lamb, Mother Goose, all the way to the Cow That Jumped Over the Moon. The costumes were great and the talent and

imagination of the people who created the costumes was impressive!

James, Jean and all the volunteers did a great job of running this event. If there were any snags, I sure didn't see them. Everything seemed to run smoothly and on time. I for one really appreciate the work that goes into making the JG2 Marathon such a WONDERFUL event!

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