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Special points of interest:

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Celebrating Shades of Black

We are descendants of a proud, strong people who have overcome obstacles in nature, government, community and individual struggle for decades past and days present. Despite the way we arrived at America's shoreline, the courage, accomplishments, and aspirations of individuals continue to flourish. In Milwaukee, we will celebrate African heritage and culture at The African World Festival held on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan at Maier Festival Park, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 1, 2009.

As a pre-cursor to the celebration, African World Festival will present Celebrating Shades of Black, A One of a Kind Cocktail Party and Dance. The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts is the presenting sponsor and Milwaukee Steppers and Ballroomers United (MSBU) Productions is the event sponsor. The event will be Friday June 19, 2009 and features a Stepping contest, giving away more than \$1,000 cash and prizes. We invite

The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts is located at 929 North Water Street in Milwaukee, WI. For more information contact African World Festival at 414-372-4667 or visit msbu.net homepage for the event flyer.



Etiquette Corner New Student Advice by Cynthia Robinson

Lead/Follow Relationships
When following a dance, the main responsibilities are to pay attention and to follow the lead. However, it is not required to take physical or verbal mistreatment from your partner. In a partner dance, two people should come together in unison. If

your partner is having a challenge in the dance, you *both* are having a challenge. Also, if you ask a person to dance, dance with your partner and not for your assumed spectators. The dance experience should be satisfying for both partners.



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Promoting Milwaukee's Social Dance Scene

MSBU is Milwaukee's premiere, social dance group. Offering Tuesday night dance class for Chicago Style Steppin and Detroit Club Style Ballroom. Workshops are available for groups wanting to bring a social dance to their community or for people trying to brush up on their skills

You can contact us by email at: dance@msbu.net

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For Women Only – Building a Better Community *by Cynthia Robinson*

We must pay close mind to how we interact as women. No matter the dance style, women usually make up a large percentage of the dance community. The goal is not to make every other woman your best friend, but to see yourself in your dance sisters and respect her individuality. The way we interact as women will largely influence the perception of those looking to become part of the dance community.

Realize we all have different motivations for being a part of this community. Goals such as better health,

socializing, friendships, dating and confidence building lead many women to learn a dance. The reasons are endless, but what is common is the desire to have fun. Use this unique opportunity in dance to test the vow not to judge others.

It is important that we maintain integrity and sophistication as representatives of the urban dance community to ensure proper respect and recognition for the art.

