

Yaritza Arboleda

Yaritza Arboleda is a professional dancer and instructor based in New York City, known for her versatility, powerful presence, and deep-rooted passion for Latin dance. Originally from Peru, she began her training at age 10 in ballet and urban dance, later expanding into salsa, contemporary, Afro-Peruvian, ballroom, and gymnastics. By 13, she was already competing internationally and appearing on national television, gaining recognition across styles.

At 18, she moved to NYC to refine her technique with some of the city's most respected instructors. Today, she travels the world as an international artist, teaching and performing with a focus on NY-style salsa and mambo.

Yaritza is the founder of Latin Fever Ladies and co-owner of DY Salsa Academy, one of the largest online platforms for salsa and mambo training. She is known for her energy, authenticity, artistry, and dedication to the evolution of Latin dance.

Diego Rivera

Diego Rivera is an internationally recognized salsa dancer, instructor, and performer based in New York City. With over a decade of experience, Diego has taught and performed across the globe, sharing his passion for mambo and Afro-Caribbean rhythms. He is the co-founder of D&Y Salsa Academy, one of the largest online Latin dance communities, with students in over 65 countries.

Known for his smooth style, deep musicality, and clear teaching methods, Diego specializes in On2 partnerwork, footwork, and body movement. He has trained hundreds of students from absolute beginners to professional dancers and continues to inspire with his structured classes, artistic creativity, and dedication to preserving the cultural roots of salsa.

Salsa Pittsburgh

Jeff & Colleen Shirey

Jeff and Colleen Shirey discovered salsa nearly 30 years ago while listening to a Latin band at a Pittsburgh nightclub. They have been hooked on the music and dance ever since.

What started out as a hobby, developed into a passion and unexpected second vocation. As founders of Salsa Pittsburgh, Jeff & Colleen teach group and private lessons, offer DJ services, and manage salsapittsburgh.com, a website dedicated to salsa dancing in Pittsburgh. They can be found most Sunday afternoons teaching group salsa and bachata classes at the Wightman School Community Building in Squirrel Hill, where they teach six-week "progressive" class cycles several times per year for beginner and intermediate level dancers.

Jeff & Colleen were the hosts of Salsa Fridays at Greer Cabaret Theater, a Pittsburgh Cultural Trust event that lasted 11+ years. The Shireys have also organized over 30 large-scale salsa dance/workshop weekends that have showcased the talents of many international salsa professionals and world champions.

Jeff & Colleen are recently retired high school teachers and now have more time and flexibility to share their love of Latin music and dancing with people of all ages in the Greater Pittsburgh area.



October 24-26, 2025

Salsa Pittsburgh's 25 Year Anniversary Dance Weekend



Featuring Instructors/Performers,
Yaritza Arboleda and
Diego Rivera from NYC



Dances

Friday, October 24

Coraopolis VFW

412 Mulberry St

Coraopolis, PA 15108

2500 Sq Ft Ballroom

Performances/Cash Bar

8:30 pm - 12:30 am

\$15.00 Admission at the door (Cash/Venmo)

Saturday, October 25

Velum Fermentation

2120 Jane St (Southside)

Pittsburgh, PA 15203

5000 Sq Ft Dance area

Performances/Cash Bar

8:30 pm - 12:30 am

\$15.00 Admission at the door (Cash/Venmo)



Workshops

Wightman School Community Bldg

5604 Solway St (Squirrel Hill)

Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Saturday, October 25 – 1:00 – 4:30 pm

HOOR 1 (1:00 – 2:00 pm)

Body Movement/Musicality – Fundamentals of Latin body movement, how to be more musical in your dancing by applying body movement/isolations to specific instruments in salsa music.

HOOR 2 (2:15 – 3:15 pm)

On1 Partnerwork – learn a smooth combination and dance appropriately (match your energy level) within the musical structure of a salsa song.

HOOR 3 (3:30 – 4:30 pm)

Shines/Footwork – learn a footwork combo and understand three timings (On1, On2, Contratiempo)... what is Clave and what role does it play relative to timing?

Sunday, October 26 – 12:00 – 4:45 pm

HOOR 1 (12:00 – 1:00 pm)

Pachanga, Boogaloo, Cha Cha – short discussion on the roots of these three genres, followed by fundamentals and where to apply these skill sets, so that you can become a more versatile salsa/mambo dancer.

HOOR 2 (1:15 – 2:15 pm)

Spins/Turns – Solo/Couples – Introduction to exercises/drills that will improve your spins and turns. Two aspects will be taught: how to execute individual spins/turns (solo) and proper leading/following technique while spinning within partnerwork.

HOOR 3 (2:30 – 3:30 pm)

NY Style Partnerwork On2 – Learn an intricate, fast-paced combination using NY On2 timing.

HOOR 4 (3:45 – 4:45 pm)

Mambo Jam/Footwork – get ready to sweat as Yaritza and Diego close out the weekend with some unique funky footwork!

At The Door Pricing (pre-register to save \$\$\$)

Saturday - \$85.00/Sunday - \$110.00

One workshop - \$30.00

Pre-Registration Form

(Prices higher at the door)

Name

City, State

Phone

Email

Check Your Workshop Pass Choice Below:

Full Pass - Both Days + Two Social Dances

7 Workshops/2 Dances (\$160.00)

Saturday Workshops Only - No Social Dances

3 Workshops (\$70.00)

Sunday Workshops Only - No Social Dances

4 Workshops (\$90.00)

Please select appropriate box above

Please make check payable to:

Salsa Pittsburgh, LLC

or Pay by Venmo to salsapittsburgh, Code: 9404

If using Venmo, email workshop choices to jeffshirey@comcast.net or call 412-881-9237

Mail form and Jeff Shirey

check to: 1322 Prospect Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Payment must be received by October 23 to qualify for discount