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Instructor In Profile: Gorge Aguilar

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"LOVED SINGING, LOVED ACTING, HATED THE DANCING". The person behind this quote is none other than two times Country Western U.S. Dance Champion -- Gorge Leo Aguilar. He is a much loved dance teacher, teaching here in the Inland Empire for the past 15 years. While teaching, Gorge would talk about his loves and hatreds while motivating many a student who thought he or she had been born with two left feet. Without question, he has eaten those words quoted above many more times than he wishes to remember. His love of dance, he passes on to each and every student. Tina Doughton, one of his students, says, "Gorge is not just a teacher looking for the next student to charge. He loves dance and instills that love in everyone he teaches".

Gorge is and has been desperately missed by his students while he has been recuperating from a recent illness. They are all ready for him to come back. There is just no replacement acceptable to his loyal students.



Gorge hails from the Inland Empire – graduated from San Bernardino High School in 1980 (graduation photo on left) where he was in the band (played the oboe) was a drum major, was involved with the Key Club, Oceanography Club and American Field Service. And get this... Gorge was a talented ice skater!! He competed from the ages of 7-15 placing 6th in the Junior Olympics. He spent many hours practicing on the ice up in Blue Jay. His ice-skating career ended tragically when he broke both ankles in a fall. What was bad for Gorge's skating career was good for his dancing career!! Gorge has told his students that one of the ways he rehabilitated his ankle injuries was by dancing. It motivates those that need to move, to get up and do it, and then love it. Gorge also loves reading and loves movies, especially fantasy fiction. He also likes comic books, collects them and was able to sell some of them to pay for college tuition. He is fluent in French and Spanish and knows some Japanese. He was a foreign exchange student in France and worked at Disney in Anaheim for a while then went to work at Euro-Disney and the Disney in Japan. His dream trip now is to visit Beijing.



Meghan Kennedy (pictured on the left) and Colleen Wang (pictured on the right) have been my major sources of information for this article about Gorge so I am very grateful to them. I was amazed at how much information Meghan was able to glean from Gorge without telling him that he would be featured in our newsletter!! He has taught classes at the Diamond Ballroom, Arthur Murray, Crafton College, Redlands Vocal and Performing Arts Academy, among others, as well as giving private lessons. He has taken lessons from many prestigious dance pros over the years to enhance the knowledge that he brings to his students. His favorite dance is country and his least favorite dance is meringue. He has competed many times in the Pro/Am division with his students, who usually took home trophies, and has performed with his students in countless showcases in the Inland Empire.



Meghan Kennedy states that "Gorge's classes aren't just educational...they are FUN! He not only pushes us to do our best to become better dancers, but also educates our minds with his wealth of trivia. Thank you, Gorge, for sharing your joy of dance with the world!"

Long time student, Colleen Wang, suffered a devastating injury when a 1,900 lb horse fell on top of her. Her left leg was broken in about 12 places and it is now held together with a plate and 11 screws. She had been working on rehabilitating her leg with the normal physical therapy, and it just wasn't getting her where she wanted to be...back dancing. So she took that distress to Gorge, who tried out the different types of dances that he knew she could dance and he designed a regimen that has allowed her to not only rehab

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Highland YMCA - Inland Chapter Dance - New Year's Eve





Inland Chapter of USA Dance Public Dances and Events

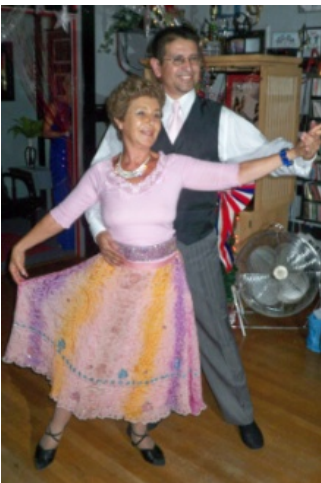
Date	Event	Studio	Time/Admission
Apr. 3 rd Saturday	Orange Blossom Ball DanceSport Competition	University of California, Riverside www.orangeblossomball.com	Contacts: Fook Tham (951) 827-4645 E-mail: fook.tham@ucr.edu
Apr. 24 th Saturday	Inland Chapter Carousel Ball	University of Redlands University Hall	12-2pm Beginners Workshop \$5 2:30-4:30 Advanced Workshop \$10 7-8 Group Lesson and 8-11 Dance \$15
Saturdays	Public Dance (call for schedule)	Shake It Up Dance Studio 14 E State Street , Redlands (909) 335-5959 www.shakeitupdance.com	8-9 pm Lesson 9-12 Dance \$10 Single / \$14 Couple (includes lesson)
2nd, 4th Saturday	Public Dance (call to confirm)	Kipp Duran's Dance Studio 10 E. Vine Street, Suite 213 Redlands (951) 283-2035	6:30-7:30 pm Lesson (Included) 7:30-9:30 pm Dance \$8
1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday	Public Dance (call to confirm)	Steppin' Out with Cindy Roberts 9506 Magnolia Ave., #210, Riv. (951) 785-1674 www.steppinoutwithcindy.com	8:00 to 12:00 pm Dance \$10 8:30 to 9:30 pm Lesson (Included)
One Saturday of every month	Public Dances on: 2/6, 3/6, 4/10, 5/1, 6/5, 7/10, 8/7, 9/11, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4	Loma Linda Senior Center 25571 Barton Rd, Loma Linda (909) 799-2820	7-11:00 pm \$5
1st 3rd 5th Sunday	Public Dance	Billy Reed's 1800 N Palm Canyon, Palm Springs (951) 640-7267 Elvia Gomez	2:00-3:00 pm Lesson \$5 3:00-6:00 pm Dance \$5 Both for \$8

Note: Prices are set by the studios and subject to change. USA Dance members may receive a discount on dance nights.

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her leg but to dance again. Says Colleen “Gorge is probably one of my favorite people. I count him as the best dance teacher around and as a friend. With the knowledge and generosity he possesses, and shares, he brings joy to not only me, but to too many people to count. Thank you, thank you, thank you Gorge”.

Get well, Gorge, and get back to dancing. We miss you!! Some more pictures of Gorge’s showcase routines with his students can be seen below:



USA DANCE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR INLAND CHAPTER #4012

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone:[h] (____) _____ - _____ [w] (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

Membership Category (Annual cost per person) Renewal: Y N Member # _____

Adult Athlete (19, over) _____ x\$60=\$_____ Are you willing to help USADance? Y N How? _____

Student Athlete (College to 34) _____ x\$20=\$_____ Social Dancer? __ Competitor? __ Style: Pro/Am? __ American? __

Minor Athlete (18, under) _____ x\$15=\$_____ Occupation _____ International? __

Social Ballroom Dancer _____ x\$35=\$_____ Hobbies: _____

Social Adult Dancer (most people) _____ x\$25=\$_____ Return application and check (payable to **USADance**) to:

Plus Local Chapter Dues _____ x\$10=\$_____ USADance c/o Martin Smaha Questions? (909) 825-1695

Total Check Enclosed \$_____ 823 Elmwood St., Colton CA 92324



Birthday Wishes

YachiyoHaney	Nadine Fahlbusch
Mary Blickenderfer	Valerie Radu
Lillian Torres	James McReynolds
Richard Brinton	
Tommie Neal	



New Members

Tommie Neal
Nikki Ramos
David Reed
Deborah Reed

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