#### Hello Fellow Dancers!

Thank you for joining us for the 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary of our Vegas Dance Explosion! For those of you attending this fabulous, fun event for the first time, WELCOME and thank you for joining us at our beautiful venue The Westgate Resort and Casino! For those of you coming back to join us, WELCOME BACK! Be prepared to dance, dance and dance some more! We have so much in store for you this year!

The Vegas Dance Explosion is being held at the Convention Center of the hotel. Please follow the signs to the Convention Center where you will see "Vegas Dance Explosion" banners directing you to the event. We will have a Registration Desk where you will pick up your Registration Packet containing your Name Badge and all other items you may have ordered with your Event Pass. NEW THIS YEAR: Platinum Registration will be at 10:30 AM Tuesday, November 12th; Gold, One Day, Evening and Spectator Passes Registration will be at 11:30 AM. Passes will be handed only to the person named on the Registration packet. Here is a breakdown of events:

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

10:30 AM - Platinum Pass Only Registration opens

11:30 AM - Registration for Gold, One Day, Evening and Spectator

12:00 PM - Open Dancing in the Line Dance Lobby

1:00 PM - First workshops begin

7:00-8:30 PM - Dinner Break

8:30 PM – Evening Dances in Three rooms: The Line Dance Lobby (ALL REQUEST), the Crystal Ballroom (for Beginner /Improver Dances) and the Majestic Ballroom DJ's Choice)

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

9:00 AM - Open Dancing in the Line Dance Lobby

9:00 AM – NEW THIS YEAR: T-Shirt Cutting Class with Jo T. Szymanski (Conference Center 7-14)

9:00 AM - NEW THIS YEAR : ZUMBA with Nicole LeBrun (Pavillion)

9:00 AM - 12:50pm - Workshops

12:50-2:30 PM - Lunch

2:30-6:20 PM - Workshops

6:20-8:30 PM - Dinner Break

8:30 PM – Evening Dances in Three rooms: The Line Dance Lobby (ALL REQUEST), the Crystal Ballroom (for Beginner /Improver Dances) and the Majestic Ballroom (DJ's Choice)

9:00 - 11:00 PM - NEW THIS YEAR : SILENT DISCO with Louie St George (Grand Ballroom)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 AM - Open Dancing in the Line Dance Lobby

9:00 AM – NEW THIS YEAR CARDIO DRUMMING with Michele Burton (Crystal Ballroom)

9:00 AM - 12:50 PM - Workshops

12:00 – 12:50 PM Choreography Competition Division 1

12:50-2:30 PM - Lunch

2:30-5:20 PM - Workshops

2:30 -3:20 PM Choreography Competition Division 2-A

3:30-4:20 PM Choreography Competition Division 3-A

5:30-8:00 PM - Dinner Break

6:30 – 7:45 PM – Pre-purchased SPECIAL EVENT: ROCK-A-HULA BUFFET/SHOW

8:30 PM – ALL REQUEST DANCE PARTY and **HAWAIIAN THEME SHOW PLUS all the way from AMSTERDAM**, a Special Performance by ROY VERDONK AND THE ROY VERDONK DANCERS!

Evening Dances in Three rooms: 8:00 PM The Line Dance Lobby (ALL REQUEST), 8:45 PM The Crystal Ballroom (for Beginner /Improver Dances) and 8:45 PM The Majestic Ballroom

9:00 - 11:00 PM - NEW THIS YEAR: SILENT DISCO with Louie St George (Grand Ballroom)

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00 AM - Open Dancing in the Line Dance Lobby

9:00 AM – NEW THIS YEAR CARDIO DRUMMING with Michele Burton (Crystal Ballroom)

9:00 AM – **NEW THIS YEAR**: **ZUMBA** with Nicole LeBrun (Pavillion)

9:00 AM - 12:50 PM - Workshops

12:00 -12:50 PM Choreography Competition Division 2-B

12:50-2:30 PM - Lunch

#### 1:30 PM FLASH MOB !!!

2:30-6:20 PM - Workshops

2:30 -3:20 PM Choreography Competition Division 3-B

6:20-8:30 PM – Dinner Break

## 8:30 PM –9:15 PM ARABIAN NIGHTS THEME SHOW PLUS all the way from AMSTERDAM, Special Performances by ROY VERDONK AND THE ROY VERDONK DANCERS!

Evening Dances in Three rooms: 8:30 PM The Line Dance Lobby (ALL REQUEST), 9:15 PM The Crystal Ballroom (for Beginner /Improver Dances) and 9:15 PM The Majestic Ballroom

9:30 - 11:30 PM - NEW THIS YEAR: SILENT DISCO with Louie St George (Grand Ballroom)

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 AM - Open Dancing in the Line Dance Lobby

9:00 AM - NEW THIS YEAR CARDIO DRUMMING with Michele Burton (Crystal Ballroom)

9:00 AM – **NEW THIS YEAR : ZUMBA** with Nicole LeBrun (Pavillion)

9:00 AM- 12:50 PM - Workshops

9:30 AM-530 PM NEW THIS YEAR! GOLD (Global Organisation of Line Dance) INTERNATIONAL DANCE

## **COMPETITION (AWARDS CEREMONY 5:45 PM)**

1:50-2:30 PM - Lunch

2:30-5:20 PM – Workshops

5:300-8:00 PM – Dinner Break

# 8:00-8:45 PM – SPECIAL 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSAY SHOW PLUS all the way from AMSTERDAM, Special Performances by THE ROY VERDONK DANCERS and the GOLD GRAND STAR COMPETITION presentation

Evening Dances in Three rooms: 8:00 PM The Line Dance Lobby (ALL REQUEST), 8:45 PM The Crystal Ballroom (for Beginner /Improver Dances) and 8:45 PM the Majestic Ballroom

9:30 - 11:30 PM - NEW THIS YEAR: SILENT DISCO with Louie St George (Grand Ballroom)

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00-9:50 AM - LINE DANCE PRAISE AND WORKSHIP (Line Dance Lobby)

10:00 AM- 12:50 PM – Workshops

12:50-2:30 PM - Lunch

2:30-5:20 PM - Workshops

5:30-8:00 PM - Dinner Break

## 8:00pm – FAREWELL DANCE and PERFORMANCE SHOWCASES plus special Performance by ROY VERDONK AND THE ROY VERDONK DANCERS!

Evening Dances in Three rooms: The Line Dance Lobby 8:00 PM (ALL REQUEST), 8:30 PM The Crystal Ballroom (for Beginner /Improver Dances) and 8:30 PM the Majestic Ballroom

There will be a total of 6-7 different ballrooms running simultaneously during the day, with open dancing being offered as well throughout the day in our Line Dance Lobby, PLUS GOLD (*Global Organisation of Line Dance*) competition, organized by Roy Verdonk on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>! Workshops will be repeated throughout the course of the event so you can catch a workshop you might have missed or reinforce a lesson you may have already taken. The Crystal Ballroom will be solely dedicated to Beginner, High Beginner and Improver Dances. That same ballroom will be designated each evening as our Beginner/Improver Dance Ballroom for the evening dances.

We will be offering Technique Workshops conducted by many of our All Star line up of Instructors and Choreographers. Want to give couples' dancing a whirl? We are also offering West Coast Swing, Cha Cha, Nightclub, Waltz, and Country Two Step, classes with world renowned Instructors and Choreographers! Don't worry... no partner needed!

Don't forget, the event does *NOT* end Sunday ... there are workshops **ALL DAY** Sunday with a dinner break, followed by your Instructors' Showcase performances and Farewell Dance till the wee hours of the morning!

For added fun and excitement we will have "Theme Nights" for some of our evening dances! It is not mandatory for you to dress in costume but it sure is a lot of fun!! Be as creative as you want!!

#### \* Theme Nights:

- THURSDAY Night Rock-a-Hula:
- FRIDAY Night Arabian Nights
- SATURDAY Night 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary of The Vegas Dance Explosion!
- **SUNDAY Night It's our Farewell Dance!** Be entertained with our Instructors' Showcase and then Dance till the wee hours of the morning!

FAST PASS: If you are a FAST PASS Holder there will be a special VIP line for early admission to all evening dances and shows (you must be there prior to doors opening). Once you are seated in the ballroom there is no reserving or holding seats for non-FAST PASS holders. Otherwise you may have your fast pass privileges revoked.

**FLASH MOB**: Every year we have FILLED the Westgate Hotel lobby with our flash mobs! We aim to fill the Westgate lobby again! This year's flash mob dance is: "Gives Me Shivers" by Brandon Zahorsky Done to a special ELVIS Medley: CC Rider and Viva Las Vegas! This will be sung LIVE by World Champion Elvis Tribute Artist TRed Torres Martin, currently performing at The Westgate in our Production of "The King Comes Home"!

Don't know the dance? Not to worry - we will have these dances taught multiple times before the day of the Flash Mob so that you have a chance to join in!!! See schedule for days and times.

**New Line Dance Choreography Contest** will be held Thursday and Friday at the Pavillion. Watch as new dances are taught to and danced by a panel of Judges consisting of your favorite Instructors and Choreographers. Winners will be announced at the Saturday night at 10PM in the Line Dance Lobby.

Sunday Morning Line Dance Praise and Worship hosted by Doug and Jackie. Be uplifted and inspired by scripture and dance!

AND NEW THIS YEAR, we are excited to offer:

GOLD (Global Organisation of Line Dance) INTERNATIONAL DANCE COMPETITION
T-Shirt Cutting Class with Jo T. Szymanski
ZUMBA CLASSES with Nicole LeBrun
CARDIO DRUMMING with Michele Burton
SILENT DISCO with Louie St George
ROCK-A-HULA BUFFET AND SHOW (special purchase ticketed event)

We will have our own designated **Line Dance Lobby** in between our main ballrooms in the Convention Center Area of the Hotel. The line dance lobby, in itself, will be larger then all of our Ballrooms (which is really big)! We will have a huge dance floor for open dancing during the day, with music being played at a comfortable level. Our Vendors will be located in our lobby as well! Eat, Socialize, Shop, AND DANCE all in one open room all day long!

#### **VDE Cafe**

Fast and Convenient: Westgate Banquet Department will set up and operate our own VDE Cash & Carry Cafe at the entrance to the Convention Center for Breakfast and Lunch.

Vegetarian and Gluten Free options will be available.

We will also have a No Host Bar some evenings in the Line Dance Lobby!

In the effort to help the environment and preserve our trees, we are providing attendees with a QR code and a link to download the Workshop Schedule! You'll literally have it in the palm of your hand, easy to pull up and refer to!

In House Video of the Workshop Dances will once again be available on a designated channel on your TV so that you can view a demo of all the workshop dances in the comfort of your own room! Know what dances you want to learn and who is teaching it! This will be available beginning Wednesday, November 13.

So there you have it! We are looking forward to another FUN dance event!

**2025** Vegas Dance Explosion – November 11-16, 2025 **2026** Vegas Dance Explosion – November 10-15, 2026

Questions? please do not hesitate to contact us by email: contact@vegasdanceexplosioin.com

See you soon!!!

Doug & Jackie