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# BOOGALOO IN THE BRONX!

52 PARK, THE BRONX

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# THE BOOGALOO PROJECT

The Boogaloo Project, created by Amanda Cardona, is dedicated to preserving the history of, educating others about and supporting & evolving the art of Latin Boogaloo music and dance! As a Nuyorican, Amanda was drawn to Boogaloo for a lot of reasons . . . it gave her a fun & unique way to connect to both sides of her culture (the Latin & the American), to fuse music & dance styles she loved- from Salsa to Swing & everything in between and finally, a way to learn more about her own culture & history. So the Boogaloo Project was born and now The Project strives to bring people together to express their individual style & attitude through Boogaloo!

## BOOGALOO IN THE BRONX 2024!

Boogaloo in the Bronx kicked off in 2019 with the hopes of becoming an annual event in the Bronx. I hoped this project would allow people to experience dance & music in a new way, and that this project would educate the community that partook in it.

In 2020, we were all thrown for a loop with the pandemic, but we continued to find ways to be creative and keep the education & movement alive with a virtual version of Boogaloo in the Bronx as well as with vibrant, informational panel series. While that was certainly a fantastic way to spread the Boogaloo lore, I'm so excited that we are back in 2024, at 52 Park celebrating with you all!

Each year, I aim to grow the event and bring something new to everyone. I'm extremely grateful to all of our returning artists and supporters and happy to welcome all our new faces to the family!

I would say, sit back, relax and enjoy... but who are we kidding?

**GET UP, GET GROOVING & LET'S BOOGALOO!**



# SCHEDULE



1200PM

Welcome Boogaloo in the Bronx!  
Music with DJ Jose Henriquez

100PM

Dance Performances

- Spirits N Motion 3.0
- Spirits N Motion Ladies
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Line Dance for All w/ Salsa & Hustle by L&L

130PM

Live Music: Spanglish Fly

245PM

Dance Performances

- Vida Dance Company Ladies
- Vida Dance Company Salsa Team
- Salsa Shines by Salsa & Hustle w/L & L
- Boogie Down Boogaloo Dance Project



Salsa Class & Line Dance with Salsa & Hustle by L & L

315PM

Live Music: New Swing Sextet

430PM

Dance Performances

- Young Ambition Dance Company
- Marlon Int'l & Allie
- Piel Canela Ladies
- Estrellitas Latinas Culturales

500PM

Thank You & See You Next Year!



# WHO IS SPANGLISH FLY?



SPANGLISH FLY originated in 2009 when DJ Jonny Semi-Colon (Jonathan Goldman) started noticing that amid his sets of old-school funk and soul vinyl, what really shook the dance floor was Latin boogaloo, late-60s records by Joe Cuba, Joe Bataan, Mongo Santamaria, etc.

. He knew he had to form a band to play the music live. Soon, SPANGLISH FLY was dazzling audiences at NYC venues such as the Apollo, the Blue Note, BB King's, SOB's, and Brooklyn Bowl, including opening for boogaloo legends Joe Bataan and Johnny Colón. Over the years, the band has toured the US east coast, bringing the party to festivals such as Charlotte's Latin American Fest and Massachusetts' Green River Festival, and to arts institutions such as the Kennedy Center in Washington DC and Lincoln Center in NY. Recording for the labels Electric Cowbell and Chaco World Music, they have worked with Harvey Averne (legendary Fania producer of Eddie Palmieri, Machito), Adrian Quesada (Grupo Fantasma, Brownout).

SPANGLISH FLY's new album, *Ay Que Boogaloo!* (Chaco World Music) sees the band continuing to use boogaloo as a musical foundation while taking the genre in new and unexpected directions, incorporating bolero, New Orleans funk, swing jazz, Arabic chant, and other new sounds. It highlights the double-lead-vocals of Mariella Gonzalez and Paloma Muñoz, and boasts guest appearances by Latin music luminaries Joe Bataan, Snowboy, Flaco Navaja, El Callegueso, Izzy Sanabria and other special guests. In his liner notes, Bobby Sanabria calls the record "a combination of great musicianship, clever songwriting, and slick arranging. And guess what Pilgrims? You can dance to it too!"

Find out more at: [www.spanglishfly.com](http://www.spanglishfly.com)



# ABOUT NEW SWING SEXTET



Imagine a hot salsa band from the 1960s reuniting after a 25-year hiatus to discover an even greater, more global, fan base. “Rip Van Winkle couldn’t have had it better,” recalls co-bandleader George Rodriguez of the New Swing Sextet’s (NSS) recaptured infectious popularity.

“No one is more surprised than we are,” says the vibist and original NSS member, “to be ‘Back on the Streets’.” A product of New York City and the excitement and turbulence of the sixties, the New Swing Sextet made its professional debut performing in the Singer Bowl at the last New York Worlds Fair in 1965. The band has been a popular and innovative exponent of Latin jazz, salsa and pop music for over five decades. With a long history of making music on the streets of Latin New York through harmonized vocals, piano, vibes, bass and Latin percussion, NSS recorded the last of 4 albums, all under the Cotique label, in 1970 and broke up in the late seventies. The band offers the classic Latin New York sound of another era, perfectly preserved and bottled for today’s global salsa enthusiasts.

The New Swing Sextet features George Rodriguez on vibes and vocals; co-leader, Angel Justiniano on vocals and conga drums; his younger brother Harry Justiniano on bass and vocals; Hector Ortiz on bongos and latin percussion; Jimmy Figueroa on timbales and vocals; Conal Fowkes on piano and the vocal stylings of Orlando Ortiz on lead vocals.

Que Swing ... 60 Years and Counting...!

# ARTISTS

## Young Ambition Dance Company

Fostering a love for arts, teaching the students about their culture and encouraging their creativity.



## Estrellitas Latinas Culturales

Keeping cultural tradition alive!  
Representing PS42 in the Boogie Down Bronx!



# ARTISTS

## Salsa & Hustle w/ L & L

Both Lisa Johnson and Lucy Gloder are dance instructors in their communities. Their dance training began at an early age in life and throughout the years both have studied with notable dance instructors.



Over the past years they have trained dancers of all levels in Salsa and the Latin Hustle. They have taught workshops at various dance schools such as the Gertrude Recreation Ctr, Cache Dance Studio, Ray Vega's dance school and at El Barrio Artspace center. They have both managed the creative vision of the dance group and the Dance socials at El Barrio Artspace CTR and the Gertrude Recreation Ctr. Above all, they love and honor teaching and believe that dance should be fun and accessible to all.



## Spirits N Motion 3.0 & Ladies



Spirits N Motion 3.0 and the Spirits N Motion Ladies are renowned dance teams led by Victor Hernandez, known for their electrifying performances and deep community involvement. Specializing in salsa, bachata, and a variety of Latin dance styles, they have captivated audiences at festivals, congresses, and street events nationwide. Recently, Spirits N Motion 3.0 performed at the prestigious Lincoln Center, showcasing their talent on one of the world's biggest stages. With countless titles and awards, the team continues to inspire both on the dance floor and in their teaching.

# ARTISTS

## Marlon International & Allie



Marlon "International" Mills is one of New York's most well-known dance personalities in the Salsa & West Coast Swing dance communities, and was born in NY to parents from the Caribbean and was educated in NY & Spain.

He found his love of Salsa in 2001, having been taken to a class by a co-worker and has not looked back since. His dancing career began under the guidance of Eddie & Maria Torres.

He is currently on faculty teaching classes at the 92Y. Marlon is also a Teaching Artist for the "Dancing Classrooms" program, teaching ballroom dance to kids throughout NYC public schools. He has been teaching Salsa in NY for the past 20 years and is known for his warm smile, amazing lead, and excellent teaching abilities. Through clear teaching and strong fundamentals, he takes people from having two left feet to dancing up a storm while having fun on the dance floor in a relatively short amount time.

**TOGETHER** - Marlon & Allie are excited to partner to bring you a little taste of one of the coolest, most versatile dances that has been growing tremendously due to it's popularity lately on social media. Once you see our improv, hopefully you will get to experience some of the fun & freedom that had us fall in love with this dance and you'll want more - it's called West Coast Swing!

# ARTISTS

## Vida Dance Company

We are a Salsa dance school based in The Bronx. We offer different levels of Salsa On2 classes (Salsa New York Style) for all levels. Whether you are Beginner, Advanced Beginner or a more experienced dancer, we have the best salsa classes for you.

Our Salsa group classes are taught not only with the counting of numbers, but we go deeper into the Salsa music to give you a better understanding of how to feel the rhythm and interpret it into your steps & partnerwork. We also specialize in private lessons, corporate events, and salsa socials.



<https://vidadancecompanyny.com/>

# ARTISTS

## *Piel Canela* NEW YORK LATIN DANCE COMPANY



Joe and Bianca have been known to bring their chemistry and spark to stages worldwide spreading their mutual love for latin dance, music and culture. The secret to their success is their hard work and genuine love for the arts as well as bringing together the latino and non-latino community alike. They wish to continue bringing their talent and offering affordable programs to people of all ages for the years to come. Since it's inception in october of 2000 Piel Canela has performed in over 20 countries with participation in every major salsa congress, and a very long list of corporate clients. We offer choreographed dance shows, dance lessons, and freestyle dancing in every major latin dance. We also can provide full event planning and entertainment services including (but not limited to): dancers, instructors, bands, DJs, and catering services.

<https://pielcaneladancers.com/>



# SPECIAL SHOUTOUT

## Boogie Down Boogaloo Dance Project



What can I say? I'm a lucky gal to be able to collaborate with such a great group of folks!

Huge thank you to this crew here of the Boogie Down Boogaloo Dance Project.

Just 1 month ago, they answered the call to come and help bring Boogaloo to life by learning a choreographed routine to bring to the dancefloor and share with you all at Boogaloo in the Bronx 2024!

I'm so grateful to have fellow minded folks who want to keep Boogaloo alive, moving & grooving!

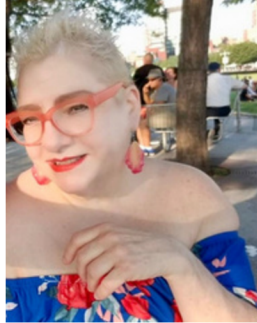


Amanda Cardona  
Jonathan Cabrera  
Juana Hernandez  
Monica Holbrook  
Lisa Johnson  
Douglas Medina  
Thalia Santos  
Awilda Silva  
Kandy Soskin



# IN MEMORIAM

## Abbey Plotkin a.k.a. The Mambo Mama



Abbey was the Founder/Director of The Mambo Mamas, a dance company of large-sized women, designed to bring the joy of Latin dance to people of all shapes and sizes. She was awarded the "Outstanding Women in Latin Dance" by the Latin dance community for fostering interest in and support for the art form. She also taught Soul Line Dancing at 4 Senior Centers in Manhattan under an organization called Project Find.

She was the best cheerleader and supporter one could ever ask for. A shining light in the dance community and a much loved member of our Boogaloo crew.

We MISS you Abbey, but we know you are FOREVER dancing with us!



# SPECIAL THANKS



## PARTNERS



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## SHOUT OUT TO OUR SUPPORTERS





**Amanda Cardona Dance**



**SEE YOU IN 2025!**

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