

Salsa Congress

Congress: ▶ [Questionnaire](#) ▶ [Participants](#) ▶ [Workshops](#) ▶ [Parties](#) ▶ [Prices](#) ▶ [Hotels](#)



Salsa Viva Dance Club
Sierra Maestra salsa & swing dance studio
Tequila Dance Club
present

The Forth International Salsa Congress in Russia

St. Petersburg, Russia
July 01–04, 2004

- ▶ It became a good tradition to hold International Salsa Congresses in St. Petersburg: the Forth International Salsa Congresses will take place in July, 1–4, 2004. This year there will come not only those instructors who took part in previous years congresses, but also **Luis Vásquez** and his present partner **Melissa Fernández** are expected to come. By all means, it will be the main news of forthcoming congress and without any doubts it won't be disregarded by salsa-lovers both in our country and abroad. We strongly recommend you to book your tickets and hotels in advance, and for foreign visitors — to get all the necessary documents for visiting the Russian Federation.
- ▶ As usually, the Congress is held with the support of the Embassy of Peru Republic, City Administration of St. Petersburg and Spanish Club in St. Petersburg.

Sponsors of the Congress

- Tequila Sauza;
- Havana Club;
- NBN Television;
- Radio Sputnik.

[Here is the tentative list of congress events](#)

- Master classes and seminars;
- All-night parties;
- Salsa shows;
- Open-air Salsa;
- Live music performances;
- River boat trip.

Instructors*

- **Luis Vásquez** (Los Angeles, USA);
- **Melissa Fernández** (Los Angeles, USA);
- **Angel Ortiz** (New York, USA);
- **Manuel Mascarell** (Spain);
- **Brian van der Kust** (the Netherlands);
- **Juan Ortiz** (Germany);
- **Miguel Verdecia** (Cuba);
- **Carlos Correa** (Cuba);
- **Soila Grenot** (Finland).

* Notes:

-
- ▶ You can find more information about the instructors who will take part in the Congress [Here](#).

DJs

- **Klandestino** (Copenhagen, Denmark);
- **Alexis** (Moscow, Russia);
- **Joel** (St. Petersburg, Russia);
- **Neiro** (St. Petersburg, Russia);
- **Justi** (St. Petersburg, Russia).

Presenters of Gala Show

- **Serguey "Che" Zhamkochyan** (St. Petersburg, Russia);
- **Reinaldo Enrique Leyva Powell** (Kiev, Ukraine).

Music

- **Piña Colada** (St. Petersburg, Russia);
- **Serguey Gusiatskiy's Big Band** (St. Petersburg, Russia).

► Detailed information regarding the congress, hotels and prices will be specified. Please, send your applications for Salsa show as well as any suggestions and requests to: salsaviva@mail.ru. Besides you can also get in touch with us right from this site by filling out the [Congress Participant Questionnaire](#).

President of the organizational committee
Carlos Torres
salsaviva@mail.ru
salsaviva@narod.ru



Instructors

Luis Vásquez (USA)



It is at least strange to introduce **Luis Vásquez** to salsa-lovers. He is a real star without any reservations: leader of the dance company *Mas Salsa Brava*, the eldest of 3 outstanding brothers Vásquez, creator of modern LA style, professional teacher, dancer and choreographer. To cut it short, Luis Vásquez is Luis Vásquez. And soon he is coming to St. Petersburg!

www.massalsabrava.com

Melissa Fernández (USA)



Teacher, dancer and choreographer in the dance company *Mas Salsa Brava*. It is well known that only the best dancers can be admitted to *Mas Salsa Brava*. Melissa is not the exception to the rule. Melissa is a participant of many salsa congresses: in Puerto-Rico, Curacao, the USA, Guadeloupe, Great Britain, Germany; the owner of the first place in such contests as *Sportsmen Lodge Salsa Contest* (California, 2002) and *Newport Rhythm and Soul Dance Contest* (Florida, 2002).

www.massalsabrava.com

Ángel Ortiz (USA)



Professional teacher, dancer and choreographer. One of the pupils of NY style star — Eddie Torres, he worked in his dancing ensemble. Later on he opened his own school and dance group; he always takes part in world congresses and salsa festivals, like famous *West Coast Salsa Congress* and *Bacardi World Salsa Congress*. Ángel has gone round the world with his master-classes and shows. He acted in the film *Carlito's Way* (with Al Pacino in a leading role), participated in Tito Puente 100th album celebration and in video lessons of Eddie

Torres.

www.angelortiz.com

Brian van der Kust (the Netherlands)



Brian van der Kust, dancer, choreographer and teacher from Holland, is known among Russian salsa-lover after excellent seminars conducted by him in Moscow at the beginning of march, 2004. Brian has exclusive jazz salsa style; leads dancing groups *FootWorX* and *Da circle of sole*. He is a participant of a number of international salsa congresses: in the Netherlands, Belgium, Ireland, Switzerland, Curacao, Spain, Norway and the USA.

Juan Ortiz (Cuba — Germany)



Professional teacher, dancer, choreographer and showman from Cuba, living in Germany. Hi is one of the best european instructors in Cuban salsa.

www.salsa-cubana.de

Manuel Mascarell (Spain)



Manuel Mascarell, a famous dancer from Valencia, leads one of the main salsa-teams in his country — *Mambo Swinger Dance Company*. Manuel is a participant and winner of many world salsa contests. During the 3rd Salsa Congress in St. Petersburg Manuel gave lessons of LA salsa style and acrobatics in salsa.

www.manuelmascarell.com

Miguel Verdecia (Cuba — Finland)



Professional dancer, teacher and choreographer. He established the *Baila Baila* dance school in Helsinki where he teacher salsa, merengue, cha-cha-chá, mambo, conga, son and rueda de casino. In 1993 Miguel was named *The best dancer of the year* by *City* magazine. He performed on TV making salsa popular in Finland. Miguel also teaches and performs abroad, for example, he is a constant participant of salsa congresses in St. Petersburg.

www.bailabaila.fi

Carlos Correa (Cuba — Finland)



Another professional dancer, teacher and choreographer from the *Baila Baila* dance school (Helsinki). He specializes in Cuban salsa and especially in rueda de casino.

www.bailabaila.fi

Soila Grenot (Finland)



Soila is professional dancer, teacher and choreographer from the *Baila Baila* dance school (Helsinki), partner of Miguel Verdecia.

www.bailabaila.fi

DJs

DJ Klandestino (Denmark)



Michael Martina (DJ Klandestino) has been famous in the salsa-scene of Copenhagen during the last 10–12 years. Being a member of the DJs' union *Fidels Salsatek*, he became the first who introduced salsatech to Danish people. During the last years Klandestino worked in many festivals among which we should mention Roskilde Festival, Sønderborg and Copenhagen salsa festivals (in the context of the last there was held European Salsa Context of 1996). In 2003 Klandestino worked in the 3rd Salsa congress in St. Petersburg. This year we are

also waiting for him.

www.klandestino.dk

Workshops*

* Notes:

1. The schedule may be changed by congress' organizational committee.
2. **Additional workshops' address:** Military Institute of Physical Culture, Bolshoy Sampsoniyevskiy Avenue 63, Vyborgskaya metro station.
3. **Main workshops' address:** Gorkiy Palace of Culture, Stachek square 4, Narvskaya metro station.

Level of complexity

advanced

intermediate

all levels

Additional workshops

July, 1 Thursday	19:00– 20:00	Brian van der Kust rumba
	20:10– 21:10	Miguel Verdecia rueda de casino

Workshops

Date	Time	Room #1	Room #2	Room #3
July, 2 Friday	19:00– 20:00	Luis Vásquez & Melissa Fernández partnerwork «on 1»	Juan Ortiz cuban salsa	Ángel Ortiz chachachá
	20:10– 21:10	Manuel Mascarell partnerwork «on 1»	Melissa Fernández ladies styling «on 2»	Carlos Correa rueda de casino
July, 3 Saturday	13:00– 14:00	Ángel Ortiz partnerwork «on 2»	Luis Vásquez & Melissa Fernández partnerwork «on 1»	Manuel Mascarell bachata

	14:10– 15:10	Miguel Verdecia cuban salsa	Ángel Ortiz partnerwork «on 2»	Manuel Mascarell tricks & dips
	15:10– 16:20	lunch break		
	16:20– 17:20	Brian van der Kust rumba	Miguel Verdecia cuban salsa	Luis Vásquez & Melissa Fernández partnerwork «on 1»
	17:30– 18:30	Manuel Mascarell partnerwork «on 1»	Juan Ortiz despelote	Brian van der Kust chachachá
	18:40– 19:40	Juan Ortiz cuban salsa	Melissa Fernández ladies styling «on 1»	Luis Vásquez footwork «on 1»
July, 4 Sunday	13:00– 14:00	Carlos Correa cuban salsa	Ángel Ortiz partnerwork «on 2»	Brian van der Kust spins
	14:10– 15:10	Luis Vásquez & Melissa Fernández partnerwork «on 1»	Juan Ortiz chachachá	Brian van der Kust partnerwork «on 2»
	15:10– 16:20	lunch break		
	16:20– 17:20	Brian van der Kust partnerwork «on 2»	Manuel Mascarell partnerwork «on 1»	Juan Ortiz rumba
	17:30– 18:30	Juan Ortiz rueda de casino	Melissa Fernández ladies styling «on 1»	Ángel Ortiz footwork «on 2»

Parties

Date	Time	Location	Price
June, 30 Wednesday	21:00–06:00	Latino pa'ti <i>Havana Club, Moskovskiy avenue 21, metro "Tekhnologicheskiy Institut"</i>	200 rubles (5,7 euros)
July, 1 Thursday	21:00–06:00	Pre-congress party <i>Havana Club, Moskovskiy avenue 21, metro "Tekhnologicheskiy Institut"</i>	200 rubles (5,7 euros)
July, 2 Friday	19:30–23:15	Salsa Loca <i>Salsa Loca, Kamennooostrovkiy avenue 42, metro "Petrogradskaya"</i>	100 rubles (2,9 euros)
	23:00–06:00	Gala Show, part I <i>Column Hall of Lensoveta Palace of Culture, Kamennooostrovkiy avenue 42, metro "Petrogradskaya"</i>	350 rubles (10 euros)
July, 3 Saturday	22:00–23:00	River boat trip <i>Departure: Robespierre embankment, corner with Chernyshevskogo street, metro "Chernyshevskaya"</i> <i>Arrival: Dekabristov square (Senatskaya square)</i>	350 rubles (10 euros)
	23:00–06:00	Gala Show, part II <i>Port Club, Antonenko lane, metro "Nevskiy Prospekt"</i>	350 rubles (10 euros)
July, 4 Sunday	20:00–06:00	Open Air <i>Panorama Club, St. Peter & Paul Fortress, near the beach, metro "Gorkovskaya"</i>	350 rubles (10 euros)
July, 5 Monday	14:15–19:00	Excursion to Peterhof <i>Bus will depart from the hotel "Sovetskaya", Lermontovskiy avenue 43/1 near Fontanka river.</i>	300 rubles (8,6 euros)

Prices

Workshops

Parcels	till May, 31	till June, 30	from June, 30	Notes
11 lessons (Fri, Sat, Sun)	100 euros	120 euros	140 euros	3 parties (Fri, Sat, Sun) + 2 lessons (Thu) — gratis All parties and river boat trip must be paid separately
9 lessons	80 euros	95 euros	110 euros	
5 lessons	50 euros	60 euros	70 euros	
2 lessons	25 euros	30 euros	40 euros	
3 parties (Fri, Sat, Sun)	20 euros	20 euros	20 euros	Except "Salsa Loca" club
River boat trip	7 euros	7 euros	10 euros	

* Note:

- You can book tickets to the congress events via email: salsaviva@mail.ru.



Hotels

Dear congress participants!

► Please contact our business partners: tourists companies «Municipal centre of corporative services» and «Kalinka International» for the information about hotels, visas etc.

«Municipal centre of corporative services»

- Managers: *Tatiana Kverevkina* and *Maria Krashevskaya*
- Telephone: +7 (812) 320-6557;
- Email: tourism@spb-booking.ru.

«Kalinka International»

- Address: Liteynyi avenue 61, office 18
- Telephone: +7 (812) 973-6282, +7 (812) 960-6282
- Fax: +7 (812) 273-9636
- Email: ats46@peterlink.ru.

