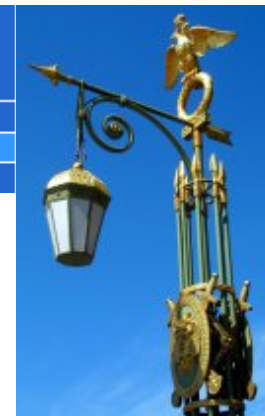


# Salsa Congress

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## Summary

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual International Salsa Congress in Saint Petersburg extends a warm invitation to salsa dancers all around the world to attend and participate in the upcoming Event, June 30–July 2, 2006. As usually we will try to do our best to make the Congress more interesting, more representative and better organized than the previous Congresses, which have been held in Saint Petersburg annually since 2001.

The hit of this Congress is that all the main styles of the modern salsa, including one of the most favorite in Russia Cuban style Casino, will be represented by the first class teachers. Especially for Casino fans we invited one of the top-level instructors of Cuban style, leaders of «[Salsa Lovers](#)» Dance Studio **René Gueits** and **Jeanette Gueits** from Miami (Florida, USA).

Those of you, who missed the workshops of brilliant **Felipe Polanco** (Puerto Rico) in November 2005 during the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of «Salsa Viva» Dance Studio, will have the chance to enjoy Maestro Polanco's talent at the Congress 2006. We are also sure that to meet one the world's best Salsa instructors will be a real pleasure for those who are lucky to have already visited his master classes. Besides this time Felipe comes with his best partner **Tania Santiago** (Puerto Rico).

This summer you are going to meet dancers from the leading New York Dance Company «[Santo Rico](#)» **Daniel Leonor** and **Athoy Borja**. In 2005 Athoy became a real sensation of the [5<sup>th</sup> Salsa Congress](#) in Saint Petersburg, we are sure you are going to like Daniel as much.

The LA style lovers will be glad to see at our Congress a pair from Norway and Switzerland **Jazzy** and **Anita Petrovi**. Jazzy studied at a choreographic school, where he took jazz, ballet and modern dance lessons. Together with Anita they teach salsa on 1 and on 2, cha cha chá, technique of turns and hip-hop salsa, but they are especially good in LA.

As usually we are expecting a lot of guests. We hope that this time not only dancers from Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Finland, Sweden, Belgium, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania but also from Bulgaria and from the biggest Salsa Studio in Kuban «[Salsa Kubana](#)» (Krasnodar) will join the Congress. We kindly recommend you not to put off till summer and book your tickets and hotels for the Congress now. Guests from foreign counties should prepare all the necessary documents for visiting the Russian Federation in advance.

- All the questions concerning the tickets and the events during the Congress should be addressed to the [Congress' official partners](#) or directly to the President of the Organizing Committee Carlos Torres [English, Spanish, Russian: Cellular: +7 (911) 912-9867; [salsaviva@mail.ru](mailto:salsaviva@mail.ru)], who will help you to book the tickets.
- All the questions concerning the accomodation, visas etc. should be addressed to our official agent «Kalinka International», who will help you to book the hotel room and to get the visa [Litejnyj avenue 61, office 18, Saint Petersburg, Russia, phones: +7 (812) 973-6282, +7 (812) 273-9636; fax: +7 (812) 119-8017;

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We will waiting for you on our Congress!

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### 28 June 2006, Wednesday

- 21:00–00:00 — pre-party: «Havana club»: Moskovskij avenue 21, «Tehnologi•eskij institut» metro station.

### 29 June 2006, Thursday

- 21:00–00:00 — pre-party (feat. Miguel Verdecia): «Havana club»: Moskovskij avenue 21, «Tehnologi•eskij institut» metro station.

### 30 June 2006, Friday

- 19:00–21:10 — [workshops](#): University of Technology & Design: Boljšaja Morskaja street 18;
- 23:00–06:00 — grand opening of the Congress. Shows & salsa party: «Port» club: Antonenko lane 2, «Sennaja ploš•adj» metro station.

### 01 July 2006, Saturday

- 14:00–17:20 — [workshops](#): University of Technology & Design: Boljšaja Morskaja street 18;
- 21:00–23:00 — salsa boat trip along Neva river: m/s «Moscow-124», departure: Robespierre embankment (T-cross with •ernyševskogo street), «•ernyševskaja» metro station; arrival: Admiraltejskaja embankment, not far from The Brazen Horseman (Peter the Great monument), 5-minute walk to the «Port» club;
- 23:00–06:00 — grand opening of the Congress. Shows & salsa party: «Port» club: Antonenko lane 2, «Sennaja ploš•adj» metro station.

### 02 July 2006, Sunday

- 14:00–17:20 — [workshops](#): University of Technology & Design: Boljšaja Morskaja street 18;
- 20:00–01:00 — closing of the Congress. Salsa party: «Revolution» club: Sadovaja street 28, «Gosinyj dvor» metro station.
- The programme can be changed by Organizing Committee.

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## Workshops

**30 June 2006, Friday**

Time	Hall #1	Hall #2	Hall #3
19:00 20:00	<b>Santo Rico</b> Cha cha chá	<b>Tania Santiago</b> Ladies' styling «on clave»	<b>Yasser Saria</b> Rumba
20:10 21:10	<b>Felipe Polanco</b> Footwork «on clave»	<b>Santo Rico</b> Partnerwork «on 2»	<b>Salsa Lovers</b> Casino Miami

**01 July 2006, Saturday**

14:00 15:00	<b>Felipe Polanco &amp; Tania Santiago</b> Cha cha chá	<b>Ahtoy Borja</b> Ladies' styling «on 2»	<b>Yasser Saria</b> Rumba
15:10 16:10	<b>Santo Rico</b> Partnerwork «on 2»	<b>Moni</b> Partnerwork «on 1»	<b>Salsa Lovers</b> Rueda de casino
16:20 17:20	<b>Felipe Polanco</b> Footwork «on clave»	<b>Moni</b> Partnerwork «on 1»	<b>Salsa Lovers</b> Casino Miami

**02 July 2006, Sunday**

14:00 15:00	<b>Santo Rico</b> Cha cha chá	<b>Tania Santiago</b> Ladies' styling «on clave»	<b>Salsa Lovers</b> Casino Miami
15:10 16:10	<b>Santo Rico</b> Partnerwork «on 2»	<b>Moni</b> Partnerwork «on 1»	<b>Salsa Lovers</b> Rueda de casino
16:20 17:20	<b>Felipe Polanco &amp; Tania Santiago</b> Partnerwork «on clave»	<b>Moni</b> Partnerwork «on 1»	<b>Salsa Lovers</b> Casino Miami

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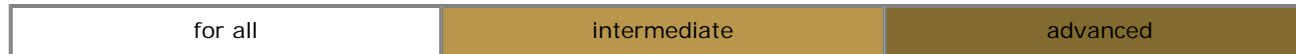
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#### Felipe Polanco

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The World's Salsa Star Felipe Polanco (Puerto Rico) has his own unique style, which is characterized by miraculous beauty of all movements. Workshops, which Maestro will realize in St. Petersburg, include dance technique, styling and partnerworks — from basic level to advanced one. Felipe would like to pay great attention to rhythmic pattern «clave», which is the key to Latin-American music.

- see [video](#) of felipe polanco & tania santiago | 4.9 Mb;

#### Tania Saniago

puerto rico

Tania started her professional career in the age of 17 in Papito's «Jala Jala» dance group where she met Felipe Polanco. She took part in the number of concerts of Gilberto Santa Rosa, Tito Puente etc.; performed and taught on many world's famous salsa congresses and festivals. Her dance characterized by elegance simplicity and real beauty.

- see [video](#) of felipe polanco & tania santiago | 4.9 Mb;

#### René & Jeanette Gueits

miami, usa | [www.salsalovers.com](http://www.salsalovers.com) | «salsa lovers»

«Salsa Lovers» dance company, which headed by René & Jeanette Gueits, transformed tradicional Cuban casino into the hottest dance worldwide by appearing on numerous television programs, articles, live performances and even filming their own National televised Visa commercial.

- see [video](#) of «salsa lovers» | 4.8 Mb;

#### Daniel Leonor

new york, usa | [www.santorico.com](http://www.santorico.com) | «santo rico»

Daniel Bernard Leonor was introduced to the world of music and dance for the first time in 2001 by his father Daniel Sr., by enrolling him into «Santo Rico» dance school. Despite having no prior dance training Danny excelled at an exceedingly rapid rate, earning him a spot in Santo Rico's semi-professional team, «Xibicion» Santo Rico a year or so later, and then soon after into Santo Rico's professional team, becoming one of Santo Rico's premier talents. Aside from being a senior member in Santo Rico's pro team, he has also become one of Santo Rico's

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premier instructors. As a representative of Santo Rico, Danny has traveled to Italy, Korea, Japan, Switzerland, Rome, Belgium, Germany, France, Puerto Rico, Spain, Canada and all over the United States.

- see [video](#) of «santo rico» | 3.9 Mb;

## Ahtoy Borja

[new york, usa](#) | [www.santorico.com](http://www.santorico.com) | «santo rico»

Ahtoy was raised for a career in dance since childhood as she studied ballet, jazz, and modern dance in Guam and intermittently with the Houston and San Francisco Ballet companies. She was also a competitive Latin and Ballroom dancer in the collegiate circuit. Ahtoy's performance experience extends from dance to musical theater where she has held key roles in Guam and in New York. Ahtoy's Mambo training, however, has come from «Santo Rico» dance school. Upon joining Santo Rico Ahtoy emerged as one of its top students and was invited to train with the school's semi-pro team, «Xibicion» Santo Rico where she eventually also became co-captain of the team and the girl's coach of their styling and spinning technique, and performed at some of New York City's top events as a part of Xibicion. She is currently dancing with Santo Rico's professional dance team, but is still coaching the semi-pro team's girls. Last year Ahtoy caused a real sensation of [5<sup>th</sup> Salsa Congress](#) in St. Petersburg.

- see [video](#) of «santo rico» | 3.9 Mb;

## Yasser Saria

[cuba, finland](#) | [www.bailabaila.fi](http://www.bailabaila.fi) | «baila baila»

Yasser graduated from Cuban Instituto Superior de Arte (ISA), Havana and Escuela Profesional de Arte de Santa Clara (EPA). He has worked for ages in many dance ensembles, so he is a professional choreographer of the highest level. In 2005 he won the first prize on the Competición de rueda Bailar Casino in Havana; and the second prize on the Competición de coreografía de salsa de Escandinavia (2006, Sweden). Now he lives in Helsinki, Finland and works in «Baila Baila» dance school.

- see [video](#) of «baila baila» | 4.4 Mb.

## Simeon «Moni» Stefanov

[sofia, bulgaria](#) | [www.streetsalseros.com](http://www.streetsalseros.com) | «street salseros»

Moni (Simeon Stefanov) is a professional dancer, teacher and choreographer, who owns one of the leading and biggest salsa studios in Sofia BG. His origin is Bulgarian but his mother was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This fact explains that she had seen emotionally connected to Latino culture and dancing since childhood. He gains knowledge while learning from the best salsa instructors, during his traveling all over Europe and America. His professional skills and experience are enriched in the courses of numerous private lessons in the classes of the best Bulgarian teachers in classic ballet, ballroom dancing, modern dancing and hip-hop. His will and talent enable him to create his own salsa dance studio StreetSalseros, which turns out to be one of the most popular and visited clubs in Bulgaria. He has been invited to the TV shows, took part in musical videos, has been a judge in several national salsa competitions. Lately, together with one of the leading European TV shop companies, he completed and prepared for issue a CD latino dance self instructor video. Due to his perfect dance skill Moni won 3<sup>rd</sup> Professional Prize on Hamburg salsa congress (2003) and 1<sup>st</sup> Prize on the UK salsa congress (2005).

## Performers

- Felipe Polanco & Tania Santiago (puerto rico);
- «Salsa Lovers» (miami, usa);
- «Santo Rico» (new york, usa);
- Yasser Saria (cuba, finland);
- Miguel Verdecia & «Baila Baila» (cuba, finland);
- «Salsa Union» (moscow, russia);
- «Svoja škola» (moscow, russia);
- «NY Style» (moscow, russia);

- «Latino Club» (moscow, russia);
- «La Esencia Latina» (moscow, russia);
- «Salsa Viva» (st. petersburg, russia);
- «Sierra Maestra» (st. petersburg — moscow, russia);
- «Tequila Dance» (st. petersburg, russia);
- «Salsita» (st. petersburg, russia);
- «Salsa Rita» (st. petersburg, russia)
- and more.

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- DJ Sí (cuba, russia);
- DJ Alexis (moscow, russia);
- ToljkoVot DJ (st. petersburg, russia).

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3 workshops	50 eur	60 eur	70 eur
2 workshops	40 eur	50 eur	60 eur
party pass: 3 parties (Fri, Sat, Sun)	30 eur	30 eur	40 eur
salsa boat trip along Neva river	10 eur	10 eur	15 eur

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