



# Edelweiss Premier Ballroom Newsletter



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*HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
TO YOU ALL!  
Edelweiss Premier Ballroom*



### TOP 10 STUDENTS 2016 PRIZE AWARDS

**1st Place** \$1000 Prize Award (\$500 Voucher towards Caribbean Classic 2017 and \$500 towards Great Gatsby Gala 2017)

**2nd Place**—\$700 Prize Award (\$350 Voucher towards Caribbean Classic 2017 and \$350 towards Great Gatsby Gala 2017)

**3-5 Places** -10 Free Entries (5 Entries towards Caribbean Classic 2017 and 5 entries towards Great Gatsby Gala 2017)

**6-10 Places** -3 Free Entries (\$120 value) towards Caribbean Classic 2017+ 3 Free Entries towards Great Gatsby Gala 2017

Top Newcomer, Bronze, Silver and Open Gold Students will receive \$150 Voucher towards Vegas Open 2017



*Hollywood Dancesport 2016*  
Congratulations to all the  
competitors. Great Job!



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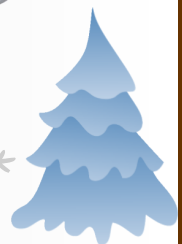
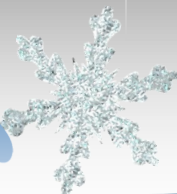
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## Winter Showcase 2016

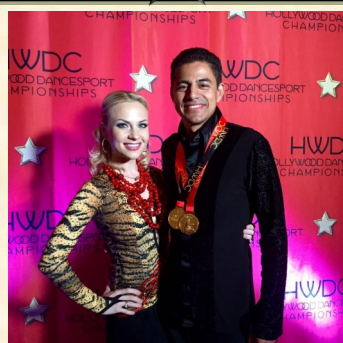
Date : Sunday, December 18, 2015

2:00 PM– 8:00PM

Call studio for more information  
(909) 660-0665



# Hollywood Dancesport 2016



**Congratulations to Alex Poveda with his first Pro/Am competition with Alla and placing 1st in 2 and 3 Dance Bronze American Rhythm Multi-Dance Challenges.**



**Rose with the 1st place in performing a Solo Routine "The Mask"**



**Congratulations to John Ericksen with his first Pro/Am competition with**



**Terrific job, Hanna Toppenberg! 1st places in all Bronze Latin single dances and 1place in Bronze 3 Dance Latin Multi-**



**Fantastic job, Mishella and Daniel! 1st places in Pre-Teen 1 and 2 Ballroom and Latin Championships!**



**Well Done, Joan Bys! Congrats with 1st place in Open Bronze Ballroom Championship "A"**



**Wonderful job, Gina Hsu with placing 1st in all open gold International Ballroom single dances and 1st places in Open Gold 2 and 3 Dance Ballroom Multi-Dance Challenges! Congrats with making the Final in Open Senior Ballroom Scholar-**



**Great job, Lillian Torres! All 1st places in Bronze Ballroom and Latin single dances and 1st places in 2 and 3 Bronze Ballroom Multi-Dance Challenges!**





**Well Done, Eleanor Yu! Congrats with 3rd place in Bronze American Smooth Scholarship and 2 places in Bronze 2 and 3 Dance Multi-Dance Challenges!**



**Splendid job, Anita Gilfillan! 3rd and 2nd places in 2 and 3 Dance Bronze Ballroom Multi -Dance Challenges! Great job on making the final and placing 4th in the**



**Fabulous job, Kathy Wimmer! Congrats with 1st place in all Silver American Smooth dances and 1st place in Silver American Smooth Championship and 4th place in**



**Well done, Kathy Purkey, with 1st pro/am competition in Bronze American Rhythm and placing in the top 2 in the newcomer and beginner levels!**

## *How Dance Changed My Life*

*- Kimberly Gilfillan*

On March 18, 2016, I attended to the Royal Ball gala with my mom, Anita to watch her dance competition. As I was standing in the foyer of the beautiful 1923 historical-cultural landmark of the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, surrounded by frescos and murals, carved marble fountains and columns, crystal chandeliers and embroidered tapestries and there I stood at 262 miserable pounds almost in tears. I wore an oversized dress, scarf and all covered up, wishing I wasn't there. I watched beautiful women in their stunning gowns pass by me making things worse. That was the worst night and the best night for me. I knew at that point something needed to change. I needed to change. By change, I mean I needed to lose weight.

Shortly after The Royal Ball gala, I started to take group classes then private lessons with Daniel Buhala. I decided to do my first showcase just to surprise my parents with no intentions of pursuing dancing. The lesson after the showcase, I remember going up to Daniel asking excitedly "what are you going to teach me?" I took more and more dance lessons and I continue learning from Daniel. At some point, I fell in love with dancing. Daniel was also part of me learning to love to dance. He saw something in me I didn't and pushed me out of my comfort zone which continues to this day.

As I write this, I am now less than 200 pounds almost entirely due to dancing. If it wasn't for that horrible night at The Royal Ball gala, I would not be where I am now. That night was the catalyst to my new journey. I still have a lot more weight to lose, new dances to learn and a goal to compete someday.

On March 17, 2017, I plan to go back to The Royal Ball gala in a beautifully fitted cocktail dress at my goal weight with tears of excitement. If it wasn't for dancing, I wouldn't be where I am today.

**Current Edelweiss Premier Ballroom  
Pro-Am Student Ranking  
(as of Ohio Star Ball 2016)**

1. Roseann Wherry—4788 pts.
2. Taka Suzuki—2796 pts. (CC+RB 582)
3. Sal Rodriguez - 2530 pts.
4. Lillian Torres—2342 (RB 300)
5. Anita Gilfillan—1966 pts. ( CC +RB210 )
6. Kathy Wimmer—1520pts.(RB 174)
7. Eleanor Yu—1481 pts. (CC+RB 447)
8. Marliyn, Olson—914 pts.(CC 165)
9. Dorene Olson—811 pts.(CC 160)
10. Joan Bys—721 pts
11. Victoria Tallackson - 491 pts.
12. Gina Hsu—491 pts.
13. Tammy Thompson—450 pts./CC 30
14. Kamelia Simaenova - 426 pts
15. Rose Grey - 332 pts.
16. Kathy Boyle—278 pts.(RB 60)
17. Alex Poveda - 207 pts.
18. Steven Schneider - 192 pts.
19. Jon Ericksen - 191 pts.
20. Kathy Purkey - 176 pts.
21. John Tallackson—80 pts.
22. Raquel Moya—34 pts./CC 34
23. Hanna Toppenberg - 32 pts.(RB 32)

**Current Top Newcomer, Bronze, Silver, and  
Open Gold Students**

**(as of Ohio Star Ball 2016)**

**American Smooth Bronze**

1. Roseann Wherry—31 pts.
2. Eleanor Yu—6 pts.

**American Rhythm Bronze**

1. Roseann Wherry—18pts.
2. Steve Schinder—1 pts.

**International Standard Bronze**

1. Taka Suzuki - 7 pts.
2. Anita Gilfillan - 4 pts.

**International Latin Bronze**

1. Hanna Toppenberg—1pts.
2. Kamelia Semeonova—1 pts.
3. Kathy Wimmer—3 pts.

**American Smooth Silver**

1. Taka Suzuki—2 pts.
2. Marilyn Olson—2 pts.

**International Standard Silver**

1. Kathy Wimmer 4 pts.

**International Standard Open Gold**

1. Kathy Boyle - 2 pts.
2. Gina Hsu - 2pts.

**Congratulations to all  
Scholarship Prize  
Winners in November!**

**Autumn & Orange 2016**

**Tammy Thompson— \$400**  
1st Places in Closed Silver  
Ballroom Scholarships "B" and  
"A"!

**American Style Bronze**

1. Taka Suzuki 21 pts (S)
2. Roseann Wherry 31pts (S)
3. Kathy Wimmer 10 pts (S)
4. Roseann Wherry 19 pts (R)
5. Eleanor Yu 8 pts (S)
6. Steve Schneider 1 pt (R)

**International Style Bronze**

1. Kathy Wimmer 8 pts (ST)
2. Anita Gilfillan 10 pts (ST)
3. Taka Suzuki 9 pts (ST)
4. Kathy Wimmer 3pts (S)
5. Stella Wan 2 pts (L)
6. Kamelia Simeonova 2pt (L)
7. Hanna Toppenberg 1pt (L)

**American Style Silver**

1. Marilyn Olson 10 pts (S)
2. Vanessa Paulson 4 pts (S)
3. Taka Suzuki 3 pts (S)
4. Monica Ng 1 pt (S)
5. Erica Chisholm 1 pt (S)
6. Victoria Tallackson 1 pt (S)
7. Sal Rodriguez 1 pt (S)

**International Style Silver**

1. Kathy Boyle 7 pts (ST)
2. Kathy Wimmer 4 pts (ST)

**International Style Open  
Gold Ballroom**

1. Gina Hsu 4pts (ST)
2. Kathy Boyle 2pts (ST)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

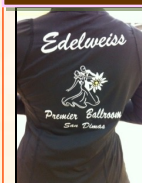
**Pat Traymore**  
December 14th

**Winter Showcase**  
December 18th  
2:00pm - 8:00pm

**Upcoming  
Competitions**

**California Star Ball**  
November 25th-27th  
Hyatt, LAX

**WDC Amature  
World Championships**  
December 2nd-4th  
Paris, France



**Only \$75**

Number of Couples							
PI	1-2	3-6	7-12	13-18	19-24	25-36	37-54
1.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
2.			1	2	3	4	5
3.				1	2	3	4
4.					1	2	3
5.						1	2
6.							1
7.							