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So, you think Milwaukee can Salsa?

Local dancers get ready to “step it up” at Noche de Sabor Carnivale Event

(Milwaukee, WI.) September 24, 2008. The Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee (HPGM) is celebrating its Hispanic heritage at an upcoming fundraising event on Friday, October 3, at the Italian Community Center in Downtown Milwaukee.

HPGM’s Carnivale fundraiser will include live music from *Clave & Afinque* and live Samba, Salsa and Capoeira demonstrations and lessons.

“This fun celebration offers networking in a social atmosphere, and the opportunity to show and improve dancing skills.” said Yvonne Brodsky, Executive Director of HPGM. “It supports programs and operations, including the organization’s scholarship programs”

More than 40 individuals from the greater Milwaukee area are learning the moves to Salsa at the event. These individuals are currently taking Salsa lessons through HPGM’s Cultural Connections, a program designed to increase the awareness of the Latino heritage.

HPGM member, Christine Almeida, has been leading the dance class up to the fundraiser finale.

“I’m so proud of what our dancers have been able to accomplish in such a short time, some who have never danced really before,” said Almeida. “It has been a lot of fun working with this class, and I know they will be ready to light up the dance floor at the October 3 event.”

Almeida is a dance instructor with the Latin Dance Company, who holds her classes in collaboration with HPGM and the United Community Center.

Noche de Sabor is HPGM’s 4th fundraiser, with a goal of \$25,000. Tickets are still available for \$50 a person, including light dinner and Bacardi drinks. For more information, visit www.hpgm.org.

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