

Tiempo Tango Chicago

Chicago's Premiere Tango Dance Ensemble



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Romantic melodies ...

Seductive rhythms ...

Tiempo Tango Chicago - It's time to Dance !

Whether tango dancer or music appreciator, ***Tiempo Tango Chicago*** will move your heart and soul.

With its superbly performed arrangements of tango classics – including Piazzolla and Villoldo, ***Tiempo Tango Chicago*** performs with originality and style.

Founded by Chicago flutist and tanguera (tango dancer), Julie Koidin, ***Tiempo Tango Chicago*** is an instrumental quartet:

Julie Koidin (flute)

Joe Vito (accordion) and Julien Labro (bandoneon)

Irina Feoktistova and Kevin Disch (piano)

John Tuck (bass)

We also perform regularly with **guest artists:**

Damian Rivero (Vocals – Argentina)

&

Gerardo Perez (bandoneon – Uruguay)

Dancers and Dance Instruction Also Available...

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Grand Opening of American Tango Institute Brings Large Crowd

By Sue Yan

The grand opening reception of the American Tango Institute (ATI) was spectacular. The ballroom was ornately decorated and the air of excitement was contagious. The Hon. Boris Svetogorsky, Consul General of Uruguay; Manuel Medina, Officer for Language and Cultural Affairs at the Chicago Public Schools, Juan Calixto, Chairman of Latinos in Development; and Manuel Flores, Alderman of the First Ward joined in for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The live band performance by **Tiempo Tango Chicago Ensemble**, directed by Julie Koidin and accompanied by Maestro Gerardo Perez, bandoneonist from Uruguay, was better than recorded music. Their music pieces and the sound system was more than I had hoped for. I felt like I was being transported to Argentina with the spectacular dancers and music.

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"I cannot believe that a brand new Tango group from the Midwest can produce such a sound ... that makes you want to get up and dance"

- George Drivakos, Tango DJ

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Chicago Bursts with Live Music

By Sarah R. Graff

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Chicago has been exploding with tango activity this year. Just check the Tango Noticias calendar and you will see that every day of the week is jam packed with different *milongas*, *practicas*, workshops, special events, and festivals (3 this year so far!). In addition, we also can proudly say that we are the home of one tango ensemble, one tango orchestra, and an array of fantastic musicians that are providing live music to the thirsty ears and feet of dancers here...

...**Tiempo Tango Chicago** is the first tango ensemble to call Chicago its home. Founded by Dr. Julie Koidin, a local *tanguera* and internationally recognized flutist, the ensemble includes Julie (flute), Joe Vito (accordion/piano), Julien Labro (bandoneon), Irina Feoktistova (piano) and John Tuck (bass). The ensemble had their debut on Sunday, May 22, 2005 and they have been actively performing ever since. Tiempo Tango plays concerts at many venues in the Chicago area including Martyrs', The Old Town School of Folk Music, The Chicago Cultural Center, and the Hot House drawing tango dancers and non-dancers alike. Their repertoire focuses on Astor Piazzolla but they also have a dance repertoire that includes songs by Donato, Ramirez, Gardel, and Troilo. Tiempo Tango Chicago is organizing regularly scheduled performances at the Hot House in conjunction with tango lessons by local teachers and a milonga. Their next concert will be on Sunday, July 30, 2006 at the Hot House (31 E Balbo) after an introductory tango lesson by Misha Goro and Sarah Graff of the Chicago Tango Project. To learn more about Tiempo Tango Chicago and listen to some of their audio recordings you can visit their website: <http://www.tiempotango.com>.

So Chicagoans, our cry for live music has been answered! Now it is up to us to support these superb artists by dancing away at their performances. For the most up-to-date information on tango related events in the Chicago area, visit the Tango Noticias calendar page: <http://www.tangonoticias.com/calendar>

Tiempo Tango Chicago Musician Profiles



Julie Koidin ~ Flute

Julie Koidin, flutist, is a native of Chicago, and an active freelance flutist. She heads the classical group *A Touch of Class Ensembles*, and also performs Brazilian and South American music in her duo with guitarist/vocalist Paulinho Garcia, *Dois no Choro*, which has recorded two CDs---*Carinhoso* and *Juntos*. The latter received two first round nominations in the 2003 *Latin Grammy Awards*. Both CDs include music of Astor Piazzolla, as well as other Argentine selections. In 2002 Julie received the top position in both the U.S. and Brazil for a Fulbright Lecture-Research Grant. Julie completed her doctorate in flute performance at Northwestern University in 2006, with her thesis on Brazilian *choro* music. In 2006 Julie was invited to perform solo at the International Grand Tango Congress in Auckland, New Zealand.

Besides Julie's musical accomplishments, she is also an avid tango dancer, dancing in Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Norway, New Zealand, Cologne, Germany, Montreal, New York, Boston, Washington, D.C. and of course, her hometown, Chicago. Her primary tango instructor from 2002 to present is Marcelo Martins (Rio de Janeiro), but she has also studied in Buenos Aires and in Chicago with her main teachers including Fred Romero; Valentina Cisar and Campaña Tango Danza's Andrea Missé and Leandro Palou.



Joe Vito ~ Accordion

Born in Chicago, Joseph Vito started formal training at age seven. After earning a Bachelor's degree in music composition from DePaul University, Vito entered the Navy, where his interest in jazz began. Vito later worked as a studio musician at CBS, and in the 1960s freelanced as pianist, orchestra leader, and conductor; playing many radio and TV commercial spots. Since 1983 Vito has teamed up with jazz violinist, Johnny Frigo, appearing at such venues as the *North Sea Jazz Festival* in Holland, and the *Umbrian Jazz Festivals* in Perugia and Orvieto. Vito also performs with Doc Severinsen in concerts with the *Milwaukee Symphony*, *Minneapolis Symphony*, *National Symphony* (Washington, D.C.), the *Phoenix Symphony*, the *Colorado Symphony* (Denver) and at Copley Symphony Hall (San Diego, CA).

As a guest soloist, Vito appeared with the *Warsaw Philharmonic* at their 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2001 and has accompanied tenor Luciano Pavarotti on numerous occasions, including the performance of the *Three Tenors* in Chicago. He has performed with the *Lyric Opera of Chicago* and the *Chicago Symphony*.



Irina Feoktistova ~ Pianist

Irina graduated from St. Petersburg Conservatoire, Russia. Classically trained pianist, she has been touring in Russia, Europe and USA as a soloist, piano duo, an accompanist with the singers and most recently with the world's leading performer of Baroque Trumpet Crispian Steele-Perkins.

Since she came to the United States in 1998, Irina has performed extensively in Chicagoland area as a piano accompanist in musical theaters. Irina is involved in various projects performing Russian and American Contemporary Music. She is affiliated with MAVerick Ensemble in Chicago and The

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John Tuck ~ Double Bass

John is a member of the *Lake Forest Symphony*, the *Northwest Indiana Symphony* and also the *Des Moines Metro Opera*. He has performed with the *Chicago Symphony*, the *Saint Louis Symphony*, and the *Chicago Chamber Orchestra* and has participated in the *Aspen Music Festival*, *Spoletto Festival USA* and *Festival dei due Mondi* (Spoleto, Italy). In addition, John Tuck has toured Asia with the *Hollywood Concert Orchestra* (playing electric bass), has performed with the *Three Tenors*, Andre Boccellian and *Manheim Steamroller*, and has played in numerous jazz, folk, and experimental music ensembles. He received his Masters of Music degree from the Northwestern University School of Music.



Julien Labro ~ Bandoneon

Julien Labro is originally from Marseille France, where he graduated from the Marseille Conservatory of Music at only age 15. He quickly began winning international awards, taking first prize in the Coupe Mondiale in 1996 and the Castelfidardo Competitions in 1997. After sweeping first place in the Marcel Azzola, Jo Privat and Medard Ferrero competitions in 1995 and 1998, Labro began studying under internationally acclaimed accordion maestro Peter Soave. The liason with Soave resulted in Labro moving to the United States.

Labro has toured extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe, performing in France, Italy, Slovenia, Andorra, Portugal, Germany, Croatia, Finland and Sweden. He has been a guest artist with the Grosse Pointe Symphony, the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony among others. Labro has performed at the International Finnish Accordion Festival, and the International Las Vegas Accordion Convention.

Labro's recent jazz activities include performances at numerous jazz venues and festivals. As one of the winners of the 2004 Heineken Jazz Starquest, Labro took the spotlight at the 2004 Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival. Labro's performance with the ensemble The Hot Club of Detroit drew rave reviews and garnered a rating of "Best Newcomers" to the festival by Detroit Free Press Music Critic, Mark Stryker. Stryker noted that Labro's solos were played with "jaw dropping virtuosity." In 2005, Labro won 1st prizes in the Art Van Damme Intl. Jazz Accordion Competition (Dallas, TX), the Vivian Stolaruk Intl. Entertainment Award (Detroit, MI), and the 2005 Heineken Jazz Starquest as a member of the eclectic sounds of the Jonathan Dixon Quintet.

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Tiempo Tango Chicago

Performances 2005-2006



Tiempo Tango Chicago

Sunday, December 31, 2006

7:00-9:00 p.m.

First Night Evanston

-North Shore Hotel,
1161 Chicago Ave., Evanston, IL

Friday, December 29, 2006

9:30-11:30 p.m.

Hot House

- 31 E. Balbo, Chicago, IL

Saturday, December 9, 2006

9:00 p.m. - midnight

International Tango Festival

- Madison, WI

Saturday, October 21, 2006

International Tango Congress

- Auckland, NZ

- (Julie Koidin, solo flute)

Sunday, August 27, 2006

8:30-10:30 p.m.

Hot House

- 31 E. Balbo, Chicago, IL

- First International Tango Festival

Sunday, July 30, 2006

8:30-10:30 p.m.

Hot House

- 31 E. Balbo, Chicago, IL

- With special guest:

James Sanders, violin

Sunday, June 4, 2006

8:30-10:30 p.m.

Hot House

- 31 E. Balbo, Chicago, IL

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

8:30-10:30 p.m.

Old Town School of Folk Music

- 4544 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL

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Tiempo Tango Chicago

Saturday, March 18, 2006

6:00 p.m.

- With special guest:
Gerardo Perez, Bandoneon

Concert & Grand Opening Celebration of
Mariposa Dance Studio

Martyr's

- Chicago, IL

Saturday, January 28, 2006

7:30 p.m.

Concert & Milonga

Hogeye Folk Arts Concert Series

- Lake Street Church, MacLeish Hall
607 Lake Street, Evanston

Thursday, January 19, 2006

7:30 p.m.

- With special guest: Gerardo Perez,
Bandoneon

**Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
& Milonga**

- **American Tango Institute**
325 N. Hoyne Ave – Suite c-404, Chicago, IL

Tuesday, December 20, 2005

12:15 p.m.

"Jazz Cafe" in December

- **Chicago Cultural Center**, Randolph Café
77 E. Randolph Street, Chicago, IL

Sunday December 18, 2005

6:00-9:00 p.m.

- With Special Guest: Nell Flanders, violin

Tango & Buffet

- **La Baraka Lebanese Restaurant**
8820 Skokie Blvd, Skokie, IL

Sunday November 13, 2005

1:30-3:30

Private Wedding Party

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Tiempo Tango Chicago

Sunday November 6, 2005

3:00 p.m.

"Ethnic Fest" Concert

- Lincolnwood Public Library

4000 W Pratt, Lincolnwood, IL

Sunday November 6, 2005

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Tango & Dinner

- La Baraka Lebanese Restaurant

8820 Skokie Blvd, Skokie, IL

Friday July 1, 2005

9:00 p.m.

Milonga Vida

- Mariposa

346 N Justine, Chicago, IL

Debut Performance !

Sunday May 22, 2005

11:30 a.m.

Tango Vida's "Spring Tango Brunch"

- Ridgemoor Country Club

6601 Gunnison Av, Chicago, IL