

Concordia Ballroom News October 2023

Concordia Aid Society (CAS), Inc., 1129 La Crosse Street, La Crosse, WI 54601

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Concordia's 2023–2024 Sunday Dance Season Is Underway!

Polka, Waltz, Foxtrot, Swing, and More 1-5 p.m. ~ Doors open at noon;

snacks and bar available.

\$10 Cover/ \$8 for Concordia Members



Rhythm Playboys October 1



Daddy's Girls October 8



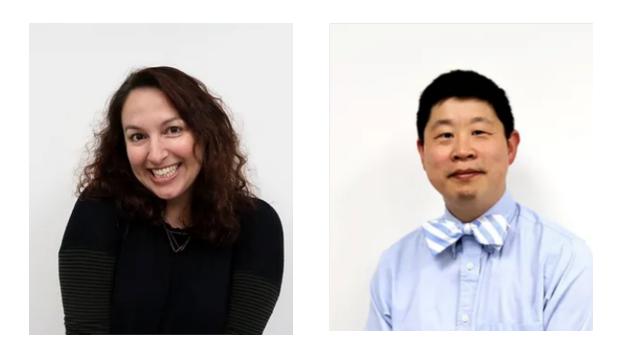
The Wendiger Band October 15



Barefoot Becky October 22



Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen October 29



Want To Learn To Dance? Do you need some *pizzazz* in your life? Try dancing!

Learn The Swing

Here's your chance to learn the swing from a pair of great teachers! <u>Perrin Iacopino and Eddie Kim</u> are teaching the swing at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesdays at <u>I&E Dance Studio</u>. Each class is drop-in, but you need to register

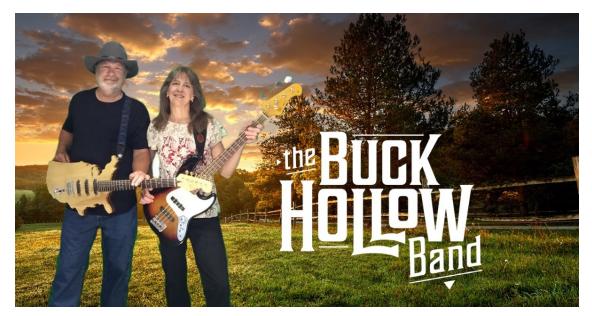
at <u>www.iandedancecompany.com/schedule</u>. If you can swing, you can attend any dance event and have fun, including old time, country, ballroom, rock and roll, wedding dances, and many others!

1920's and the Charleston

The Holmen Public Library is offering classes on dances from the 1920's on October 2nd and 16th , including the Charleston! Check it out <u>here</u>.

New This Season – Saturday Evening Dances!

Concordia is sponsoring several new dances this season to give you even more opportunities to extend your dance skills and hear great music. Check out these upcoming dances and keep an eye out for more announcements!



Come out September 30th from 7:00–10:30 to dance to something a bit different for the Concordia!

John and Teresa Condon are the Buck Hollow Band, providing country and rock classics . With 33 years of experience and over 3600 shows, they guarantee a fun and entertaining evening that will get you dancing.

Teresa plays bass guitar while John plays his custom-built guitars, and they both sing. They use meticulously-crafted drum tracks, created by John, who is also a drummer.

Their playlist includes legendary artists like Elvis Presley, Patsy Cline, The Beatles, Buddy Holly, Dwight Yoakum, Neal Diamond, Loretta Lynn, Jimmy Buffet, The Oak Ridge Boys, Dolly Parton, George Strait, Brooks and Dunn, Dire Straits, and The Georgia Satellites. \$15 Cover (\$10 Student with ID)



NEW RIVERSIDE RAMBLERS

04 November 2023 7:30 Pm - 10:30 Pm Cajun Dance Lesson at 6:30

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Mark your calendar on November 4th at 6:30 pm for an opportunity to dance to a two-time winner of the Cajun French Music Association (CFMA) "Prix Dehors" award!

The high-spirited Cajun dance music of the New Riverside Ramblers comes from the rich musical heritage of the bayous and prairies of south

Louisiana. The band covers a spectrum from old-style fiddle tunes, lively two-steps, soulful waltzes, gritty blues to rockin' honky-tonk sounds – all the sounds from the dance halls and back porches of rural Louisiana. The Cajun French vocals are at times plaintive, raucous, happy, or sad, but always expressive. Inspired by legendary Cajun musicians, the Ramblers overlay their own infectious feel that gets toes tapping. Their music can be as soulful as a sultry evening on the bayou or spicy enough to grab your boogie shoes – dancers and audiences always "pass a good time."

Karen Holden will be leading a Cajun dance lesson starting at 6:30. Music starts at 7:30. Come out and join the fun! \$15 Cover (\$10 for students with ID)



Join us for a Veterans Day Dance on Saturday, November 11th from 2-4:30 p.m. with Grumpy Old Men. They will play a collection of historic and patriotic hits. Cover is only \$5!



What's the difference between West Coast and East Coast Swing? (See answer below)



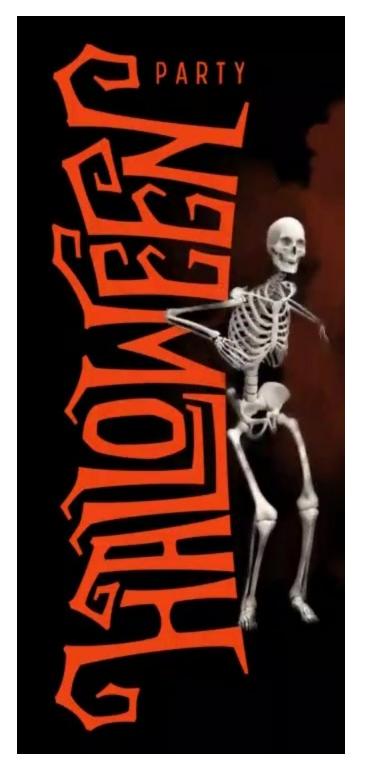
October 20th is the kickoff event for the Continental Dancers with lessons for <u>swing dancing</u> starting at 7 pm and the dance starting at 8! Lesson for second dance Oct 27th will be line dancing. Mark your calendars for a great season of ballroom dancing. Most of the dances feature LIVE BANDS! Come out to hear the music, even if you don't dance.

Lessons will include high energy swing dancing, some new line dances, and standard ballroom dances like rumba, cha cha, foxtrot, and waltz. No partner needed. Check <u>Facebook</u> or the <u>Continental website</u> for more info.

We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor!



Time Travelers - October 20th with lessons for swing dancing starting at 7 pm and the dance starting at 8! Sponsored by the Continental Dancers.



October 27 - Club DJ - Line Dance lesson at 7. Dance starts at 8. Wear your favorite costume! Sponsored by the Continental Dancers.

Monthly Events at the Concordia



500 CARD GAMES Mon/Wed/Fri 1-3 p.m. Arrive by 12: 45 to start on time!

STAR PROGRAM Weekly exercise for people with disabilities, including Parkinson's. contact: starcenterlacrosse.org

ZUMBA Tu/Th 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. contact: ncarmosini@gmail.com

SQUARE DANCING Square Dancing For Oct. dances, please contact Bob & Barb Cibulka 507.895.6453



Love has kept the Concordia Ballroom open since 1891. Perhaps the oldest business in La Crosse, the Concordia has been a community meeting place for over 130 years. Many people tell us that they met their partner or spouse at the Concordia, or their parents or grandparents met here. No place in La Crosse is better at match-making than the Concordia!

Now it's your turn to share your love for the Concordia and the La Crosse community. You can start by attending an event, becoming a member, or stepping up to join the Board. Concordia members keep the building operating for public dances and private celebrations. We need Board Members who will lead and oversee operations and we need volunteers to take tickets, help in the kitchen, or serve beverages. Consider renting the Concordia for your next special event or celebration. Financial donations help us upgrade equipment, spruce up the space, or cover ongoing expenses. Memorial donations are a wonderful way

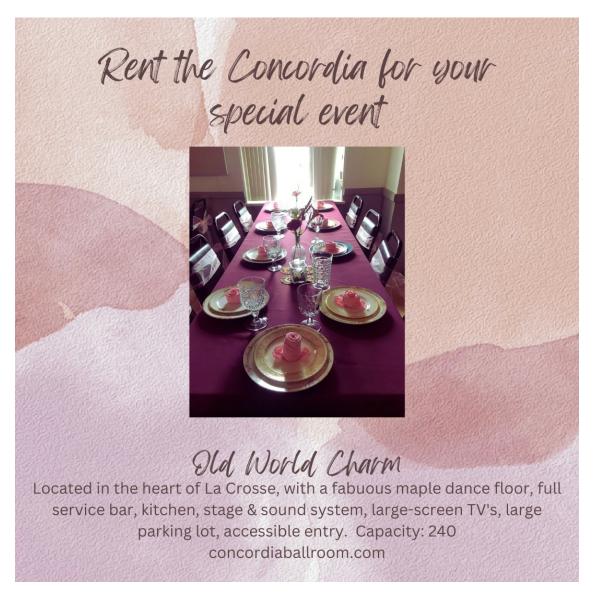
to celebrate someone's life, especially someone who enjoyed dancing or had a special place in their hearts for the Concordia Ballroom. Thank you!

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Trivia answer: There are many differences between the two styles. From the music, the structure, all the way to the techniques.

In terms of music, East Coast swing styles are characterized by fast blues and rock-and-roll. Meanwhile, West Coast swing is a lot more adaptable and can be danced to a variety of different music genres and songs. You can even dance to modern pop using West Coast techniques!

Additionally, East Coast swing is a rotational dance, while West Coast swing is a slotted dance.



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