

EVENT INFO for DANCE XPERIENCE PORTLAND 2016

FRIDAY AFTERNOON “TEA DANCE”: The Portland event will begin on Friday, April 22, 2016 at 2pm with our “Tea Dance”. This will be an extra afternoon session for Portland beginning at 2pm until 5pm. This Tea Dance will be primarily Social Dance but at 3pm, our Awesome DJ, Big Dave will be teaching a hot, new dance as an extra bonus!

NO ALCOHOL CAN BE BROUGHT INTO THE BALLROOM:

Under our event contract, **no one** is permitted to bring in any alcoholic beverages from outside the ballroom. However, for your convenience we have hired a mobile bar to be on site both Friday and Saturday nights from 7pm to 12am (midnight). There will be beer, wine and spirits available for purchase as you wish. We will be providing drinking water but you may bring your own water or all the soft drinks you want.

FOOD IN THE BALLROOM IS PERMITTED:

You may feel free to bring your own snacks into the ballroom at any time over the weekend.

On Saturday, there will be a 90-minute lunch break during which you may go outside to numerous nearby shops to eat. Or if you prefer, you may buy or bring your lunch and return to the ballroom to eat. There are tables on the first floor that will be available for eating and visiting.

On Sunday, we will be providing a complimentary lunch for all attendees during the lunch break from 1pm to 2pm. This will be served in the first floor table seating area. We will be providing an opportunity for vegetarians to request an alternative lunch offering.

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:

West End Ballroom: 1220 SW Taylor Street, Portland, OR 97205 (Ph: 503-427-1415)

The Paramount Hotel: 808 SW Taylor Street, Portland, OR 97205 (Ph: 503-276-1762)

University Place Hotel: 310 SW Lincoln St, Portland, OR 97201 (Ph: 503-221-0140)

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Portland is a city that has great public transportation options. **TriMet** provides bus, light rail and commuter rail transit services in the Portland, Oregon, metro area. Click on this link to access the www.TriMet.org website for fares, and instructions to travel by the TriMet system to lots of important places. On this website, click on the “Plan Your Trip” button and you can enter a starting and ending point of your choice for information on getting around the city via the TriMet system. Here are a few ideas that we already looked up to assist you in getting around the city.

From the Portland Airport

- to the Paramount Hotel: [DIRECTIONS-PARAMOUNT](#)
- to the University Place Hotel: [DIRECTIONS-UNIVERSITY](#)

To the West End Ballroom:

- from the University Place Hotel: [DIRECTIONS-WEB 1](#)
- from the Paramount Hotel: This is an easy walk of 1/4 mile (should take less than 15 minutes.)

UBER or LYFT RIDE SHARING:

Two ride-share services are available in Portland and using one of these services means you don't have to worry about how to get there or where to park when you do. You will have to go to the App Store and download these apps on your phone to be able to use them. Then you use the app to call for a ride

and the app can identify your location and let you know who is coming. We have shopped the following trips with UBER:

- From the airport to either hotel above runs about \$21-\$27 dollars with UBER X (up to 4 people). With UBER XL the cost is around \$32-\$41 (for up to 6 people).
- From the University Place Hotel to the Ballroom UBER X runs around \$6-\$8 and UBER XL is about \$8-\$11.

These prices are estimates and the LYFT prices should be similar. Please be aware that in some cities UBER uses a “factor” system that increases the cost of fares at peak times of the day. That should be shown on your UBER app whenever it is in effect so that you can decide if you wish to ride or not.

PARKING IN PORTLAND:

There is not much free parking in Portland. Most hotels charge to park your car even if you stay in their hotel. However there are many parking options and a lot of public parking lots available. Near our ballroom, we have located three lots that are within a block of the location. The one directly across the street is cheapest but requires coins for the machines. Another is in the block just adjacent to the ballroom and another is behind the building. Average prices are about \$6-\$12 a day or for Friday night. If you are driving, we suggest that you carpool if possible to save on parking. Be careful of parking on the street. All streets nearby have metered parking which is strictly enforced and tickets are given for overages.