



Ballroom Dancing Weekend

An enchanted world of music, dance, and romance awaits you during Mohonk's Ballroom Dancing Weekend! On Friday night, The Full Count Big Band will provide music for your dancing pleasure. On Saturday night, the George Gee Swing Orchestra adds an air of elegance to our black-tie-optional Gala Dance, performing classic ballroom music. On Sunday, join the farewell dance with DJ Gene

Eagle. Mohonk Mountain House, decorated for the holidays in Victorian splendor, welcomes you to the elegance of a bygone era where you and your partner can dance the night (and days) away. Demonstrations and workshops are designed to teach students at all levels of experience. The instructors—Candace Woodward-Clough, Laurie Shayler, and Jeni Breen—are well-known dancers, performers, and teachers. Beginners never fear! Even if you've never danced before, this weekend is tailored to provide a perfect introduction to the waltz, fox trot, swing, tango, rumba, and merengue. Intermediate and advanced students will refine their techniques and focus on new dance patterns throughout the weekend. So put on those dancing shoes and step out onto the dance floor for an unforgettable weekend of Ballroom Dancing!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Basics for Beginners

Meet your instructors. Is it your first time out on the dance floor, or do you simply need a refresher? Come early for a "quick start" and learn the steps that will carry you through the weekend. No experience needed!

9:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Welcome Dance

Celebrate your individual style as you dance to music provided by The Full Count Big Band, an 17-piece orchestra. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Beginning Salsa/Mambo and Cha-Cha

The basics of these sultry and rhythmic
Latin dances are easy to master
under the direction of our energetic
dance instructors.

Intermediate Fox Trot

New patterns and advanced techniques of leading and following will enhance the skills of guests with some prior experience in ballroom dancing.

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Beginning Swing

Learn the basics of single-step swing dance.

Advanced Swing

Dancers with a foundation in swing will enjoy learning some new combinations and styling possibilities in this lively swing class with Laurie Shayler. SATURDAY, continued

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Intermediate Tango

Dancers with some experience can use this opportunity to refine what they know and pick up some new techniques along the way with Jeni Breen.

Advanced Salsa/Mambo

Laurie will help experienced salsa/mambo dancers polish their steps with advanced patterns and shine work.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Beginner's Practice Time**Take some time to practice what you've learned before tonight's black-tie-optional dance. One of our instructors will be on-hand to help you perfect your moves.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Advanced Waltz

Dancers experienced with waltz will benefit from this class. Jeni will teach new patterns of this elegant dance while helping you refine your skills.

Intermediate Rumba and Merengue

Laurie will teach dancers with some knowledge of rumba and merengue.



SATURDAY, continued

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Beginning Fox Trot and Waltz Round off your dance experience with the classic fox trot, one of the most versatile ballroom dances, which can be adapted to a variety of musical styles. You'll learn important leading and following techniques, along with the basic steps of the fox trot.

9:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. The Ballroom Gala Dance! Celebrate and showcase your newly learned moves at our black-tie-optional dance with one of the most well-known ballroom dance bands, The George Gee Swing Orchestra.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:00 a m Practice Session

Dancers can use this hour to practice steps they've learned and get ready for the Farewell Dance.

11:00 a.m. Farewell Dance

This is the last chance to show off your newfound style and say good-bye to old and new friends, while dancing to music by DJ Gene Eagle.

THE BANDS

The George Gee Swing Orchestra deeply enjoys their hard-earned reputation as the swingin'est, blowin'est, hep-est classic big band in New York City. The 17-piece George Gee Swing Orchestra was the first big band to play on MTV, has been featured on "Live at Lincoln Center," and has dazzled audiences from Boston to Beverly Hills and from Zurich to Tokyo. Their repertoire focuses on the classic Big Band songbooks of legends like Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Lionel Hampton, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, and the Dorsey Brothers—but George Gee always ensures that even time-honored favorites are given a refreshing new twist. Learn more at www.georgegee.com.

The Full Count Big Band This 17-piece professional orchestra has been performing together for over a decade for swing dances, street fairs, charities, fundraisers, and jazz clubs in the metropolitan New York area. Their music is eclectic, not just nostalgic. Enjoy the live, vibrant, exciting sound of the Big Band.

Gene Eagle provides DJ services for ballroom dance performances and dance parties. All ballroom music has been time-corrected to strict tempo using International DanceSport Federation and National Dance Council of America guidelines. His comprehensive dance music library spans both traditional ballroom titles and contemporary pieces suitable for ballroom dancing. Gene has been dancing ballroom and swing for over 15 years, and has hosted events at various venues in the New York City area. He has performed with the Sandra Cameron Dancers, and is a member of the Big Apple Lindy Hoppers and the dance troupe of the New York Swing Dance Society.

THE INSTRUCTORS



Candace Woodward-Clough, founder of ballroom dance instruction at the New York Health and Racquet Club, has been a freelance teacher for two decades. She has danced in and choreographed off-Broadway, summer stock, movies, soap operas, and videos. Candace teaches at Princeton University and The Peddie School.

Laurie Shayler has performed and taught in New York City, and toured across the United States and throughout Europe and Asia. Laurie's company, Dance Connection, offers private and group classes, and specializes in wedding choreography.

Jeni Breen is the coordinator of the Argentine tango and salsa programs at the Sandra Cameron Dance Center in Manhattan. From 1976 until 1990, she was a performing member and rehearsal director for the legendary New York City modern dance company Donald Byrd The Group.



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SPECIAL BALLROOM DANCING WEEKEND RATES (per couple)

ENJOY A 20% DISCOUNT! Discounted weekend rates start at \$896* per couple (\$30 per person program fee is included in the rate)

Rate includes:

- * Traditional or Victorian room for two nights (double occupancy)
- * Six meals (Friday dinner through Sunday brunch)
- * All scheduled dance instruction
- * Two evening ballroom dances and a farewell dance
- * Afternoon tea and cookies, and most activities, including yoga, meditation, and fitness classes; use of the indoor heated swimming pool and fitness center in our Spa wing; cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and snow tubing (weather permitting)

IMPORTANT NOTE

A limited number of spaces are available for ballroom dancers. Be sure to specify that you are participating in the Ballroom Dancing program, Mohonk Mountain House does not provide dance partners.

When making reservations, please specify Ballroom Dancing.

*Applicable state and local taxes will be added to your bill. In lieu of tipping, a 12% gratuity is added to your daily room rate. A 15% gratuity is added to beverage checks and room service. An 18% gratuity is added to Spa services. Rates are subject to change without notice. A one-night deposit is charged at the time of booking.

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