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TEACHER PROFILE



GINA TE WHATA *Bootirobics/Samba*

Gina has been teaching street Latin Dancing since 1998 along with her brother Paul and has performed in several shows in Bahrain, Dubai, and Papua New Guinea. Being in the entertainment industry for over 30 years has never stopped Gina doing what she loves and is passionate about which is to perform, teach and help develop skilled or unskilled students. Gina has done workshops all over New Zealand including guest appearances on TV.

She has performed in high profiled dance groups such as “Latin Fever, Sabor Latino ” and “Celi’s Dance Troupe”. At present Gina has her own established dance group “Radiance Fusion” consisting of 3 ladies. Taking advantage of her other skill - singing, Radiance performs items such as Gloria Estafan, Tina Turner, Beyonce and dance routines such as Axe, Samba, Cuban Reggaeton, Mambo Shines, Rhumba and more. Gina and her brother Paul have been featured alongside great Latin bands in Auckland (e.g Kantuta and Matecito). In Bahrain they were runner up in Battle of the Bands for best costume.

This class consists of a warm-up (10 to 15 minutes) of body movement (broken down). These movements range from a variety of ethnic cultural dances (e.g African, Reggaeton, Belly dance, Bollywood, Mambo). Students are then taken through Samba basics and Footwork / arm styling. Students are encouraged to be creative and develop their own style in Samba. Students are also given the opportunity to put their skills to the test once a month at Mexican Café with Gina. This class is beginners to intermediate. Warm down is last 5 minutes of class.