

# From the community: Vito Magrone Named Teacher of the Month at Ballroom City



Vito Magrone is Ballroom City's teacher of the month in December 2016 (Posted by Vito Magrone, Community Contributor)

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**V**ito Magrone, professional ballroom and Latin dance instructor has been named teacher of the month at the Villa Park dance studio, Ballroom City.

Studio owners Mary Thygesen and Heidi Lucky have had a decades-long partnership with Magrone.

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"I'd very much like to thank my good friends Mary and Heidi for this" Magrone said, upon learning of the award, "it came as a surprise."

During that time, Magrone has hosted monthly dances at the studio several times a year, as well as special events.

The monthly dances begin with a half-hour group lesson, taught by Magrone. Each month, he focuses on a different Latin or ballroom dance. at Ballroom City, he has taught waltz, tango, swing, cha cha, rumba, samba, salsa, foxtrot and more. Magrone first teaches the group both the ladies' and gentlemen's part. He then puts couples together to master the new dance pattern. After that, they practice with music.

Social dancing begins at 8:00, and the charismatic Magrone hosts, while DJ Sandia Harrison plays ballroom and Latin favorites. Both couples and singles, as well as dancers of every skill level, from beginner to advanced, are welcome to attend both the group lesson and the social dance.

On the Ballroom City website, Magrone's forte are listed as "ballroom, Latin and fun!" The mention of fun is notable, because it is the only comment like it on the extensive list of instructors there. Magrone continues to be one of the studio's largest draws to events for both his talent as an instructor and for his larger-than-life, charming and entertaining personality.

Special events have included A Celebration in Black and White; a Sunday afternoon dance where attendees dress up in black and white clothing, and other special theme dances.

Magrone has also hosted an elegant New Years Eve dinner dance at Ballroom City, and is scheduled to do so again this year.

Ballroom City began recognizing a teacher of the month recently, within the past few months. The studio has been in operation since the 1980s.

More about Vito Magrone's career in dance can be found here: <http://just-dance.us/bio.html>

Upcoming dance dates are posted here: <http://just-dance.us/dances.php>

For a limited time, information regarding New Years Eve 2016 can be found here: <http://www.just-dance.us/newyear/> (this page will not be available after the event)

Vito Magrone's official blog is here: <http://vitomagrone.blogspot.com/>

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