

JOSE LUIS MALDONADO

Jose is a Latin dancer, choreographer, instructor, and competitor. He teaches many forms of Latin dance at La Luna Dance Studio in Bristol PA, Estilo Dance Studio in Philadelphia PA, and Eka Dance Academy in Philadelphia PA. Jose's recent accomplishments include:

- 1st place Champion in the Professional Salsa On1 Division, 2015 Global Salsa Championships with Loretta Chianese
- 1st place 2015 Disco America Cabaret Division with Loretta Chianese
- 1st place 2015 World Salsa Summit Qualifier Niagara Falls Professional Bachata Division with Loretta Chianese
- 1st place in the Professional Salsa On1 Division, 2014 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Loretta Chianese
- 1st place in the Professional Cabaret Bachata Division, 2014 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Loretta Chianese
- 1st place 2014 Global Salsa Champion Small Teams Division with Calle Luna Dance Company
- Vice Champions in the Professional Salsa On1 Division, 2016 Global Salsa Championships with Loretta Chianese
- Vice Champions in the Professional Cabaret Division, 2015 International Hustle and Salsa Competition with Loretta Chianese
- Vice Champions in the Professional Classic Bachata Division, 2015 Global Salsa Championships with Loretta Chianese
- Vice Champions in the Professional Salsa On1 Division, 2014 Global Salsa Championships with Loretta Chianese
- 2nd place in the Professional Salsa Division 2015 World Salsa Summit Qualifier Niagara Falls with Loretta Chianese
- 2nd place in the Professional Just Bachata Division 2015 World Salsa Summit Qualifier Niagara Falls with Loretta Chianese
- 2nd place in the Professional Just Salsa Division, 2014 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Loretta Chianese

- 2nd place in the Professional Just Bachata Division, 2014 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Loretta Chianese
- 2nd place in the Professional Salsa Division, 2013 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Loretta Chianese
- 2nd place in the Professional Bachata Division, 2013 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Loretta Chianese
- 2nd place in the Professional Just Salsa Division, 2013 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Loretta Chianese
- 2nd place in the Professional Just Bachata Division, 2013 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Loretta Chianese
- 2nd place in the Small Teams Division, 2013 Global Salsa Championships with Calle Luna Dance Company
- 2nd place in the Professional Salsa Division, 2011 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Loretta Chianese
- 3rd place in the Professional Just Dance Bachata Division, 2016 Global Salsa Championships with Loretta Chianese
- 3rd place in the Professional Cabaret Bachata Division, 2015 Global Salsa Championships with Loretta Chianese
- 3rd place in the Professional Just Salsa Division, 2015 World Salsa Summit Qualifier with Loretta Chianese
- 3rd place in the Classic Bachata Division, 2014 Global Salsa Championships with Loretta Chianese
- Finalist in the Professional Salsa On2 Division, 2015 Global Salsa Championships with Loretta Chianese
- Finalist in the Professional Salsa Open, 2015 International Hustle and Salsa Competition with Loretta Chianese
- Finalist in the Professional Salsa On2 Division, 2014 Global Salsa Championships with Loretta Chianese
- 5th place in the Professional Salsa On1 Division, 2013 Global Salsa Championships with Loretta Chianese
- Semi-finalist in the Professional Salsa On1 Division, 2011 World Latin Dance Cup with Loretta Chianese

Jose is currently training under Billy Fajardo, World Hustle, Swing, Cabaret, Salsa, and Merengue champion. He also trains privately with world renowned instructors, dancers, and choreographers Alex Morel and Desiree Godsell.

Jose Maldonado began his dancing career at the age of 4, in Puerto Rico, where he began studying the traditional Latin American folk dance called Bomba y Plena. His talent and early appreciation for dance led to a unique opportunity to study in a selective high school program for Creative and Performing Arts where he began learning Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Folk, Hip-Hop, and theater. At 14, Jose was invited to join the Betty Vega Dancers to perform Salsa at a number of East Coast locales including Philadelphia, New Jersey, Delaware, and New York City; he was soon promoted to lead male dancer and choreographer.

In 2002, Jose founded a teen dance group from Philadelphia named the City Latin Dancers who performed for the 2004 Rock the Vote Campaign, the 2005 Philadelphia Salsa Congress Kick-Off Party, and placed fourth in the 2004 Puerto Rican Festival. Soon, Jose's reputation for leadership and great performance led to an invitation to join Luna Negra Dance Company (La Luna's Professional Salsa Co. at the time). With Luna Negra, Jose began performing in international Salsa Congresses and continued to privately study with featured artists like Jayson Molina, Liz Lira, Salomon Torres, and the Italian sensation Tropical Gem. He then went on to become Captain of Calle Luna Dance Company.

Currently, Jose teaches group and private lessons out of La Luna Dance Studio, Estilo Dance Studio, and Eka Dance Academy in Philadelphia, PA. He is also a lead performer with La Luna Entertainment Group. For the last two years he has been choreographing for Mas Estilo Senior Youth Dance Team. Check out Jose in upcoming performances with his partner Loretta Chianese.

Loretta E. Chianese

Loretta is a competitive Latin dancer, choreographer, and instructor. She currently teaches at La Luna Dance Studio in Bristol, PA. Her competitive achievements include:

- 1st place Champion in the Professional Salsa On1 Division, 2015 Global Salsa Championships with Jose Maldonado
- 1st place 2015 Disco America Cabaret Division with Jose Maldonado
- 1st place 2015 Philadelphia Salsafest Professional Bachata Division with Jose Maldonado
- 1st place 2015 World Salsa Summit Qualifier Niagara Falls Professional Bachata Division with Jose Maldonado
- 1st place in the Professional Salsa On1 Division, 2014 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Jose Maldonado
- 1st place in the Professional Cabaret Bachata Division, 2014 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Jose Maldonado
- 1st place 2014 Global Salsa Champion Small Teams Division with Calle Luna Dance Company
- 1st place in the Female Team Division, 2013 Global Salsa Championships with Calle Luna Ladies
- Vice Champions in the Professional Salsa On1 Division, 2016 Global Salsa Championships with Jose Maldonado
- Vice Champions in the Professional Cabaret Division, 2015 International Hustle and Salsa Competition with Jose Maldonado
- Vice Champions in the Professional Classic Bachata Division, 2015 Global Salsa Championships with Jose Maldonado
- Vice Champions in the Professional Salsa On1 Division, 2014 Global Salsa Championships with Jose Maldonado
- 2nd place in the Professional Salsa Division 2015 World Salsa Summit Qualifier Niagara Falls with Jose Maldonado
- 2nd place in the Professional Just Bachata Division 2015 World Salsa Summit Qualifier Niagara Falls with Jose Maldonado

- 2nd place in the Professional Just Salsa Division, 2014 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Jose Maldonado
- 2nd place in the Professional Just Bachata Division, 2014 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Jose Maldonado
- 2nd place in the Professional Salsa Division, 2013 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Jose Maldonado
- 2nd place in the Professional Bachata Division, 2013 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Jose Maldonado
- 2nd place in the Professional Just Salsa Division, 2013 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Jose Maldonado
- 2nd place in the Professional Just Bachata Division, 2013 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Jose Maldonado
- 2nd place in the Small Teams Division, 2013 Global Salsa Championships with Calle Luna Dance Company
- 2nd place in the Professional Salsa Division, 2011 Philadelphia Salsafest Competition with Jose Maldonado
- 3rd place in the Professional Just Bachata Division, 2016 Global Salsa Championships with Jose Maldonado
- 3rd place in the Professional Cabaret Bachata Division, 2015 Global Salsa Championships with Jose Maldonado
- 3rd place in the Professional Just Salsa Division, 2015 World Salsa Summit Qualifier with Jose Maldonado
- 3rd place in the Professional Classic Bachata Division, 2014 Global Salsa Championships with Jose Maldonado
- 3rd place in the Professional Bachata Division, 2013 Global Salsa Championships with Noel Rodriguez
- Finalist in the Professional Just Salsa Division, 2016 Global Salsa Championships with Jose Maldonado
- Finalist in the Professional Salsa On2 Division, 2015 Global Salsa Championships with Jose Maldonado
- Finalist in the Professional Salsa Open, 2015 International Hustle and Salsa Competition with Jose Maldonado

- Finalist in the Professional Salsa On2 Division, 2014 Global Salsa Championships with Jose Maldonado
- 5th place in the Professional Salsa On1 Division, 2013 Global Salsa Championships with Jose Maldonado
- Semi-finalist in the Professional Salsa On1 Division, 2011 World Latin Dance Cup with Jose Maldonado

Loretta has 27 years of dance experience, including extensive training in ballet and jazz with world class instructors from Hamilton Ballet Theatre (HBT), American Ballet Theatre (ABT), Steps on Broadway, Broadway Dance Center, Briansky Saratoga Ballet, and Joffrey Ballet. She is currently training under Billy Fajardo, World Hustle, Swing, Cabaret, Salsa, and Merengue champion. Loretta trains privately with world renowned dancers, instructors, and choreographers Alex Morel and Desiree Godsell. Performing dance has been second nature to her since she was a child. She has burst into the Philadelphia salsa scene with magnetic stage presence and precise technique. Her career in salsa has expanded from the East Coast out to the West Coast, and now outside of the States to Canada, the Caribbean, and Europe.

She began her salsa instruction at La Luna Dance Studio under the direction of Noel Rodriguez on his semi-pro team Calle Sol, while taking on an extensive class load at the studio. Loretta is traveling, performing, and competing at Salsa congresses and competitions throughout the country, and with her partner Jose Maldonado.

Along with her ballet and jazz training, Loretta is educated in contemporary and modern dance, tap dance, and continues to study yoga and Pilates.

Teaching ballet, jazz, lyrical, stretch, Salsa, ladies styling, and all forms of Latin dance at Ballet Technique and La Luna Dance Studio is part of her career. Her Latin repertoire includes LA Style Salsa on 1, New York Style

Mambo on 2, Cha Cha, Bachata, and Merengue. The ladies are a fan of her unique and flavorful styling, men love dancing with her because she is able to follow any lead and she's always upbeat.

She can be found frequently at La Luna Dance Studio teaching in the TNT Program (Teens and Tots), Adult open group classes, and private lessons. Loretta is ready and willing to help any student and her cheerful demeanor makes her easily approachable. Her technique shines through on the dance floor and on stage with her crisp, clean turns and beautiful lines.

Loretta assisted Julie Caprio, Director of Hamilton Ballet Theatre in the recent past - teaching, choreographing, and running the company. She now continues instructing, choreographing, and directing in the salsa world. She is ambitious, taking on the salsa community and traveling the world with the best. Loretta was also a Principal dancer with Calle Luna Dance Company. Check Loretta out in upcoming performances with her partner Jose Maldonado.

Loretta Chianese holds a Masters degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey.