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## Dance events 'put BDA on the international salsa map' *Host of sensual Latin American dance events due to run for four days in August*

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Want to learn how to get steamy, sultry and sensual on the dance floor?

Here's your chance to get hot under the collar with fancy footwork originating from Latin America at a weekend of non-stop dancing.

Think cha cha cha, tango, samba and salsa rolled into one and you'll get the idea of 'Bodies In Motion' a Latin dance showcase next weekend,

There's a whole host of events planned to keep you moving from Thursday, August 14 right through to Sunday, August 17. There's four fun-filled nights, three heart-stopping Latin dance showcases, dance classes and social dancing.

This is the seventh year of the ever-popular Mambo Nights series of events, organized by SalsaMania Productions.

The main 'Bodies In Motion' dance show takes place on Friday, August 15 and Saturday, August 16 at 8.30pm at the Mid Ocean Amphitheatre at the Fairmont Southampton Resort. This is being plugged as the "hottest show of the year" and will feature a mixture of overseas and local dancers, including those from the Dancing With Stars world tour.

It's a Broadway-style show with plenty of glitz and glamour and promises to 'wow' the crowd with its wide range of dance and music traditions. It's aim is to "push the boundaries of entertainment" by leaving the crowd wanting more.

Confirmed performers include the Chilital Dance Company from Montreal, Latin Energy Dance Company from Toronto, Cultural Explosion from New Jersey and MAS Mambo from Toronto. And those closer to home will include the Sabor Dance School and Sea Breeze Salsa. There will be a total of 43 international Latin dancers and 70 local performers taking part.

The show will continue until about 10pm, then everyone will be encouraged to get up on the dance floor with social dancing continuing until 2am.

"The team that makes this event happen has been working tirelessly over the past seven years to create a business built on a solid foundation of quality, integrity and a shared passion for Latin entertainment," said the BermudaSalsa.com team, "and as we contemplate the company of talent we have attracted and are associated with at the seventh Mambo Nights, we are honoured to be an integral part of this global Latin dance community."

Ana and Joel Massicot of Masacote Entertainment, Boston, added: "Mambo Nights events have put Bermuda on the international salsa map. More than anything, the energy and superior quality performances and lineup offered have made it one of our favourite events to perform in throughout the year."

But the fun doesn't stop there as in addition to the performance shows, there are special pre and post production performances, dance workshops, social dancing and beach parties.

There's a free-of-charge pre-party, which will include performances and social dancing, at the Veranda Bar, Elbow Beach Hotel at Thursday, August 14 from 5.30pm to midnight.

On Saturday there will be instructional dance workshops from 10am to 4pm. And on Sunday, August 17, there's an all-day event at Horseshoe Bay in Southampton. Instructional dance classes and a beach party will take place from 11am to 5pm. The cost is \$20 per class or \$80 for either Saturday or Sunday, which is five classes.

Tickets for Bodies In Motion are now available online and from Hamilton stores. Full weekend passes are also available for \$220.

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