



Hacha y Machete (Boston)

Saltimambo from Montreal, and Los Salsomanos and Mambo Tribe from Toronto.

Started in 2003, the Canada Salsa Congress immediately drew about 1000 people per night for the performances. This forced organizers to move in 2004 to the downtown Sheraton Centre, with its larger ballrooms for workshops, performances, and dancing. The Congress has now doubled in size, and according to Aucoin, at least 35% of attendees this year came from outside the Greater Toronto Area.



Producer Jennifer Aucoin

At the next event, Aucoin added, she plans to add a qualifying competition for the World Salsa Championships. The emcee will be Albert Torres. Torres runs the West Coast Salsa Congress in L.A., and the World Salsa Championships, and co-produces dozens of salsa congresses around the world.

The 2007 Canada Salsa Congress will take place Oct. 4-8 at the same location.

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