

## RAPER'S DANCE CORNER - WHO'S WHO IN SWING DANCE

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I have created a massive dance information web site on the Internet. On the web site is "Raper's Dance Corner" which includes a great many items that will be of interest to dancers of all kinds. Also on the web site is "Raper's Internet Beginners Corner" which should be of great help to those who want to become a web surfer. There is even a "Celebrities & Attractions Magazine" for those who want a little diversion into the world of show business. Throughout this article the terms "Internet" and "Web" will be used interchangeably referring to the World Wide Web on the Internet.

"Raper's Dance Corner" contains my online book "Who's Who in Swing Dance", a supplement "Who's Who in Lindy Hop", listings of all known Swing Dance and Country Western Dance clubs and Associations throughout the world, listings of all the top contestants at many Swing dance competitions (including the US Open), listings of nominees and inductees into Halls of Fame (including the California Swing Dance Hall of Fame), the Feather Awards, and a listing of links to other Hot Internet Dance Sites. The site also includes other information for Country Western Dancers pertaining to the NTA and a link to the UCWDC web site.

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"Who's Who in Swing Dance" includes top competition dancers and others who have made a significant contribution to Swing Dance. The book includes dancers going back to the 1920s through today. It also includes a section on Film, TV, Short Subjects, Documentaries, etc. in which there were swing dancers - including their names and partners' names. Rarely did any of

those top dancers receive any screen credits, so their inclusion in the book will hopefully bring them the recognition they deserve. There is also a section which breaks down Swing Dancing into many different Types/Styles such as West Coast Swing, East Coast Swing, Lindy Hop, Flying Lindy, Shag, Balboa, Jitterbug, Jive, Bop, Push, Whip, including breakdowns on Syncopations, Slides, Aerials, and many others including the names of the top performers in each field. This information should be very helpful to anyone who is doing research or studying specific forms of Swing Dance. With this information you could locate film or videos of top dancers performing specific styles in which you are interested.

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"Raper's Internet Beginners Corner" contains sections such as "Internet Basics" which will help you get started and learn quite a bit about the Internet, "Internet Applications" which provides information about Browsers, Viewers, Editors, etc. that you may need to interface with the Internet, "Searching The Web" which gives you access to many of the top Web search tools which help you find things on the Internet, and "Your Own Home Page - Basics" which provides help for those wishing to setup their own Home Page - including information on graphics. The items included here are what I used myself in creating the Web site.

"Celebrities & Attractions Magazine" gives you a little diversion into show business. It contains listings of most of the shows on TV, both current and reruns - including the



names of the stars with both their real and role names. It even includes links to several daily TV Guides. You will probably find the magazine provides you with some information that will be useful in determining your sources of entertainment.

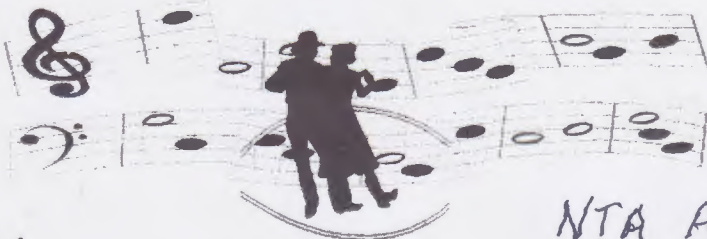
Other very interesting sources of information on the Internet are the news groups - and for dancers, the "rec.arts.dance" news group. On this news group you will find people discussing all forms of dance. It is very easy to participate in the news group discussions. You can just jump in and get involved in an ongoing discussion or you can post a message expressing your interests and others will undoubtedly respond to you.

If you need any further information, I can be reached in Flagstaff, Arizona by phone at (520) 525-9091 or by E-mail at [hlr@raper.com](mailto:hlr@raper.com) and the Web site can be located at <http://www.swingdance.com/~hlr> or <http://www.lindyhop.com/~hlr>. So put on your dance shoes and enjoy surfing the Web. I look forward to meeting you there.

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US STRONGER**

I used to be able to carry only \$10.00 worth of groceries home from the store. Now that I am dancing, I can carry \$100.00 worth!



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