



A social dance event to move, swing and sway

Ritz Lindy Hoppers are organising a social dance event to kick-start the year in their own way. They also let people interested to come and join them to try out the dance.

PHOTO: ALIREZA RANJBAR PHOTOGRAPHY

IKKUNA NEWS

Lindy hop is a playful, social and energetic dance that sometimes contains acrobatic sections, also known as aerals. It's all about having fun, communicating with your dance partner and enjoying the music. Some basic steps and anyone will be dancing.

Ritz Lindy Hoppers is a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the love of swing dancing in Ostrobothnia. They are located in Vaasa where they arrange dance classes and workshops in Lindy hop, Charleston, Collegiate Shag, Boogie Woogie, Balboa to name a few.

A couple of times a month they arrange social dances and sometimes with tasters, meaning a 1-hour opportunity to try out a swing dance style. The dances are open to anyone who wishes to join and one can always keep an eye open for new dancing opportunities via their calendar at ritzlindyhoppers.com or their Facebook page The Ritz Lindy Hoppers, where they also promote upcoming events.

The event. The next social dance of the Ritz Lindy Hoppers takes place on January 25th. The address is Swing Wasa,

Kauppuistikko 38, and the dance starts at 19:00.

– Since part of our agenda is team-building, we're inviting our members to share their ideas for the future. That's why the dance will start with a brainstorming meeting for our dancers, says **Sabine Mickelsson**, the web admin and the (social) media manager.

The social dance that follows the meeting is open to anyone who wishes to join. It's a drop-in event and everyone is welcome. It is a great way to meet new friends and to keep your body and brain busy. Studies have shown that dancing improves both your physical and mental health, and it makes you happier.

Ritz Lindy Hoppers. Lindy hop is an Afro-American dance rooted in 1930's Harlem, New York. It developed from the 1920's Charleston and had its peak during the 1930's and 40's. During the 1950's and 60's, it took on new forms, such as jive, rock 'n' roll, and later on the Swedish dance called "bugg".

The dance form and the music associated with it is gaining popularity once again and many people are taking up to the dancing. Ritz Lindy Hoppers was founded in 2010

by Lina Ekblad and Carla Fri, which means they will be celebrating their 10th anniversary this year.

– The society started out

small with classes at Ritz, which is where it got its name from. We are still co-operating with Ritz, as well as with other places such as Vaasa Arbis and

Doo-Bop Jazz Club.

– Thanks to dedicated members, we've grown from a handful to about 100 members. We love our dancers, who

all together create the warm, welcoming and fun spirit that Ritz Lindy Hoppers are known for, says Mickelsson.

Rathan Kumar

Oletko se Sinä?

Kuvassa ympyrän sisällä

Jos tunnistat itsesi niin noudathan lahjakortin konttoriltamme, Hietasaarenkatu 19 viimeistään 2kk kuluttua lehden julkaisemisesta.

ikkuna

PALKINTONA LAHJAKORTTI

Quarken

Rosteninkatu 6, Vaasa
scandichotels.fi/vaasa
06-357 8100