Learn to Dance the Salsa Rueda A workshop with Cesar Garfiaz

> Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2

Montessori Borealis School Gymnasium (between Harborview and JDHS)

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Salsa Rueda Dance Workshop to be held Sept. 30 – October 2

Cesar Garfiaz, one of the country's foremost salsa rueda instructors, will be teaching a weekend of salsa rueda, beginning with the basic steps. Salsa rueda has its origins in late 1950's and early 1960's Havana, Cuba. Pairs of dancers form a circle, with dance moves called out by a caller (or "líder" in Spanish). Most moves involve changing partners, where the partners move around the circle to the next partner. The combination of elaborate dance combinations and constant movement of partners create a visually spectacular effect.

Cesar Garfiaz was born and raised in Hollywood, California. He began dancing Salsa at the age of seven, going on Sundays to Steven's Steakhouse, a famous Salsa spot in Los Angeles. In high school he was part of a performing arts class for two years where he learned of his passion for performing. In 2004 Cesar joined UCLA's Department of World Arts and Cultures. Over several years, Cesar studied various styles, including modern, hip hop, house, tai chi, Ghanaian, Mexican Folklorico and AfroCuban. As a part of UCLA's Repertory Tour Ensemble, Cesar performed and inspired young people in high schools all over Los Angeles. Cesar Garfiaz is a founding member of Contra-Tiempo. He currently teaches Salsa and Latin Dance at Cal Poly Pomona and at several studios around Los Angeles.

The workshop will be held at the Montessori Borealis School gymnasium (Marie Drake building), 1415 Glacier Avenue, between Harborview and JDHS, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, September 30, with continuing workshop sessions on Saturday, October 1 at 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. and on Sunday, October 2 at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The workshop is open to beginners and is a good refresher for those who have done salsa rueda before. You need not bring a partner. No high heels are permitted on the floor. Each session is \$10. The event is sponsored by the Juneau International Folkdancers. For more information call 364-2334.