

# OU Salsa Team Auditions 2008/09

25<sup>th</sup> October 2008, 12pm  
Somerville College - Flora Anderson Hall

Hello, and welcome to the **OU Salsa Team 2008/09** auditions! Thank you for coming, hope you enjoy the afternoon, and most importantly, **GOOD LUCK!** Please read the following information carefully before you sign up to audition, it will tell you a bit more about the team and about the auditions.

The **OU Salsa team** is a successful and well-established performing dance group – we perform salsa routines across Oxford at charity events, college balls, nightclubs and dance displays. Being on the team involves rehearsing **two-three times a week**, attending performances and social events, and having a brilliant time! Each Michaelmas Term we set up a new team, with a brand new routine. This year, we are set for another a sexy LA-style routine, choreographed and coached by Rosa and Giles Eadle of **IGNITE Dance Company**, who also choreographed our fabulous routine last year.

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## INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUDITIONS:

- **TIME:** You can expect to be here until **4pm**. Please don't wander off in case you miss your turn! We start promptly at 12.30pm.
  - **WHAT YOU WILL DO:** At registration, you will be given a sign up sheet and number sticker. Then after a short warm up, you will be called up in groups to audition. We will play some music and you will social dance with different partners. There will be at least two rounds, and you may be asked to leave after one round, or asked to stay longer. The session involves a lot of waiting around! Please wear proper and comfortable clothing and footwear. For ladies with dancing shoes, please make sure that you have heel protectors on your dance shoes. **NO TRAINERS OR FLIP-FLOPS OR STILETTO HEELS!** Bring bottled water, as we won't be providing any on the day.
  - **WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR:** Some experience in salsa would be useful. If you have experience in any other kind of dance, do let us know in your application. We also look for people with lots of enthusiasm, a sense of rhythm and, of course, a passion for salsa. We will accept **SOME** finalists – but you need to be prepared to dance throughout the year regardless of exams! We do **NOT** audition couples – you can audition on an **INDIVIDUAL** basis only. Postgraduates, mature students and those of you who are not members of Oxford University (numbers permitting) are welcomed for audition. **If you are already a member of another dance team, you WILL NOT be accepted to be on this Salsa Team.**
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## INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEAM

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### WHAT YOU DO:

- **THE BASICS:** If you succeed at the auditions (congratulations!) you will learn and perform an amazing LA-style salsa routine. Finalists must be prepared to dance throughout Hilary and Trinity (exceptions are made for your exam period itself!) Being on the team is very cheap compared to other university dance societies, while maintaining a very high standard. This is because the Oxford University Salsa Society subsidises heavily the team coaching and costumes. This YEAR you are required to pay (estimate ONLY, and may change):

Coaching Fee / person: £40 x 3 terms	Real Cost: £384 x 3 terms
Costume Fee £40	Real Cost: £64
Entry to the society's Mondays lessons and socials: free	Real Cost: £150
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Total: £160	Real Total Cost: at least £1366

What an incredible deal!

Being on the team involves coming for rehearsals three times a week, attending performances and social events, and helping out the OUSS committee by doing shifts at the door at lessons (Mondays) and socials events (e.g. ANUBA on Wednesdays). However, this will be a very small amount of commitment, perhaps once or twice a term. You will also be advised to attend Monday's Intermediate Salsa lesson.

- **REHEARSALS:** We rehearse two-three times a week (TBC):  
Wednesdays 7-9pm                      Lincoln College  
Thursdays 8.30-10pm                  Bourton Mill Health and Leisure Club  
Sunday 2-4pm (TBC)                  Lincoln College

You must attend ALL rehearsals to learn and practice the routine! Of course if you are unable to attend for a good reason (essay crisis NOT being a good reason) then please let the Captain/Vice Captain know.

- **PERFORMANCES:** We perform at venues across Oxford (see below) during the end Hilary term and the whole of Trinity and Michaelmas terms. During Trinity term there can be as many as 2 or 3 shows a week, so it can get very busy!
- **TEAM COMMITTEE:** The salsa team involves a lot of admin work as well as dance work!!! There are many positions on the Salsa Team Committee – opportunities for you to get involved in the running of the team and score some CV points in the process!

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### SO WHY IS THE OUST SO FANTASTIC?

- **PERFORMANCES:** Being on the salsa team means performing in COSTUME all over Oxford! This involves shows, classes and social dancing at charity events, nightclubs, college parties, socials and most importantly COLLEGE BALLS!!! Team

members get FREE ENTRY to college balls when we do a performance. Probably the most fun you can have in Oxford! Over the last two years we have performed at many of the best balls (including Queens, Worcester and Trinity Commemoration Balls), Arts Festivals, KEEN children's charity and the OU Salsa Soc ball, and have had more than our fair share of madness and mayhem! See the link to the team website for lots of photos and lists of our past performances!

- **REHEARSALS:** We have excellent salsa coaches, Rosa and Giles Eadle (of IGNITE Dance Company) to choreograph and coach a challenging and exiting LA-style routine! Rehearsals are a brilliant way to have fun, get fit, and meet new people.
- **SOCIALS:** We have regular (and increasingly infamous) socials for you to meet and greet other members of the team! Past socials have included dinners, ice-skating, clubbing, and crazy parties. Wacky ideas welcome!
- **OTHER BENEFITS INCLUDE:** Greatly increased sex appeal (!), CV points, Free one year OUSS membership, FREE ENTRY to the OUSS Monday Classes, fitness and well being, and free and/or reduced entry to OUSS events.