

Ira Wiesburd BIO



Ira Weisburd is an award winning, internationally recognized choreographer. He has been choreographing dances for recreational Folk and Line Dancers for more than 30 years !!

He is unique in that his background in all kinds of music from around the world has enabled him to create an amazing wide variety of circle and line dances, many of which have become instant classics, on the must do playlists of hundreds of groups.

He has a huge following throughout ASIA, EUROPE, USA and ISRAEL. He made his mark on the world of Israeli folk dancing with BOI MALKA back in 1985. Since then he has co-choreographed dances with legendary choreographers from ISRAEL including Yoav Ashriel (Hassapico Sympatico), Gadi Bitton (Touch the Floor) and Eli Ronen (Hassapico Mozart). Ira was the first non-ISRAELI to be recognized as an Israeli Choreographer. His dance SHUJ SHUJ ZEMER took 6th place out of more than 200 dances in the RIKUD HASHANA (2005 Dance of the Year Competition). In 2006, his dance SONATA took 1st place in the same competition.

His line dance CUMBIA SEMANA hit the top of the charts when it was first introduced and continues to be a favorite to this day. SEDUCED is another dance that hit the top of the charts and is still one of the most played, taught and danced line dances. He is especially well known for his Latin Style Line dances and some of his most popular ones are: LINDA EH, CHACHANELA, LOLA, CUMBIA AMORE, MALA, MOJO MAMBO, BALLANDO and more.

He also won the prestigious "Dancer's Choice Award" for Dancer's Friend of the Year 2010 in Las Vegas !! His dance "SBS Shuffle Boogie Soul" started a World Wide Dance Craze last year and is now fueling a Worldwide Flash Mob Tour. More than 35 countries participated in a "Worldwide Flash Mob Project" where more than 400 videos were submitted of groups doing the dance in public venues all over the world.

He enjoys a Youtube following of close to 1,000 subscribers:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/iraweisburd?feature=mhee> and a Facebook following of several thousand friends: <http://www.facebook.com/dancewithira>. He is invited to give workshops in cities across the U.S. and recently returned from a 28 Day ASIAN

WORKSHOP TOUR of Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia. His World Tour will take him next to Australia and New Zealand in April and May of 2012.

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